

Faculty Meeting Minutes (Open session)

March 8, 2021 | 3:45 – 4:45 pm |

Attendance:

Meeting start: 3:45 | Adjourn 4:45

Faculty Present (blank=absent)

Department Chair, Jim Pfaendtner - Present

Stu Adler	Kyle Caldwell	Vince Holmberg	P	Rene Overney	P	Neda Bagheri		
François Baneyx	James Carothers	Samson Jenekhe	P	Lilo Pozzo	P	Cao Guozhong		
David Beck	P	Chad Curtis	P	Mary Lidstrom		Buddy Ratner	P	Jonathan Posner
John Berg	P	Cole DeForest	P	Jun Liu	P	Daniel Schwartz	P	
David Bergsman	P	Hugh Hillhouse	P	Elizabeth Nance	P	Eric Stuve	P	
						Stephanie Valleau	P	

Others Present

Debbie Carnes	Lindsey Doermann	Andrea Gleichweith	Charles Sleicher	
Nicole Devine	Dave Drischell	Nicole Minkoff		

AGENDA

- Announcements (Pfaendtner)
- Moulton award (Pfaendtner)
- Off cycle student prelim exam faculty vote
- Faculty candidate discussion, review and next steps (Pfaendtner)

Announcements

This is the last faculty meeting of the quarter.

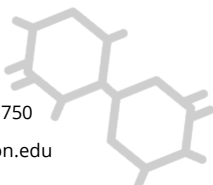
Hugh Hillhouse was selected as 2021 R. Wells Moulton Distinguished Alumni (academia) award. Congrats, Hugh! The Moulton academic winner usually gives a talk in the Spring, this will likely happen in the Autumn instead.

Because of Buddy Ratner's schedule today, the student's prelim exam faculty vote will be discussed first before the Moulton Award.

Off cycle student prelim exam faculty vote - DeForest

An MS student transitioning to PhD student in Buddy's lab, was admitted to PhD program Spring 2020. He is taking his prelim exam earlier than the required date due to his experience in Buddy's lab. Cole, Elizabeth, and Buddy are on the committee. The committee recommended that he pass.

Dan moved that the faculty vote on << student name redacted >> passing the prelim exam. Lilo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Jim asked Cole if the graduate committee was planning to issue guidance on how to handle these cases where the students are not on the traditional timeline.

Cole said this has been discussed. They recommend revising the Graduate Handbook to have the clocks start at the same time that a student transitions to the PhD program. They may take exams early if they stay in the same research group, but they would have more time in case they switch adviser. Transitioning students would be required to complete their prelim exam no later than their 5th quarter.

Sam Jenekhe asked if << student name redacted >> had completed the MS thesis, which he has.

Moulton award (Pfaendtner)

There are two nominees from industry.

<< redacted / nominee 1 >> is re-nominated from last year.

<< redacted / nominee 2 >> was a classmate and mentor of Hugh. John added that the nominee would also be a good candidate for the Diamond award.

An email ballot will be emailed. The slides for these nominees and for the early career nominees (discussed at the last meeting) will be sent out. The results of the voting will be announced at the next faculty meeting.

Faculty candidate discussion, review and next steps - Pfaendtner

An offer had been made to << redacted >> they will be visiting Seattle soon. The lab would be in NanoES building.

A discussion of the remaining candidates took place.

Jim thanked the faculty search committee for bringing great candidates.

Elizabeth made a motion to move forward with the proposed ballot for voting for making offers to the candidates. Stephanie seconded the motion. A ballot will be emailed out. Jim asked faculty to please return the ballot quickly. Jim will report the outcome of the ballot to the voting-eligible faculty later in the week.

If another decision is needed, another meeting will be held as soon as possible.