

Meeting of the Department of Physics

Friday, September 21, 2007 | 5310 Chamberlin Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Susan Coppersmith, Department Chair at 12:15 PM with 28 voting members present.

1. Announcements

Mail Server - The mail server will be replaced by October 5th

Strategic Planning Committee—in cooperation with the space committee—seeks written input for developing a plan on future infrastructure improvements to support the research mission of the department—Cary Forest

Colloquium—in the spring, Colloquium will be on Friday afternoons

The annual exercise of under 30K Instructional and Research Laboratory remodeling requests—please submit any new requests to Aimee Lefkow by 9/28/07

ADM Position—Jean Johnson has accepted the ADM position and will start on 10/15/07

“Find Our People Meeting”—Friday, September 28 at 3:30 in 2241 Chamberlin

Graduate School Information Meeting for Undergrads—October 5 at 3:30 in 2241 Chamberlin

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

Faculty Development Grants—due in department October 1, 2007

(<http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/grants/facdevgrts.html>)

2. Natalia Perkins

Introduction and welcome

3. Quorum Rules

Quorum Discussion - It was re-proposed that the Physics Department adopt a Quorum Policy as follows: Meetings—at least 25% in attendance | Voting—at least 50% of eligible vote.

Motion | This motion was seconded | There were no objections | This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

4. NSF Audit of Effort

NSF is conducting a campus-wide audit of effort reporting. If you are contacted, let Aimee Lefkow know immediately and she will contact the appropriate people.

5. Qualifier Update

21 students took as “free”—13 people passed, 3 got masters-level passes, and 5 failed

13 other students took—5 people passed, and 8 failed

Qualifier committee will meet with students who did not pass

Jim Reardon is doing a qualifier preparation course

6. Department Affiliates

Adding to webpage Discussion—It was proposed that affiliates be added to our webpage.

This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Schmidt (UW Parkside)—renewal of his expired appointment (Associate Professor L/I)

This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Karanth (UW Parkside)—3-year appointment as honorary fellow

This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Meyerand (Medical Physics)—It was moved to table the consideration of this appointment so that all proposed appointments from Medical Physics could be considered at the same time. This motion was passed by consent, with one nay.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.