

Regular Meeting of the Department of Physics  
Friday, March 9, 2007  
5310 Chamberlin Hall

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Susan Coppersmith, Department Chair at 12:15 PM with 27 voting members present.

1. Announcements/Informational Items

Building update – Huber: Reminder that we must be out of Sterling by September 1, 2007.

Freight Elevator replacement begins Monday, March 12, 2007.

Graduate Committee Report – Joynt: First visit went well, no acceptances yet.

Nominating Committee – Knutson: Return Chair selection ballot to Aimee by 3/14/07.

Plaque for Sterling – Coppersmith: Physical plant is moving forward with procurement.

Chair requested that Lee Pondrom take the lead on a dedication ceremony.

AUTOMATIC CONSENT BUSINESS

2. Scientist Promotion Procedures: On behalf of the department Professor Stewart Prager moved to allow all current Associate and Senior Scientists to be allowed to vote on the promotion of all Assistant Scientists to the rank of Associate Scientist, and, that all current Senior Scientists be allowed to vote on the promotion of any Associate Scientist to the rank of Senior Scientist.

This motion was seconded.

There were no objections.

This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

3. Departmental Voting Procedure on Faculty Promotions: On behalf of the department Professor Susan Coppersmith moved to allow email ballots for all votes that require a recorded vote.

After a discussion, it was added that this motion include the annual Chair selection secret ballot. Those email ballots would be stripped of their identifying marks.

This motion was seconded.

There were no objections.

This motion was passed by unanimous consent.

At 12:45 PM the meeting was closed for discussion of personnel matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM