Faculty Meeting Minutes (Open session)
December 5, 2022 | 2:30 - 3:30 pm | Benson Hall, Room 109 – ZOOM LINK

Attendance: Meeting start: 2:30pm | Adjourn:

Faculty Present (blank=absent)  
| Stu Adler | Cole DeForest | Sab | Shachi Mittal | Julie Rorrer | X | Neda Bagheri |
| François Baneyx | Hugh Hillhouse | X | Elizabeth Nance | Ben Rutz | X | Cao Guozhong |
| David Beck | Vincent Holmberg | X | Rene Overney | Sab | Daniel Schwartz | X | Jonathan Posner |
| John Berg | Samson Jenekhe | X | Lilo Pozzo | X | Eric Stuve | X |
| David Bergman | Jorge Marchand | X | Alexis Prybutok | X |
| James Carothers | X | | Buddy Ratner |

Others Present  
| Debbie Carnes | Dave Drischell | X | Nicole Minkoff | X | Jeremiah Wilhelm | X |
| Lindsey Doermann | Andrea Gleichweith | X | Barry Wall | X |

Department Chair, Jim Pfandtner - Present

Agenda
- Approval of minutes from 11/21 meeting
- Announcements
- Update on faculty search (Nance)
- Discussion of outcomes for graduate preliminary exams and faculty vote (Hillhouse)
- Foreign talent recruitment programs (Pfandtner)
- Continued discussion of stipend level for graduate students (Pfandtner)

FM Minutes Approval:
11/21 FM Minutes unanimously approved!

Announcements

Owen Lin, a current senior, won a 2nd place poster award at the AiChE annual meeting in Phoenix. The award was in the food, pharma and biotech division. A very cool recognition for the ChemE department and Owen’s work!

Faculty Search Update – Committee: Nance (chair), Schwartz, Mittal, Beck, Vashisth (ME)

Goal:
Hire the best candidate that will run a primarily computational/theoretical research program, open to all areas of research that strengthen the department’s research & teaching portfolio.
154 total applications received by 11/21 EOD (priority deadline)
68 applications were experimental wet lab only, triaged and reviewed by Elizabeth Nance.
= 86 Round 1 applicants

Review timeline set by committee
Round 1 review (86 applicants) completed by 12/6 -> identify candidates (soft target ~30 candidates) for rec letter request

Round 2 review completed by 12/15 -> identify candidates (soft target ~10 candidates) for zoom interviews >>> Target dates for Zoom interviews: 12/19-12/21 -> identify candidates (~4-5) to bring for full on campus interviews

On campus interviews in Winter quarter

**Outcome of Graduate Student Preliminary Exam (Hillhouse)**
All students passed. This led into a series of faculty inquiries regarding the process and rigor of these exams, whether or not PIs should be present, etc.

**Foreign Talent Recruitment Programs (Pfaendtner)**
Reminders:
Foreign talent recruitment programs are back!

Foreign talent programs are defined as "any foreign-state-sponsored attempt to acquire US scientific-funded research or technology through foreign government-run or funded recruitment programs that target scientists, engineers, academics, researchers, and entrepreneurs of all nationalities working or educated in the United States"

These may include, “…research and teaching based "opportunities"

Before engaging in any conversations with recruiters from these programs, it is in your best interests to have a conversation with the department chair or the OR

See [https://www.washington.edu/research/compliance/foreign-interests-in-sponsored-programs/](https://www.washington.edu/research/compliance/foreign-interests-in-sponsored-programs/) for more information

**Stipend Level for Graduate Students (Pfaendtner)**
15 preliminary votes; 5% and 6.66% being the generally favored options.

Pfaendtner proposes motion: “I move the faculty take an electronic vote to decide between 5% and 6.66% for the AY23-24 stipend increase.”

**Motion** is moved by: Dan Schwartz; motion was seconded by Elizabeth Nance

Andrea will send out vote after today’s FM.

**Moulton Award (Industry, Academic) and Early Career Award nominations**
Send PP slide for nomination to Andrea. Presentation of nominees will be discussed at February FM