

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

**Attending:**

Barlow, Kathleen - Anthropology  
Boersma, Stuart F. - Mathematics  
Darda, David - Biology  
Lee, Jeff - Geology  
Johnson, Kirk A. – Sociology (also Associate Dean)  
Kuhlken, Robert T. - Geography  
Kurtz, Martha J. – Chemistry and Science Education

Miller, M. Meghan, Dean  
Palmquist, Bruce - Physics/Science Education  
Schaefer, Todd - Political Science  
Schwing, James L. - Computer Science  
Stein, Stephanie - Psychology  
Reimund, Mary Ellen - Law and Justice

**Department Reports:**

**Anthropology**

- The Anthropology Student Association has been approved to launch a chapter of Lambda Alpha --the national student honor society.
- Academic Service Learning Fellows for this year from CoTS: Loran Cutsinger, Anthropology; Judy Hennessy, Sociology; Nancy Hultquist, Geography; Anne Johansen, Chemistry
- American Anthropological Association meetings in San Jose, November 15-19:
  - Lene Pedersen organized and chaired a session on "Visualizing the Invisible" and presented a paper, "Physicality of the Invisible: The Path and Presence of Balinese Ancestors among the Living"
  - Kathleen Barlow presented a paper, "Making Social Control Visible: Masked Figures and Thin Disguise on the North Coast of Papua New Guinea"
  - Bill Wood organized a session on "Representing Oaxaca: Discourses of Identity, Strategies of Containment" and presented paper "Sea of Exception: Marine Life/Bare Life in a Mexican National Park"
- Kathleen Barlow completed a three-year term as monthly column editor for the Society for Psychological Anthropology in the national newsletter, Anthropology News
- John Alszozatai-Petheo presented "Will the real homo erectus please stand up?" in the Natural Science Seminar Series, November 17 as part of the One Book, One Campus program, at which there was standing room only.
- Lene Pedersen presented and mentored two student presentations in the second Gender Symposium on Gender and Religion, November 9.

**Chemistry**

- The department is in the process of interviewing candidates for the two organic chemistry vacancies. The pool looks strong even though it is small. We hope to complete the interview process before Christmas.
- JoAnn DeLuca submitted Research Corporation proposal titled Imprinting Silica Gel Surfaces Through Reversible Covalent Attachment of Organic Templates
- Anthony Diaz submitted a \$120K NSF RUI grant.
- Anthony Diaz mentors four students who were awarded \$500 office of undergraduate studies research grants

**Geography and Land Studies**

- The Geography and Land Studies Department held a department retreat on its program review self study.

**Political Science**

- Program review retreat took place two weeks ago. Todd is now working on the tables for the report.
- Political Science, in conjunction with Michael Ervin (History/Latin American Studies) and other departments, is conducting a search for a tenure-track position in Latino/a Studies and Politics, which would be part of interdisciplinary Latino Studies Center. The search has been approved and is progressing through PeopleAdmin.

**Psychology**

- Brammer, R., & Hargrave, T. (Fall, 2006). Parallel process in supervision: More than a psychoanalytic tool. *Juncture*, 4-8.
- Rob Brammer will be filming a segment for the Discovery Channel on the topic "Teen Suicide." Filming is set for December 7. The airing dates have not been determined.

- Jeff Penick will be offering two sessions of the Meaningful Connections service learning program--one session at Hearthstone Assisted Living facility and one at the Ellensburg Adult Activities Center. Meaningful Connections is a program that brings together students and older adults in the community. The program is designed to broaden the social connections of older adults while preparing students to be more comfortable and effective in working with older adults in their careers. Two Counseling students are assisting as part of their thesis work.
- Marte Fallshore made two guest presentations on the topic: "Is there a relationship between crime severity and participant and/or perpetrator sex?" Presented at the University of Ljub, to criminal justice faculty and at the University of Maribor to a criminal justice graduate class.

### **Minutes of November 9, 2006**

The minutes of November 9, 2006, were approved as revised.

### **COTS Development Officer**

Gina Benesh has accepted the COTS Development Officer position effective February 1, 2007. JoAnn DeLuca and Judith Hennessy served on the search committee.

### **Fall Faculty Day Monday, December 4**

Meghan reminded the chairs that representatives from each college would make presentations on innovative aspects of curriculum or instruction from 8:45 until 11:00 in Shaw-Smyser. Stuart Boersma, the COTS speaker, will discuss his experiences with the National Science Foundation Interdisciplinary Lively Application Project (ILAP). Also, David Cornelius, Eastern Washington University Professor Emeritus, will give a presentation on EWU's participation in a FIPSE project to support innovative educational reform. His presentation is scheduled to take place from 2:00 p.m. in Science 147. Refreshments will be served in the Science Building foyer after Dr. Cornelius' presentation.

### **WSDoT Research Opportunities**

David Darda handed out a six-page proposal from the Washington State Department of Transportation to widen I-90 from four lanes to six lanes from Hyak to Keecheles Dam. He noted that he, Wayne Quirk, and Meghan Miller had met with WSDoT about CWU serving as a center for various research projects associated with the identified projects. So far various groups interested in the projects favor the concept of the research center.

### **Departmental Standards for Faculty Performance**

Meghan encouraged the departments to develop department standards for inclusion in the College standards that will be sent to the chair electronically. The Provost must ultimately approve all department standards.

### **Faculty Workload Plans**

Meghan reminded the chairs that 2007-08 workload plans are due to department chairs February 15 and the dean March 15.

### **Sabbatical Leaves**

The Sabbatical Leave Committee required more explicit proposals than it has been in the past. Several proposals didn't adequately address the leave criteria, so the Sabbatical Leave Committee returned to the departments to flesh out these elements. The Board of Trustees will review the final list December 8.

### **Post-Tenure Review**

Meghan distributed a draft memorandum addressing the process and calendar for faculty members who will be reviewed in the future. Notebooks were handed out for people who will be reviewed this year and haven't been reviewed since the notebooks were developed.

### **Equipment Proposals**

Meghan made a second call for nominations for the committee that will review equipment requests.

### **Policy on Changing Department Names**

Meghan distributed the university policy on changing department names.

### **Handouts**

- Memorandum on post-tenure review and draft cycle

- Memorandum on developing department personnel standards for faculty performance review
- Name Change Policy (section 2-2.59 of the CWU Policies Manual)
- Request regarding arranged courses and individual instruction