Department Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 20th
12:15 p.m. 5310 Chamberlin Hall

TOPICS

- Announcements
- Colloquium Coffee Time Discussion
- Emeritus Requests
  - Knutson
  - Ogelman
  - Adney
- Leave of Absence Request—Tao Han (AY 2011-12)
- Computing Committee Report (by one of Rader/Karle/Hashimoto)
- Matters Arising

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Minutes will be posted on the Physics Department WEB-site. www.physics.wisc.edu
The meeting was called to order by Baha Balantekin, Department Chair at 12:15 PM with 17 voting members present.

**Action Items Approved**
- Emeritus Request—Requests for Knutson, Ogelman, and Adney have been approved and will be sent to the L&S Dean’s Office.
- The colloquium scheduling change to take effect Fall 2011: Talk from 3:30-4:30 pm and coffee 4:30-5:00 pm.
- Balantekin will send a letter supporting the Chancellor.

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2. **Colloquium Coffee Time**
   - The colloquium committee would like to propose changing the colloquium schedule. They propose that the colloquium remain on Friday with the coffee time moving to after the talk. It has been suggested that the talk should begin at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm and coffee should be moved to 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The change will go into effect for Fall 2011. (Vote: 1st by Balantekin | 2nd Carlsmith | Approved by unanimous voice vote).

3. **Emeritus Requests**
   - Lynn Knutson will be retiring at the end of academic year 2010-11. He has requested emeritus status. (Vote: 1st by Balantekin | 2nd Eriksson | Approved by unanimous voice vote).
   - Hakki Ogelman retired in March 2011. He has requested emeritus status. (Vote: 1st by Balantekin | 2nd Terry | Approved by unanimous voice vote).
   - James Adney (Plasma Physics Research Group) will retire June 2011. He has requested emeritus status. (Vote: 1st by Balantekin | 2nd Sarff | Approved by unanimous voice vote).

4. **Leave of Absence**
   - Tao Han has requested a leave of absence for academic year 2011-12. He has accepted a position at the University of Pittsburgh. (Vote: 1st by Balantekin | 2nd Saffman | Approved by unanimous voice vote).

5. **Computing Committee**
   - Matt Radtke has accepted a position and left physics. The computing committee has decided to try to fill the position with someone with application support experience. A job description is being developed. If you have any input please contact Steve Rader.

6. **Matters Arising**
   - Strategic Plan—The Strategic Planning Committee has updated its priority list for hiring new faculty. With the recent retirements and people accepting other appointments, the chair will put in a request to the Dean’s office to propose hiring two new faculty positions.
   - Supporting the Chancellor—The Faculty decided that the chair will send a letter of support to the Chancellor. (Vote: Approved by raise of hands: 16-Yes 0-No 1-Abstain)