

Faculty Meeting Minutes (Open session)

January 22, 2024 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm | Benson Hall, Room 109 – [ZOOM LINK](#)

Attendance:

Meeting start: 2:30 pm | Adjourn: 3:32 pm

Faculty Present (blank=absent)

Department Interim Chair, James Carothers

Cole DeForest	Buddy Ratner	Vince Holmberg	Absent:	
Stu Adler	Dave Beck	Dan Schwartz		
John Berg	David Bergsman	Ben Rutz		
Elizabeth Nance	Zach Sherman	Julie Rorrer		
Alex Prybutok	Rene Overney	Jorge Marchand		
Sam Jenekhe	Shachi Mittal	Francois Baneyx		

Others Present

Dave Drischell	Nicole Minkoff			
Jeremiah Wilhelm	Debbie Carnes	Ro Stastny		

Agenda

- Announcements/reminders
- Approval of 11/25/23 Minutes
- Universal Design for Learning – 1/8 and 1/22 teaching tips (Prybutok)
- UG program: faculty engagement in ENGR 106 - 5 minutes (Nance)
- CEP: Teaching and learning scholarship - 2 minutes (Nance)
- Discuss the student access to microwaves/fridges. We need the official word on policies and anything we can do to support our students. (Rorrer)
- Winter quarter award nominations
- Adjunct and Affiliate reappointment

Announcements

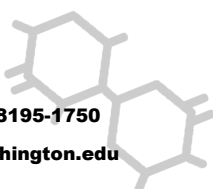
- Cole DeForest publishes commentary on the roles of Chemical Engineers in engineering tissue development and regeneration in the inaugural issue of Nature Chemical Engineering.

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- DeForest lab publishes new paper in Nature Protocols, detailing use of photochemistry to irreversibly activate proteins.
- Jeremiah Wilhelm was promoted to Communications Specialist on 1/8
- Teri Lazzara (Managing Director, Carothers Research Group) joins ChemE

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Vote to approve FM Minutes from 11/25/23
 - Motion raised by David Bergsman
 - Seconded: Alex Prybutok
 - Vote Approved

Universal Design for Learning --- 1/8 and 1/22 Tips (Prybutok)

- Alex stressed the importance and ease of surveying students about their comprehension --- offering high-tech and low-tech ways to poll students and gather this information.
- Mid-quarter feedback can be incredibly useful in assessing student needs and modifying/upgrading class materials with more Universal Design.
- Refer to Alex's email titled, "Corefac-cheme] Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Tips and Resources - Faculty Meeting" for helpful .PDFs

UG Program and Faculty Engagement (Nance)

- 100 ENGRUD (freshman) students enrolled each quarter /// Over the course of the quarter, ENGR 106 students are required to attend 3 workshops, one of which must be a departmental workshop.
- Elizabeth expounded the scope and level of commitment these workshops would entail for faculty, and the different potential arrangements that could be created.

Core Elements that Define Good Teaching (Nance)

- Nance opened a dialogue around a series of teaching principles (graph included).
- This information was distributed in an email on January 11th and feedback was to be submitted by January 31st.

Winter Quarter Award Nominations

Nominations sought for three alumni awards:

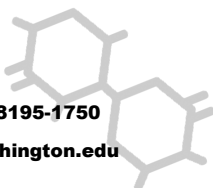
- Moulton Award (industry), Moulton Award (academic), Early Career Achievement Award
- Moulton Distinguished Alumnus in Industry (to present at 2024 ChemE graduation)
- Moulton Distinguished Alumnus in Academia

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- UW ChemE Early Career Impact Award (presented at graduate seminar, Fall 2023)
 - 15 years from terminal degree in our department [2009 for 2024 award]

Nomination due 2/6

Desired vote 2/12

Adjunct and Affiliate Reappointment – Discussion and Vote

- A new adjunct faculty member was discussed.
- Current Adjunct Faculty were discussed, and reappointment was generally considered across the board.
- Affiliate Faculty were discussed. Questions regarding current levels of participation were posed toward Affiliate Faculty sponsors.

Discussion Regarding Student Access to Microwaves and Minifridges

- Questions and concerns were raised about how this change was implemented.
 - An outreach letter was proposed and created on behalf of the Chair and the department.
 - This email was delivered to students, staff and faculty on 1/30/24
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Faculty meeting adjourned at 3:32pm

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