

Minutes of the Physics Department Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2006
Called to order by Susan Coppersmith 12:15 in Chamberlin 5310
Minutes by Lori Turner, Assistant to the Chair

Policy Actions: Don Cox and Robert (Bob) Morse were unanimously approved for emeritus status

1. Announcements:
 - a. Gaann awards have been approved for the Physics Department to have five fellowships for the next three years. Congratulations and thanks to Bob Joynt, who spearheaded the proposal.
 - b. Dean Sandefur has announced that recruiting new faculty for next year will be limited throughout L&S.
 - c. The faculty offers to Heeger, McDermott, Mellado, Ramsey-Musolf remain outstanding. McDermott will be visiting campus April 24-25 and Ramsey-Musolf will be visiting campus May 4-5.
 - d. ADM interviews have been completed and an offer is in the works.
 - e. There was a general consensus to conduct next year's Department meetings in Chamberlin, days to be determined.
2. No matters arising.
3. a. Pondrom moved to grant Don Cox emeritus status, seconded by Winokur. Unanimous support to grant emeritus status to Don Cox.
b. Eriksson moved to grant Bob Morse emeritus status, seconded by Balantekin. Unanimous support to grant Bob Morse emeritus status.
4. There was discussion on procedure for electing Physics Council, the nominating committee has two names on the slate for electing Physics Council members. An email message will be sent soon to solicit more nominations. An email ballot will follow in a week or so.
5. Update on graduate student recruiting:
There was an excellent applicant pool.
20% fewer offers than in 2005.
Yield from offers increased (% + total increased) 29% in 2005 and 41% in 2006 (43% with 2 deferrals)
34 total new grad students (2 WARF students)
Approximate number of new TA's=34, RA=1, AOF=1, Outside \$=2, Herb=1, Chen=1, Gaann=5, for total of 23 new TAs next fall
The TA situation will be tight.
Only one female student accepted, 4 international students, 1 AOF, 1 minority
6. Committee Chair information, be sure to submit committee responsibilities to Lori Turner. Watch for a revised committee list for next year.
7. If you would like to be the Qualifying Exam Chair, let Sue know as soon as possible.
8. No additional issues.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.