

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, November 4, 2004
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

Attending:

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics
Brown, James R. Jr. - Political Science
Cole, George – Development Officer
Darda, David - Biology
Ely, Lisa L. - Geology
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology
Mason, Marilyn - Geography

Miller, M. Meghan, Dean
Palmquist, Bruce - Physics/Science Education
Quitadamo, Ian – Science Education
Schwing, James L. - Computer Science
Street, Warren - Psychology
Thomas, Carin- Associate Dean and Chair, Chemistry
Tolin, Phil – Associate Dean and Chair, Law and Justice

Department Reports:

Biology

Jennifer Ripplinger, and *Steve Wagner* (Biological Sciences) recently published a paper entitled "Phylogeography of Northern Populations of the Pacific Treefrog, *Pseudacris regilla*" in the journal *Northwestern Naturalist*. *Ripplinger* received her M.S. in Biology here at CWU and is currently in a Ph.D. program at the University of Idaho.

With Form 2 approval, advertising has begun for the Animal Physiologist position.

With Form 1 approval, the position announcement and recruiting strategy for a Molecular Developmental Biologist are being formulated.

The Biology Club is selling baked goods and COTS mugs to raise money to help maintain and expand the aquaria displays.

Geography and Land Studies

NSF grant meeting. Two positions currently being advertised – Biogeographer (faculty) and Scientific Instructional Technician II (staff).

Geological Sciences:

Wendy Bohrson has received three-year funding from NSF of a collaborative research project with Frank Spera at UCSB entitled, "Internally-Consistent Model for Trace and Major Element Evolution in Open System Magma Bodies: Merging EC-RAFC and MELTS." The project will involve researching and developing some exercises for upper-division and graduate igneous petrology/isotope geochemistry classes. Basically, it is a magma chamber simulator that will produce theoretical models of major and trace element and isotopic signatures for any magma body. The theoretical data will be compared with natural data sets to discover the petrologic history of a volcanic or plutonic suite.

Nick Zentner and *Charlie Rubin* are presenting a poster at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Denver next week: "A Decade Of Geology 210 In California: Teaching Introductory Field Methods To New Geoscience Majors At Central Washington University, Washington." The presentation will be made in a special session devoted to Using Field Observations and Field Experiences to Teach Geoscience.

Cooper Brossy is presenting a talk and *Susan Mickiewicz* is presenting a poster at the GSA Annual meeting. They are both CWU graduate students.

Law and Justice

Sarah Britto has had two papers accepted for presentation at the ASC conference: "Secondary Victimization Among Homicide Co-Victims: A Comparison of Capital and Non-Capital Cases" and "Fear of Crime and Punitive Attitudes Toward Juveniles."

Mary Ellen Reimund and student *Christine Henderson* have had a paper accepted for presentation at the ACJS conference: "Constitutionality and Confidentiality Implications of Restorative Justice Victim Offender Mediation - A U.S. Survey"

Mary Ellen Reimund and a group of students represented the department at the Criminal Justice Training Commission Career Fair

The department has talked with faculty in the paralegal program at Edmonds Community College about facilitating articulation between their program and ours.

Two form 2's have been signed and the department is proceeding with searches for tenure-track faculty in Ellensburg and Lynnwood.

The Law and Justice club in Yakima is now organized and planning to meet next week.

Mathematics:

Two speakers from Hollins University in Virginia will give a presentation on Quantitative Literacy during the Faculty Fall Development Day, December 6. Please encourage you faculty to attend! It is an important topic and a courtesy to our speakers.

Partially funded by a faculty development grant a small group of faculty will also be attending a dinner later that evening to continue discussions relating to implementing a successful quantitative literacy program here at Central. Stuart will send invitations to attend this special evening session shortly.

Physics

Bruce Palmquist gave an invited presentation at the meeting of the Washington section of the American Association of Physics Teachers on October 23, 2004 in Auburn, WA. The presentation was titled: "Preservice Teachers and the Science WASL".

Psychology

The Psychology Department will be hosting the Third Annual CWU-WWU Psychology Exchange Colloquium, Monday, November 15. The speaker will be Dr. Diana Gruman. The title of her talk will be "Elementary Students on the Move: An Individual Growth Curve Analysis of Social and Academic Adjustment." Dr. Gruman will talk with interested students about WWU's graduate programs in psychology at 2:00 in PS 471 and the WWU graduate program discussion will follow in the same room at the end of the colloquium question-and-answer period.

Staffing in Provost's Office

Meghan advised the chairs that the Provost's office is currently understaffed – Annie Agars accepted a position in the Music Department. She asked for patience if work flow is impacted.

Hertz Hall - Classrooms

Seven classrooms in Hertz will soon be available (200 seats total). They don't have up-to-date technology installed, but should increase the capacity for lectures. (The auditorium isn't among them.)

Technology Upgrades

David Kaufman has about \$100K available for technology upgrades and hopes to focus on the north end of the campus. Phil Tolin has been assigned responsibility for developing an inventory to assess COTS needs on a very short deadline. Meghan suggested that the chairs contact Phil about this. There was a brief discussion about departments that had invested in technology upgrades for classrooms in their buildings but not having any preferred scheduling priority despite their efforts now that Schedule 25 has been implemented. Some

chairs noted that a recent meeting hosted by the Registrar on Schedule 25 focused on working with the system, but didn't address inherent problems.

Senate Chair Elect

Meghan asked for confirmation that a chair-elect had been confirmed by the Faculty Senate. No chairs were present at the most recent Senate meeting so that remained an open question.

International Programs

Meghan reported that Michael Launius recently announced that fully supported student exchange programs have expanded: two in Mexico and two Calgary, Alberta. She encouraged chairs and faculty to contact him directly.

Emergency Phone Tree

Meghan asked the chairs to provide their telephone numbers for the emergency phone tree and asked each to provide an alternate number as well. Departments with sensitive labs are also meeting to prepare a volcano response plan. Meghan noted that the Chemistry Department seems to have a safety plan in place, and Dave Darda pointed out that the Biological Sciences is included in the plan. The Biological Sciences plan also includes care and feeding of animal colonies.

Travel Update

Meghan asked the chairs to note the recent email from Shelly Spencer, Travel Accountant, about new policies regarding travel (changes in per diem and mileage rates effective July 1). She also noted the university agreement with the Jet Hotel for parking accommodations in the SeaTac area. Also, there are changes in section 8 of the Travel Authorization Form. Stuart Boersma pointed out that the total expenses in revised form don't include the expenses listed in section 8. Shelly is in the process of tweaking the form to take care of this problem.

Absence from Campus

Meghan reminded the chairs that the chair and dean must sign off on all absences when students or faculty travel, so a travel authorization should be completed regardless of budget sources. If expenses are to be paid by another administrator, that office confirms budget authorization by signature. If no expense is involved, the top portion of the form is all that needs to be completed. Some discussion ensued about what constitutes "absence from campus." Blanket authorizations need to indicate the number of trips, the approximate expense per trip, and a finite time period. Some discussion ensued about what constitutes "absence from campus."