

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, December 2, 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
Lillquist, Karl D. - 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:

Anthropology

Tracy Andrews was recently awarded a highly competitive research grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research for her project titled, "Culture, Environment, and Health: Linking Traditional Healing and Biomedicine in Treatment of Childhood Illness." The Wenner-Gren funding supports a Research Assistantship for REM graduate student, Jan Naragon, and the project will contribute to her thesis. The W-G grant also includes part-time funding for a potential CWU CAMP undergraduate research trainee and for project data collection travel expenses.

Biological Sciences

The Biology Club raised more than \$300 from mug sales and their recent bake sale. They have also secured an additional \$300. from the ASCWU BOD. These funds will be directed toward further development of the Science Building Fish Tanks. On Nov. 10 more than 70 people attended a potluck dinner the Biology Club organized.

The Biology graduate students are organizing and hosting the 26th Annual Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference (PEEC) which will take place in the Science Building during the weekend of February 4-6, 2005. PEEC is a professional meeting held annually for graduate students by graduate students from the Pacific Northwest and surrounding areas. The strategies behind this gathering are to provide a fun, low stress environment for grads and post-docs to present their research (or research ideas) to their colleagues and to share information about current research in the Pacific Northwest and elsewhere. Any topic (e.g., ecology, limnology, forestry, microbial ecology, oceanography, biology, fisheries, evolution, marine sciences, etc.) in the environmental or life sciences is fair game. For more information see the web site they have developed for this event: <http://www.cwu.edu/~biology/news/PEECnews.html>

Chemistry

Eric Bullock's proposal titled "Mixed Thiolate Self-Assembly on Gold and Silver Surfaces" for \$37,899 from Research Corporation was funded.

At the 13th Regional Conference on Undergraduate Research of the Murdock College Science Research Program on November 19 And 20, 2004 At Lewis & Clark College, In Portland, Oregon, the Chemistry Department presented 5 posters:

Sam Jones, Jim Rivard, and Dr. Eric Bullock presented "Self-Assembly of a Cavity Containing Supramolecular Complex on Graphite".

Gayle H. Smith, Meagan L. Ansingh, and Dr. Levente Fabry-Asztalos presented "Force fields and charges; do they really make a difference?"

Nathan Ullom and Dr. JoAnn DeLuca presented "Generation and Characterization of a Reactive Intermediate: Benzoylcarbene"

Brennan Dawson and Dr. Anthony Diaz presented "Wavelength converting coatings for plasma display phosphors".

Lindsay Groce and Dr. Anthony Diaz presented "Host lattice emission in ternary borates".

And one oral presentation:

Meagan L. Ansingh and Gayle H. Smith and Dr. Levente Fabry-Asztalos titled "Molecular and statistical analysis of known and newly designed HIV-1 protease inhibitors".

Computer Science

Razvan Andonie has had a paper accepted for Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI) 2005. The conference is in January. Jim Schwing noted that the Computer Science Department's draft self study had been submitted to the dean. The draft of the department's self-study has been submitted to the dean.

Geological Sciences

Lisa Ely reported on honor society activities and will follow up with a written report.

Law and Justice

Sara Britto and Charles Reasons recently presented papers at the annual American Society of Criminology Meetings in Nashville, Tenn., Nov.17-20th. Professor Britto coauthored two papers, "Secondary Victimization Among Homicide Co-Victims: A Comparison of Capital and Non-Capital Cases" with M. Reed and B. Blackwell and "Fear of Crime and Punitive Attitudes Toward Juveniles" with T. Chiricos. Professor Reasons' paper was "Bowling for Columbine: Murder in Canada and the United States"

Key Sun has had workshop proposal entitled "Using the Cognitive Growth Model to Perform Assessment and Intervention" accepted at the National Association of Social Workers - Washington State annual conference to be held in April 2005.

Physics

Bruce Palmquist announced that a draft of the Physics self study had been completed and submitted to the dean.

Political Science

Jim Brown had a brief article on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict published in two separate places: "The Palestine Chronicle" out of Doha, Qatar and Seattle, and the "Palestinian Times" out of London (UK).

Todd Schaefer just returned from teaching a short-term course on the Presidency at Colorado College. He's on sabbatical fall and winter quarters, but he accepted their invitation to teach the four-week course as part of the school's Presidential Series.

Stefanie Wickstrom's and Rex Wirth's recently presented paper, "Indigenous Rights, Water, and Development in Washington State: The Skokomish and the Yakamas", will be published soon in a volume ("Derechos Humanos y Pueblos Indígenas: Las Tendencias Internacionales y el Contexto Chileno") edited by José Aylwin Oyarzún and published with support from the Instituto de Estudios Indígenas at the Universidad de la Frontera in Temuco, Chile.

Sociology

Gloria Beckley published a book review.

Hong Xiao has been selected as an organizer for two sessions at the Pacific Sociological Association meetings in Portland, Oregon, April 2005.

Sociology has approximately 20 applications for their tenure-track position and preliminary reports indicate there are a number of strong candidates in the pool.

Development Officer Report

George Cole reported that he would be going to the Austin/Houston area of Texas to contact potential donors for Cots. He will also be contacting people in the greater Puget Sound area who have previously donated to COTS.

Progress is being made with the donation Russell Kastner made in memory of Amy Kastner. Russell is interested in developing a project that will support the Lynnwood Law and Justice Program.

Faculty Senate

There is no longer a senator among the COTS chairs, but there were secondhand reports that the process of establishing union membership was discussed at the last Senate meeting. Also, a senator reported to his department that the deadline for nominating Distinguished Professor candidates was moved to January 10 with files due January 20.

Deans' Advisory Board Bylaws

The chairs discussed a variety of titles for this group. George Cole will consider various titles and come up with something that should be acceptable to the members that does not suggest or imply that the group would be giving the dean advice on curriculum or other academic matters outside the purview of the group. Two years ago the chairs submitted names of potential members, and Meghan asked the chairs to review and supplement the list.

Minimum Enrollment Policy

Meghan circulated the current minimum enrollment policy. She reported that concerns about violations to the policy had been funneled through the Faculty Senate to the Council of Academic Deans. The Chairs discussed the 1% exception clause and were divided on whether the 1% is in addition to the allowable exceptions or the allowable exceptions should be limited to 1%. However, the major concern of the chairs is that the minimum enrollments for upper-division and graduate level enrollments are unrealistic for some COTS programs. Meghan suggested that the chairs review enrollment figures and prepare exception statements for courses which are historically under enrolled.

Use of Animals in Research and Teaching Policy

Meghan distributed a revised policy on the Use of Animals in Research and Teaching which was recently approved by the Academic Council.

Status of Departmental Personnel Policies

Meghan noted that she had received revised personnel policies from several departments, but had not yet had time to review and approve them.

Faculty Activity Summary Sheet

Jim Brown circulated a revised faculty activity summary sheet to the chairs. The chairs should review the document and be prepared to comment at the next meeting.