

**Council of Department Chairs  
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University  
Regular Meeting, March 3, 2005  
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

**Attending:**

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology  
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics  
Brown, James R. Jr. - Political Science  
Darda, David - Biology  
Ely, Lisa L. - Geology  
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology  
Lillquist, Karl D. - Geography

Miller, M. Meghan, Dean  
Palmquist, Bruce - Physics/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

**Software Site Licenses**

Meghan distributed a list of personal computers in the college and asked that they be checked against department inventories to see if any of them are no longer in use. Information Technology Services would like to stop paying site licenses for any non-functioning PC's. Meghan also distributed a list of MacIntoshes for review because efforts are being made to upgrade MacIntoshes which still operate on OS9.

**Startup Allocation for New PC's**

Meghan informed the chairs that the startup allocation for desktop computers is being reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000 because of the declining expense of new computers and peripherals. While on the topic of desktop computers, Kirk Johnson commented that workstations in Farrell Hall had been replaced, and some units that had been purchased by the department were removed without consulting the department. While the new stations were certainly appreciated, they would have liked to reassign the old stations.

**Workforce Analysis**

The chairs reviewed the sections of a PeopleSoft workshop analysis pertaining to their departments. The analysis was run January 31, 2005 with data effective November 1, 2004.

**Notes from Department Chair Meeting February 3, 2005**

The notes from February 3, 2005, were amended and approved for distribution.

**Department Reports:**

**Biology**

- David Darda reported that interviews for an animal physiologist were underway. He also reported that this year's Darwin Day was a success.

**Chemistry**

- Anne Johansen gave a seminar to the Department of Chemistry at Eastern Washington University on February 22, 2005, titled, "Dust and Global Climate".
- Anthony Diaz will co-teach the Science Honors Junior Seminar with Andy Piacsek this spring 2005.
- The Department received a positive review from Carlos Gutierrez, who conducted the Chemistry Department review.
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**Computer Science**

- Boris Kovalerchuk, Michael Kovalerchuk, and Art Harper all made presentations to the American Society for Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing - Imaging & Geospatial Information Society Conference 2005.

- The reference to the Data Mining Coil competition was actually for the students who competed in 2000 (they compete annually) however a paper was just published on the performance of folks (data mining professionals) at this competition (2000) and it mentioned that students from Central competed on a par with the professionals.

### **Geography and Land Studies**

- Karl Lillquist reported that three candidates for the biogeography position had been interviewed with a decision to be made later in the day. The resource geography interviews were scheduled to begin March 5.

### **Geological Sciences**

- Wendy Bohrson has been invited to give an intensive weeklong course at the University of Stockholm, Sweden over spring break on the computer program that she has developed to model volcanic magma chambers.
- Jeff Lee was invited to give a guest seminar at the Department of Geology at the University of Washington in February.
- The half-kilometer-long Cascadia tiltmeters being installed in Shelton, Washington by Rex Flake for the NSF grant to Tim Melbourne and Meghan Miller were featured on Seattle television channel 5 news.
- Geology faculty Wendy Borhson, Lisa Ely, Marie Ferland and Carey Gazis along with several geology students will run two sessions, one on earthquakes and the other on volcanoes, at the Expanding your Horizons event for fifth through eighth grade girls on Saturday, March 5.

### **Mathematics**

- Five students were offered summer internships at either Safeco or Symetra. One student was offered a full time position at Safeco. More openings are expected this spring.
- Tim Englund and Mark Oursland are presenting at a conference in Phoenix in regards to the PT3 grant (Project CROAK and CATS respectively).

### **Physics**

- The CWU astronomy club gave two public planetarium shows on Friday, March 4, 2005. In addition, the club was featured on "The Wildcat" page of the February 23 Daily Record.
- Sharon Rosell and the Society of Physics Students gave four presentations to middle school girls at Expanding Your Horizons on March 5, 2005.

### **Political Science**

- Matt Manweller has just had an article published in the national quarterly journal, American Political Research. The title is "Coalition Building in Direct Democracy Campaigns".
- Bang-Soon Yoon has organized two public colloquia in the past month.
- A South Korean scholar, Chun Bok-hee on women in North Korea. The other was a presentation by CWU adjunct Janet Marstine on Feminist Museum Curation.
- Jim Brown will be presenting a paper at the annual convention of the Western Political Science Association in Oakland in a week or so. The title is, "'Democracy', Bullshit, Political Science, and Dereliction of Duty".
- Todd Schaefer is emerging from his two-quarter sabbatical (fall and winter) with a co-authored manuscript accepted for publication.
- Mike Launius' assignment as Director of International Studies and Programs is uncertain, so the department doesn't know if he will be returning next year.
- The department now has more graduates than all but five of the College's fifteen departments and programs.

### **Psychology**

- Warren Street reported that the department was interviewing candidates for a full-time, tenure-track position in educational and school psychology.

### **Sociology**

- Kirk Johnson reported that the department had forwarded a request to the dean to hire a candidate for the Sociology tenure-track opening.

### **College Faculty Day**

Meghan outlined the presentations to be made on College Faculty Day (March 7).

STEP - Lisa Ely

GEAR UP - Nancy Budner

CROAK – Tim Englund, Steve Wagner.

Murdock – Carin Thomas or Andy Piacsek

HCER – Tracy Andrews or David Darda.

There will be a reception in the new COTS Dean Office (Bouillon 203) following the presentations.

### **Reappointment of Full-time, Non-tenure-track Faculty**

Meghan noted that requests to reappoint full-time, non-tenure-track faculty should include (1) a cover memo, (2) reviews by the chair and the personnel committee, and (3) SEOI's.

### **Faculty Loads**

The departments should base their plans on this year's load.

### **Spring Courses**

Meghan asked the chairs to keep an eye on high demand. Sections can be added. There was brief discussion on the impact enrollment pressure has on faculty loads. Ellensburg enrollment projections seem to be creeping up from 8,000 to 8,500.

### **HR 2005**

Pam Zupan and Vicki Biscay met with the chairs to discuss the process of updating clerical position descriptions. The new specifications will become effective July 1, 2005.