

**Minutes of the Physics Department Meeting Wednesday, March 22, 2006**  
Called to order by Susan Coppersmith 12:15 in Chamberlin 5310  
Minutes by Lori Turner, Assistant to the Chair

Policy Actions taken at the March 22, 2006 meeting:

Unanimous vote to approve Emeritus status to Barb Schutz upon her retirement

1. Announcements: Additional department meetings, Barb's retirement, and update on status of offers.
2. No matters arising.
3. Lee Pondrom discussed the suggestions for award nominees of the Alumni and Corporate Relations Committee. See attachment. The suggestions were unanimously approved.
4. James Lawler presented the status of Graduate Student Recruiting. Offers went out to 82 students, 4 have accepted, 6 declined, 25 are coming this weekend for a visit. The attendance of 25 is very good, and it likely indicates that we will have a good acceptance rate. The extraordinarily strong applicant pool this year resulted in us not making offers to many good applicants who would have gotten offers in earlier competitions. There have been numerous complaints from internal and external faculty and students about this situation.
5. Discussion of grad student response to research plan postponed until the next department meeting.
6. Closed meeting of the Physics Faculty to consider personnel matters.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47pm