

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held Wednesday February 20, 2013 in UH168.

Present: Benjamin, Boukahil, Constantinescu, Doering, Rybski, Sahyun

Absent: Nawash (medical)

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm.
- II. Rybski/Boukhail moved to approve the February 13, 2013 minutes. Passed.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements
 - i. IceCube Talk has been set for April 12, 12-1 colloquium, 8 pm Public Lecture. It was suggested that Francis Halzen would be an ideal speaker if available for the outreach program.
 - ii. Physics 2012-13 CAP requests have been submitted to David Travis.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Nanophysics position search update: The red folder is still at HR. We should hear back soon. [Note: Red folder was picked up and the top three candidates have been contacted on 2/21.]
 - b. Discussion and review of compensation to faculty for student research activities document initially discussed 1/23/13 was postponed.
 - c. It was decided that the entire March 6 department meeting should focus on the student exit interview responses, initially discussed 1/23/13 and how they relate to possible curricular changes. This will be part of the yearly assessment meeting with another assessment meeting to follow.
 - d. Curricular revisions to Major Emphases re. CompSci requirement was postponed.
- V. New Business
 - a. There was discussion of the MFT, GRE, student performance, and how they relate to the Senior Seminar. No conclusion was reached on how to achieve better student performance.
 - b. There was discussion about adding pre-tests to all upper-division courses to provide students an opportunity to remember previous course material in an effort to better link courses. Also, strategies for getting students to read course material such as using pre-flight questions and start of class reading summaries were discussed.

VI. Announcements

- a. The semi-annual Spring All Faculty Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6 at 3:30 pm (location TBA).
- b. Benjamin has been added to the Science Alliance Steering Committee.
- c. MSOE is looking for students interested in Electrical Engineering for their graduate program.

VII. Rybski/Benjamin moved to adjourn at 1:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven
Sahyun

Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton