

**Council of Department Chairs
College of the Sciences, Central Washington University
Regular Meeting, May 11, 2006
10:30 a.m., Science 301**

Attending:

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology	Potts, Vicki – Geological Sciences
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics	Reimund, Mary Ellen – Law and Justice
Darda, David - Biology	Schaefer, Todd - Political Science
Johnson, Kirk A. - Sociology	Schwing, James L. - Computer Science
Lillquist, Karl D. - Geography	Stein, Stephanie - Psychology
Miller, M. Meghan, Dean	Thomas, Carin - Associate Dean
Palmquist, Bruce - Physics/Science Education	Tolin, Phil – Associate Dean and Chair, Law and Justice
Miller, M. Meghan, Dean	

Department Reports:

Law and Justice

- Rodrigo Murataya has completed work on his dissertation and will be awarded the Ph.D. degree from Gonzaga at a commencement ceremony this weekend.
- The department is co-sponsoring a joint (WA & OR) restorative justice conference. Mary Ellen Reimund will be making a presentation.
- Sarah Britto presented a paper on Crime and the Media at the Youth Violence Prevention Conference in St. Louis last month.
- Sarah Britto has 3 students (Tycy Hughes, Kurt Saltzman, and Colin Stroh) presenting a paper, on Law and Order: SVU's depictions of offenders and victims, at SOURCE next week
- Teresa Francis has 2 students (Sarah Elerson and Breanna Eshghi) presenting a paper, Education Denied: Drug offenders attempt to reform, at SOURCE next week.
- Moifair Chinn, LAJ, Des Moines, was named the outstanding co-op student for fall quarter and is featured on the Co-op website.
- The department is sponsoring two end-of-year events. The Westside event, a banquet, will be held on May 25 and will feature a guest speaker, Ron Ward, who is the first African American president of the Washington Bar Association. Mr. Ward will be talking about justice in the law. The Eastside event will be held on the 18th and will include third annual softball game between LAJ students and faculty and members of the local law and justice professional community.

Mathematics

- Saturday, May 6, the Mathematics Department hosted approximately 360 middle school students for the 2006 Math Olympiad! Mark Oursland spent many hours planning and organizing the event. Debbie Thomas and Mike Lundin worked throughout the day on Saturday to make sure the event went smoothly. Great times (and great T-shirts) were had by all.

Political Science

- Professor Bang-Soon Yoon delivered a paper on "Globalization, Democratization and Women's NGO Activism in South Korea" at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, April 20-3, 2006 in Chicago. While there, she and Mike Launius (Political Science & International Student Programs Office) met with alumnae from Ewha University (Women's University in South Korea) about extending a \$10,000 scholarship to bring an exchange student from Ewha to Central for a second year.
- Professor Matthew Manweller is now hosting (as a moderator) a new "Point/Counterpoint" show on local political issues, where he brings in guests on each side of a hot local topic, on the CWU cable access channel (15). His first show was on regional retail, with ones on new County Jail and Wind Farms to follow in the near future.

Physics

- Mike Braunstein submitted an NSF S-STEM proposal for scholarships for students in chemistry, geology and physics. The name of the project at CWU, if NSF awards us the grant, will be Central Undergraduate Scholarships for the Physical Sciences (CUSPS).
- Mike Braunstein and Andy Piacsek (along with Wendy Bohrsen and Robbie Soltz) attended the Building Community, STEP Grantees Meeting in Washington, D.C. They presented the poster: In Answer to a

National Challenge: A Pilot Program to Increase Participation in Science, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields, College of the Sciences, Central Washington University.

- Bruce Palmquist, along with Mary Whitfield at Edmonds CC, presented a poster called "Targeted Science Classes for Future Teachers: A Community College Based Model for Teacher Preparation" at the NSF Teacher Professional Continuum PI meeting in Washington, D.C.

High Demand Proposals

Meghan noted that Martha Kurtz and Linda Beath were in Olympia regarding high demand proposals

Reminder

Meghan reminded the chairs to meet with her prior to May 26 regarding workload plans. She asked them to be prepared to compare course offerings and capacity over the last three years, discuss staffing for interdisciplinary programs, identify any adjustments that have been made to differentiate faculty workloads, and discuss any workload planning issues.

Calendar Items

Meghan encouraged chairs to remind faculty to attend the Thursday Fest with Arts and Humanities May 11 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Grupe Conference Center and the COTS spring celebration June 1 from 3:50 to 5:30 p.m.

Next department chair meeting: May 26 from 10:30 to noon in Science 301.

Student Speaker for Honors Convocation

Meghan noted that one name would be forwarded as a nominee to serve as student speaker at Honors Convocation – possibly someone from the list of President's Scholars.

Centers for Excellence in Leadership Awards

The CEL awards will take place in two weeks. Meghan asked for nominations and several were provided at the meeting. Other chairs preferred to give this more thought and provide nominees after the meeting.

Interdisciplinary Programs Request – Comprehensive Campaigns

Meghan reviewed a May 4 memo to the President on this topic.

1. Student support (scholarships, enrichment)
2. Support faculty endeavors
3. Finally, special projects (bricks and mortar)

Meghan noted that she had received only one Interdisciplinary Program charter since her request in January. She asked for goods and services requests as well

Dave Darda noted that the Registrar is not reserving seats for freshmen, and if departments want to reserve seats, they need to take make a request to the Registrar. He noted that he would reserve seats through the Registrar and then make a judgment on whether to open up the classes.

University 101

Meghan asked the chair to count all UNIV 101 sections as part of faculty loads despite program affiliation.

Workload Forms

There was some discussion about what activities constitute professional development. The forms should identify activities and products.

College-level Standard for Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion

A Proposed revision of Section 7 of the COTS Policy Manual was discussed vis a vis accreditation standards.

Remaining Meetings Spring, 2006

Friday, May 26, 10:30 a.m., Science 301

June 1, 10:30 a.m., Science 301.

June 8, - Reserve 10:30 a.m., to 1:00 p.m., Hebeler 219.

Dean's Plans

June 17-29 Cambridge Massachusetts

Attachments

Prosperity Partnerships

Change in Recruitment and Hiring

Honors Scholars List

COTS Policies Manual - Draft of Section 7 Revisions