

Minutes of the Physics Department Meeting Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Called to order by Susan Coppersmith 12:15 in Chamberlin 5310

Minutes by Lori Turner, Assistant to the Chair

Policy Actions: Moved to approve the Advanced Ultrasound Physics course with Medical Physics and Bio-Medical Engineering.

1. Building Updates:

- a. A meeting is scheduled for next week to inform us of the timeline for the removal of windows, so that we are able to make the necessary arrangements to move the furniture 4' away from the windows. It is the understanding that they will complete one bay at a time from 6th floor down through 3rd floor. Be sure to read emails from David Huber regarding the renovation, especially if you are in an affected area.
- b. The second project will be to replace the two sets of doors by the botany garden entrance to the Rennebohm auditorium. The electrical lights will be replaced also.
- c. The third project is the remodeling of the first floor animal quarters. The plan is to have the demolition completed during the summer.

2. Announcements:

- a. Sexual Harassment Information Session is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., if you haven't registered, please register on-line.
 - b. The Awards Banquet is Friday night at 6:00 p.m. at Lowell Hall. There is construction at Lowell Hall and the only entrance is on the east side off of Frances Street.
 - c. The feedback regarding the retirement luncheon was positive. Efforts will be made to continue having the event. The University Club has tentatively been set for April 27, 2007.
 - d. There are two colloquia on Friday. Dan Freedman will present the first one at 2:30 p.m. and Tom Weiler will present the second one at 4:00 p.m.
 - e. The Physics Council voting is complete.
 - f. Stewart Prager will chair the committee that looks at Research Professorships.
3. There was a discussion about the new course proposal from the Department of Medical Physics titled Advanced Ultrasound Physics. Half is related to fundamental acoustics and half is physics of scattering theory in ultrasound physics. The proposal is to be a cross listed course with no implications of Physics professors teaching the course. It would be a graduate level course with a pre-requisite. The minor's advisor will need to be aware that the course doesn't satisfy the Physics minor requirements. Carlsmith moved to approve the course as a cross listed course, Joynt seconded. It was unanimous to approve the course.
4. Recruiting update: Everett, Vavilov, McDermott, Mellado and Yavuz have all accepted faculty positions. We are waiting to hear from Heeger and Ramsey-Musolf. We should hear from Heeger soon, Ramsey-Musolf will be later. There will be no short-term staff available for teaching the intro courses 201 and 207, so tenured faculty will be switched around to cover the teaching needs. Haaland declined the offer of the Lab Director. The committee will meet later today to determine the second candidate.
5. No additional issues.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.