

Meeting of the Department of Physics

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 | 5310 Chamberlin Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Baha Balantekin, Department Associate Chair at 12:15 PM with 23 voting members present.

Action Items Approved:

- **Increase credit for lab courses**—approved. The proposed change will need to be sent on to the L&S curriculum committee and then the divisional committee.
- **Credit increase for Majors**—approved. The proposed change will need to be sent on to the L&S curriculum committee and then the divisional committee.
- **Sabbaticals**—approved.

1. Announcements

- **MUI—PLC** submitted proposal and was moved on to University committee. Deadline for more proposals in next week.
- **Faculty Hire Proposal**—two faculty hire proposals were submitted but not approved. We will resubmit in Phase2.
- **Provost Town Meeting**—The meeting will be held next week regarding Graduate School reorganization. Forest wonders if the Department should take a stand.

2. Proposed Changes to Physics Major Laboratory Requirements

- Course changes will need to be done and submitted through L&S curriculum committee.
- Want to increase credits for lab courses.
- Want to require 35 credits for major (up from 32 credits that are currently required).
- Would require 207/208 students to take an additional course.
- Passed by unanimous voice vote

3. Sabbaticals

- Unanimous voice vote to approve sabbatical requests for Karle, Walker, and Zweibel.

The meeting was adjourned.