

Meeting Minutes 2-23-07

12:15 meeting called to order in room 5310.

Announcements:

Additional department meeting March 16th 12:15 in room 5310

CV Updates for Merit Exercise: Please turn them into Holub@wisc.edu

Grad student visits are March 2 and March 23rd

Awards banquet on Friday May 4, 2007

Departmental Web page Update: Steve Rader reported on the rework done on the web site. NRC rating by faculty at other institutions is scheduled to open on March 1st. Send email at webmaster@physics.wisc.edu if you have updates to your research pages, or other relevant changes.

Steve also reported that wireless for Chamberlin is moving along; work orders are in process.

Nominations: Professor Lynn Knutson, chair of the Nominating Committee, brought up some procedural ambiguities involving the votes for Physics Council and department Chair. Regarding Physics Council: past practice has been that voting for Scientist representative to Physics council is by all academic staff, but the Report on Scientists adopted in the fall states that the voting for Scientist representative is limited to other Scientists. It was moved and approved by unanimous voice ballot to include all academic staff in the voting process for the Scientist position on the physics council. Regarding department Chair: L&S regulations state that faculty plus “other people designated by the faculty” can vote. Lynn is trying to find out if any non-faculty people in the department have been authorized to vote for Chair. No one at the meeting was aware of any such authorization. Note: Information on preferential voting for chair is on the L&S website and Faculty site has additional information on voting. Chair vote scheduled to occur on March 9, 2007.

Strategic Planning Committee: Mark Eriksson reported--Strategic planning committee--figure out roles, responsibilities and scope of project. Interview staff—input from Prof. Wesley Smith--talk to group leaders, funding, look at where to support base and core missions. Mark reported that they had met once reviewing current materials.

Rolling Horizons discussion deferred to next meeting.

Closed Meeting of the Physics Faculty to consider Personnel Matters