

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, October 20, 2005
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

Attending:

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology	Lillquist, Karl D. - Geography
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics	Miller, M. Meghan, Dean
Cole, George – Development Officer	Palmquist, Bruce - Physics/Science Education
Darda, David - Biology	Schaefer, Todd - Political Science
Ely, Lisa L. - Geology	Schwing, James L. - Computer Science
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology	Stein, Stephanie - Psychology
Kurtz, Martha J. – Chemistry and Science Education	Tolin, Phil – Associate Dean and Chair, Law and Justice

Guest

Fouts, Roger
Bonnie Clement took notes

Department Reports

Chemistry

- The Chemistry Club has been very active this quarter. Tim Sorey and Eric Bullock helped them prepare for three sixth grade GEAR-UP classes. There was good participation from the club - over 15 members for preparation and 10 members in the presentation were recorded. Also, club participation in National Chemistry week, "The Joy of Toys", prompted these students to put out boxes at Jerroll's and Safeway to collect toys for hurricane relief so that children will have toys this holiday season.
- On the basis of a pre-proposal letter sent in September, JoAnn DeLuca has been invited to submit a full proposal entitled "Reversible Organic Derivatization of Silica: Development of New Methods for Creating Template Imprinted Surfaces" to Research Corporation.
- Anne Johansen, Eric Bullock, and Tim Sorey attended the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association in Wenatchee October 13-15.

Geological Sciences

- Faculty members Carey Gazis, Jeff Lee and Alex Glass all presented papers at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City in October.
- Carey Gazis will present a research poster at the Washington Water Research Center Regional Water Quality Conference on Groundwater Under the Pacific Northwest in Stevenson, WA on Nov. 2 and was invited to moderate a session.
- Tim Melbourne served on a NASA review panel.
- Lisa Ely was elected Chair-Elect of the Quaternary Geology and Geomorphology Division of the Geological Society of America.

Mathematics

- Stuart Boersma recently attended a Project Kaleidoscope meeting with other COTS faculty.
- Jenny Quinn, visiting professor at the University of Puget Sound and Associate Director of the Association of Women in Mathematics, came to CWU to give two very exciting talks.
- The Mathematics Department search is progressing with the advertising campaign just under way.
- Stephen Glasby recently submitted a research proposal to the National Security Agency.
- Yvonne Chueh recently submitted a research proposal to the AAUW (American Association of University Women).

Physics

- This past summer, physics major David Cross was awarded a prestigious internship at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He worked with CWU physics graduate and current LLNL research physicist Wren Carr. David is continuing to work on a project with Dr. Carr during this school year.

Political Science

- Matt Manweller, Cameron Otopalik, Todd Schaefer, and John Swarhout attended the 2005 Pacific NW Political Science Association Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Oct. 13-15; Cameron presented a paper on "Recognizing Taiwan as a Nation: the Time is Now," on an International Relations panel, and Matt and Todd co-presented a paper on "Lottydodd: Explaining Varying Media Responses to Racially Insensitive Comments," on a panel on The Politics of Public Discourse.

- Rex Wirth presented a paper on "The Bureaucratization of Higher Education" at the 2005 meeting of the National Social Science Association in Seattle Oct. 10, and also attended the Pacific NW meeting.
- Todd Schaefer's textbook, "Public Opinion in the 21st Century", coauthored with Prof. Russell Brooker of Alverno College, was published and released Oct. 10, 2005 by Houghton-Mifflin publishers.

Science Education

- Martha Kurtz presented a session at the Washington Science Teachers Association meeting in Wenatchee titled "Helping Students Make Contact with the Nature of Science" which showed teachers a way to use the movie Contact to address science as a way of knowing.
- Ian Quitadamo was invited to present a session at the Washington Science Teachers Association meeting in Wenatchee by the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research with researchers from WSU and EWU. This talk was titled "Research in Critical Thinking: Scientific Evaluation of Educational Innovation."
- Ian Quitadamo attended the national NSF PKAL meeting.

Sociology

- The Sociology Department position description and ad have been approved.

CWU Business Research Park

Roger Fouts spoke about business research parks, which have been around about twenty years. He would like to form a task force of creative individuals on campus to determine the focus of a CWU business research park, matching university ideas with businesses that might be able to use them. The advantage for CWU would be research by faculty with student involvement.

Diversity Web Conference - October 25

All the deans will be at Highline; chairs are encouraged to attend the teleconference in Library 153 from 10-12.

Homecoming Events - Friday, October 25

Pat Lubinski of Anthropology will be receiving Excellence in Teaching Award. The following COTS students will be receiving Student Recognition Awards: Heather Biles (Chemistry), Blossom Birkebak (Law and Justice), Erik Heineman (Mathematics), John Jaquish (Law and Justice), Kaitlin LaBar (Geography), Nicholas Salin (Chemistry). Lindy Mullen (Biology) will be receiving a Scholarship Award.

Committee Vacancies

Academic Advising committee has a one-year COTS vacancy. Tim Sorey was nominated.

Judicial Council has two vacancies. Meghan asked that nominations be sent to her.

Academic Service Learning Faculty:

Meghan asked for nominations. The following names will be sent to Jim Pappas: Loran Cutsinger, Anthropology; Edward Gellenbeck, Computer Science; Judith Hennessy, Sociology; Mathew Manweller, Political Science; Bruce Palmquist, Physics; Nelson Pichardo, Sociology; and Jim Roberts, Law and Justice.

Program Reviews

The first participants were considered "pilots." Meghan asked for suggestions where to include interdisciplinary programs.

Data

Preliminary draft of figures received from Institutional Research was distributed. Data should be updated by next meeting. Do we want to track summer FTES?

Personnel Guidelines

These can be distributed as we now have bargaining unit guidelines. Chairs can use them in anyway that is useful in department discussions; however, keep in mind these provisionally approved.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be November 3, 2005.