



Meeting Minutes of the Department of Physics

Wednesday, September 7, 2011 | 5310 Chamberlin Hall

The meeting was called to order by Bob Joynt, Department Chair at 12:15 PM with 24 voting members present.

Action Items Approved

- Delegation of Authority was passed: to chair for supplies and capital expenditures; to salary committee for recommendations on salary; and to full professors for recommendations on promotion for full professors.
- Quorum for Academic Year 2011-2012 has been approved at one over 25%.

1. Announcements

- **Strategic Plan Committee**—The Strategic Planning Committee is in the process of developing the strategic plan for the Department for 2011-2012. Please send any comments to Mark Eriksson.
- **Faculty Recognition Committee**—The Faculty Recognition Committee is working on nominations. Please send Vernon Barger any nominations you would like to committee to consider.
- **Colloquium Committee**—There are open dates for this year. Please send any proposed speakers to Franz Himpfel. **Reminder**—The Department Colloquium time has changed. Physics Department Colloquium will start at 3:30 with coffee and cookies after (4:30 pm).
- **Amenities Committee**—There is a new committee this year. Pupa Gilbert will chair the committee. Committee members will include Karsten Heeger and Aimee Lefkow.
- **Qualifier**— The Qualifier is Saturday, September 10, 2010.

2. Delegation of Authority

- To the Chair for supplies and capital expenditures. (Vote: 1st Joynt | 2nd Gilbert | Approved by unanimous voice vote).
- To the Salary Committee for recommendations on salaries. (Vote: 1st Joynt | 2nd Smith | Approved by unanimous voice vote).
- To full professors for recommendations on promotion to full professor. (Vote: 1st Joynt | 2nd Smith | Approved by unanimous voice vote).

3. Quorum

- The department would like to lower the quorum requirement from one over 50% one over 25%. (Vote: 1st Joynt | 2nd Gilbert | Approved by unanimous voice vote).

4. Enrollment

- Enrollment numbers are increasing. Currently there are 3,373 students enrolled in Physics courses, this is a slight increase from last year. Introductory courses are full. There are waiting lists for most of the introductory courses.

5. Matters Arising

- Duncan Carlsmith is working on a new project "Flexible Physics for the Google World." If you are interested, please contact Duncan.