

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, April 13, 2006
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

Attending:

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology	Miller, M. Meghan, Dean
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics	Alden, Margo - Physics/Science Education
Ely, Lisa L. - Geology	Schaefer, Todd - Political Science
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology	Schwing, James L. - Computer Science
Kurtz, Martha J. – Chemistry and Science Education	Stein, Stephanie - Psychology
Lillquist, Karl D. - Geography	Thomas, Carin - Associate Dean

Department Reports:

Anthropology

- Kathleen Barlow reported that a “Bridges to Baccalaureate” proposal coauthored by Lori Sheeran and Mary Lee Jensvold had been funded by NIH.

Computer Science

- Boris Kovalerchuk, Michael Kovalerchuk, and Bill Sumner had a paper accepted for American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing to be held in Reno in May.

Geography and Land Studies

- Karl Lillquist reported that the offer of a tenure-track position in Geography had been signed and faxed to the dean’s office.

Mathematics

- As the final step in the Mathematics Department program review, the outside evaluator visited campus Monday and Tuesday. He had a lot of meetings and discussions with faculty and students across campus and we all look forward to his final report.
- Hot off the presses... Mark Oursland is the author of a new Instructors Testing Manual for an elementary mathematics education textbook.
- Mark presented a paper recently at the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics in Orlando, FL. Title: “Creating and Sustaining Learning Communities with Livetext”.
- Stephen Glasby’s paper “The Meat-Axe and f-cyclic matrices” is to appear in the Journal of Algebra, the top journal in this classical field of mathematics.
- Stuart Boersma’s paper “See the Light, An application of Chemistry in Calculus” has been accepted for PRIMUS (Problems, Resources, and Issues in Mathematics Undergraduate Studies).
- Mike Lundin announces that the Transition Math Project Standards are now complete and out. Mike was on of 17 writers from across the state participating in this two-year project dedicated to aligning standards and expectations for mathematics so students enrolling in college will be prepared to enter college-level math courses.
- A double Math/Music major, Melissa Thompson has just been accepted to attend the Applied Mathematical Science Summer Institute at Cal-Poly Pomona University and Loyola Marymount University in LA this summer.

Political Science

- Barbara Ann Rieffer (soon to be Rieffer-Flanagan once her name change goes through) is our new hire in Political Theory and Comparative Politics. She comes to us from Bethany College (West Virginia), has a Ph.D. degree from the University of Nebraska, and specializes in religious nationalism and human rights.
- Rex Wirth took a number of his Public Policy Students to the Nat’l Social Science Assoc. conference in Las Vegas April 5-8 to attend and present at a panel, and two of them won acclaim: Scott Leadingham won best undergraduate paper for his “Water Rights in Washington: Is the Prior Appropriations Doctrine the Right?” and Kimberly Libby got honorable mention for her paper on “Better Nutrition for Low-Income Families: Can the Food Stamp Program Become More Effective?”
- The Political Science Department is sponsoring, along with College Republicans and the Diversity Center, Mark Larson, a conservative talk-show host, Thursday April 20 at 7pm in the old SUB ballroom.

Sociology

- Jack Dugan-discussant on a panel at the Pacific Sociological Society this week; also completed a study on lease recommendations for Bower’s Field
- Gloria Beckley-presenting a paper at the Pacific Sociological Society this week

- Kande Cleary-session organizer at the National Social Science Conference

Science Building Lessons

The meeting on science building lessons learned will be Tuesday, April 18, at noon in the Jongeward Conference Room.

Chair Election Results

Robert Kuhlken was elected Geography Department Chair.

Excellence in Teaching

Nominations for the Excellence in Teaching award are due Friday, April 27.

Retirement

The dean reported that George Cole, Development Officer, has announced his intention to retire effective August 16, 2006. She noted that she had not yet met with Julie Cloninger about a replacement or the timing thereof.

NCATE Consultant

Former Boise State Dean, Joyce Garrett, will be an NCATE consultant.

COTS Associate Deans

The dean asked for volunteers to serve on the search committee for the two associate dean vacancies in COTS. She distributed descriptions of each 55% time position.

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting

Meghan circulated a brief summary of the maintenance and policy request of the 2007-09 operating budget. a summary of the base allocations for 2007, and a concept diagram for improving facilities use.

Equipment Grant

The chairs briefly discussed a rumor that the President wouldn't be funding equipment grants this year. Meghan will check the rumor with the President's Office.

Budget Requests

This is a good time to start reviewing personnel needs. 84FTE will be available for regional comprehensive universities on a competitive basis. The Evergreen State College hasn't expressed interest in developing proposals to meet high demand. Of particular interest are proposals to relieve bottlenecks for some courses for programs in the natural sciences and health careers. General studies and social sciences offerings to complement Yakima offerings might also be favorably received.

Development

George reminded the chairs should clear contacts with prospective supporters through him no matter how much is involved.

Technology Upgrades

Meghan asked if all necessary technology upgrades would be met by the end of the year. Lisa Ely pointed out that the Win-Win program isn't be available to replace computers in classrooms. Meghan suggested that the chairs approach Lynn Linnell or David Kaufman about supporting replacement of obsolete classroom technology.

Support for Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities (SENCER)

Meghan noted that there will be a summer institute on this topic August 4-7 at Santa Clara College. Martha Kurtz will review the prospectus and decide whether or not to attend.

Workload Planning

Just as the meeting was breaking up, Michael Jennings and Mark Lundgren arrived to discuss workload planning, FTE targets, and faculty performance standards. Their arrival had been delayed because they were meeting with department chairs in another administrative unit and the question/answer session was longer than had been anticipated. Bob Hickey had arrived earlier as a faculty representative, but left before Michael

and Mark arrived. Michael distributed copies of the new faculty workload form, but discussion was tabled until April 27 when more chairs, the dean and a faculty representative could be present.

Handouts

Accountability Targets with Baseline Means
Memorandum of Understanding on Senior Lecturer Status
Budget presentation documents
Associate dean position descriptions