

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, March 9, 2006
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

Attending:

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

Kaleidoscope Workshop

Kathleen Barlow and Joanne Hillemann reported on a Project Kaleidoscope Facilities workshop they attended along with Gina Bloodworth and Meghan Miller. At the workshop CWU's team focused on balancing specialized program needs while building in flexibility for future needs in Dean Hall planning. They distributed a handout outlining goals, strategies and issues associated with building structures for teaching the sciences at the university level. They noted that there is an ongoing effort toward "green" building. Other PKAL materials were distributed as well.

Liability from Faculty Oral Commitments

Meghan noted that she has been advised that the university may be held liable when faculty members who purport to represent the university make oral agreements. Please advise faculty to work with the administration (including chairs) and support units when committing university resources.

Major Field Assessment Tests

Meghan distributed a summary of how much time students devoted to completing end of field assessment tests depending upon the directions they received about the importance of the tests.

Distinguished Alumna/us Nominations

The dean asked the chairs to consider nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award. They were also asked to nominate faculty members who have taught at CWU five or fewer years for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Case Statement

Meghan distributed a draft Case statement for the College of the Sciences and asked that the chairs forward comments and student vignettes to Carin Thomas.

Personnel Matters

- Roberta Soltz has been selected as STEP (Science, Technology, and Engineering Programs) Coordinator. Phil Tolin has resigned as Associate Dean so he can begin phased retirement June 16, and Carin Thomas has resigned as Associate Dean so she can return to the Chemistry Department on a full-time basis. Meghan asked whether she should continue with two half-time associate deans or look for one person to serve as associate dean on a full-time basis.

CBA Implementation

Meghan distributed copies of the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement (effective March 3, 2006, through August 31, 2009) and noted that in the spring there will be training for chairs and associate deans related to their roles under the agreement. She noted that retroactive salary payments and changes in faculty salaries are in process as part of the agreement. She noted that under the agreement overload payments will be limited to the lecturer rate.

Science Phase II Planning

Meghan solicited suggestions for faculty members who might serve on a planning committee for Science Phase II.

Handouts:

Major Field Assessment Test

COTS Case Statement Draft

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Handelsman, et al., 2005, *More Women in Science*, Science, v. 309, p. 1190-1191

NAS Executive Summary: *Rising above the gathering storm: Energizing and employing America for a brighter economic future*. @ The National Academies