

Meeting of the Department of Physics

Friday, September 7, 2007 | 5310 Chamberlin Hall

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The meeting was called to order by Baha Balantekin, Department Associate Chair at 12:15 PM with 32 voting members present.

1. Announcements

Fall Picnic—Sunday, September 9, 2007, 1:00-3:00 p.m. The location is the area on Lake Mendota just behind Tripp and Adams Halls. Rain location is Carson Gully (second floor of Gully Commons). Ironman Wisconsin is scheduled near by on same day (for more info on the Ironman go to <http://www.ironmanwisconsin.com/>).

NSF Audit of effort reporting—If you are contacted, let Aimee Lefkow know immediately and she will contact the appropriate people.

Sabbatical leave requests—Due to Karyn Matchey by Friday, September 14 (<http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/grants/facsabblyprog.html>).

Fall Research Competition—deadline is Sept 14. Applications at web site <http://info.gradsch.wisc.edu/research/researchfunding/fallcompetition.html>).

Baldwin Proposal—deadline is September 26. (<http://www.provost.wisc.edu/baldwin/>).

Research Service Grants—Due to Karyn Matchey by September 19, 2007 (<http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/grants/researchservicegrants.html>).

Faculty Development Grants—Due to Karyn Matchey by October 1, 2007 (<http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/grants/facdevgrts.html>).

Congratulations—Erik Spence won the APS Division of Plasma Physics Outstanding Thesis Award.

2. Introductions

Michael Ramsey-Musolf and Stefan Westerhoff

3. Delegations of Authority

To the Chair for supplies and capital expenditures; To the Salary Committee for recommendations on salaries; and To full professors for recommendations on promotion to full professor
This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

4. Colloquium Discussion

Discussion of colloquium attendance and class scheduling—Pupa Gilbert. The Colloquium committee has made the following recommendations; improve cookies & coffee; move the Physics Colloquium from Wednesday to Friday; Email physics-all the day of the Colloquium; and to improve the quality and access level of the colloquium.

5. Sterling Hall

Sterling Hall Update—Dave Huber: Ground to a halt until the budget is passed. July 1, the architects stopped working. Need to vacate the building by January. We will be able to review the 35% plan and the 95% plan. Physics will retain basement space under courtyard. New part will be Astronomy, some Physics in basement. L&S space will be on upper floors.

6. Library

Library Update—Kerry Kresse: Library has a new website. Send comments and/or broken links to Kerry. Open access journals—the library has some money for this. Library Budget is decreasing. The list of cancellations is available on the library site (<http://physics.library.wisc.edu/survey07.htm>). Library Express (Inter-Library Loan) service is changing—Let Kerry know if you have problems. The library will have a book sale in October.

7. Enrollment Update

Enrollment Update—Mary Anne Clarke

8. Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee—Baha Balantekin: forming an ad hoc committee for graduate and undergraduate program.

The meeting was adjourned.