

Minutes of the Physics Department Meeting Wednesday, April 5, 2006
Called to order by Susan Coppersmith 12:15 in Chamberlin 5310
Minutes by Lori Turner, Assistant to the Chair

No Policy Actions taken at the April 5, 2006 meeting

1. Announcements:
 - a. Additional meeting on April 10th in 5310 Chamberlin.
 - b. Interviews are being conducted for the ADM position.
2. Update on faculty recruiting: Maxim Vavilov has accepted.
3. Update on graduate student recruiting: 13 have accepted, 11 have declined. 75 admission offers were made. Of the acceptances, 2 have independent support. Students who were not originally offered admission were encouraged to contact individual professors to discuss admission possibilities. There were 6-12 students who would likely have been admitted in previous years. Jim Lawler will send out a list of those applicants who just missed the cut-off.
4. Chamberlin remodeling update:
 - a. The first project is replacing the windows in the courtyard and those overlooking the driveway. The contractors will start on the second floor on May 15. Shortly after that date they will put up temporary barriers and plastic. The window replacement and metal panels will be installed starting in mid July. If you aren't around in the summer, be sure to move everything away from the window (please allow 3-4 feet). Contact Aimee if you would like students to help with the move. The window installers will need inside access to complete the process. The project is scheduled to be completed before Nov. 1.
 - b. The second project is to create labs, offices and a research server room in the old animal quarters on the first floor of the east wing of Chamberlin. Work will also start about May 15, with completion expected early next year.
 - c. The third project is remodeling Sterling Hall. Physics will keep space in the basement under the East wing. Labs and offices off the corridor leading to the accelerator will be remodeled. We are working with the contractors so that the nuclear group will be able to get liquid helium in and to have access to the accelerator during the construction. The remodeling will have phases similar to the Chamberlin remodeling project. The demolition will start about May 15, 2007 and will last 3-6 months. The rebuilding phase is estimated to be completed during the summer of '09.
 - d. The elevators in Chamberlin are scheduled to be replaced in 2007.
 - e. Repairs to the roof over the Rennebohm auditorium will be done in the summer of 2007. The work is scheduled to be completed before the start of classes in September.
 - f. If you have building issues, talk to George Ott before his funding runs out. Be sure to submit low level remodeling requests to get in the queue. If you have any matters that need to be dealt with immediately, call the Physical Plant at 3-3333 to get the request logged in.
5. Closed meeting of the Physics Faculty to consider personnel matters.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm