

Faculty Meeting Minutes (Open session)

April 13, 2020 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm | Zoom

Attendance:

Meeting start: 2:30 | Adjourn 2:55

Faculty Present (blank=absent)

Department Chair, Jim Pfaendtner - Present

Stu Adler	P	James Carothers	P	Brad Holt	P	Elizabeth Nance	P	Eric Stuve	
Graham Allan (late)		Chad Curtis	P	Samson Jenekhe	P	Rene Overney	P	Stephanie Valleau	P
François Baneyx		Cole DeForest	P	Shaoyi Jiang	P	Lilo Pozzo	P	Qiuming Yu	P
David Beck	P	Hugh Hillhouse		Mary Lidstrom		Buddy Ratner	P	Neda Bagheri	
John Berg	P	Vince Holmberg	P	Jun Liu		Daniel Schwartz		Cao Guozhong	
Kyle Caldwell	P							Jonathan Posner	

Others Present

Andrea Gleichweith	Nicole Minkoff	Dave Drischell			
Lindsey Doermann	Debbie Carnes	Allison Sherrill			

Announcements

- The Electrosolar Oxygen design team won \$10K Herbert Jones 2nd place prize at the Alaska Airlines Environment Innovation Challenge
- The Carothers and Zalatan groups (new adj. asst. prof. in ChemE) had a new paper on CRISPR bacterial engineering come out last week in Nature Communications

Postdoctoral Scholars, VISIT/VISER, Visa Applications & US Entry Restrictions – Jim Pfaendtner

-US consulates around the world have suspended the issuance of non-immigrant visas (J-1 and H-1B). We expect that no one new is coming to the US unless they already have the proper visa. Even if they have a visa, travel is restricted. At this point in time we do not know when, and how, these restrictions will change or end in the future. Plan well in advance for postdoc hires. Greatly extended start date in planning. It is possible we will see impacts in F- Visas in the autumn for grad students..

Class of 2022 Admissions – Brad Holt

- First sophomore class admitted through Direct to College. Completed the placement for 1st year.
- ChemE 310, current SQ 2020

Who and when admitted	# of Students #	CORE GPA
DTC – Summer of 1 st Year	31 (ChemE)	3.41
DTC – Winter (4 quarters)	14 (ChemE)	3.19
Transfers & Interest Changers	31 (all students)	3.62
Totals	76	3.46

Historically Core GPA has averaged 3.6 – 3.7

26 transfers/5 interest changers

Kudos to Dave and Nicole for rallying the numbers for entry

Grad Recruitment – Cole DeForest

-Recruitment in the final week keeps moving. Allison and Cole working to contact on-the-fence and wait listed students. Faculty requested to contact students.

Faculty Search Update – Jim Pfaendtner

-David Bergsman - received office offer letter

-Jeff Lopez – Offer letter still in review. UW remains competitive in his decision.

-UW ChemE moving forward with hires. Many other schools in the nation are on a hiring freeze. Recent Provost email indicates UW financial uncertainty. No news on any budget cuts or the impact Covid-19 and restrictions has for us.

Miscellaneous / Open Discussion

- Jim encouraged faculty to apply for federal funding now and plan for potential future stimulus money that could benefit universities as in 2009-10.

- Full access to labs is still unknown.

- Mid quarter evaluations from the Office of Instructional Assessment will be offered to assist faculty in improving their online course offerings. Interested faculty should get in touch with Nicole Minkoff immediately.

-Zoom Bombing – No big worries. UW sign in through netid required. Restricting entry computer security. Check with Jesse Chiem, IT Manager, for questions.