

# **Mintues**

of the Physics Department meeting  
held Wednesday April 10, 2013 in UH168.

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:13 pm.
- II. Boukahil/Constantinescu moved approval of the April 3, 2013 minutes. The minutes were revised and approved.
- III. Announcements
  - a. Chair's Announcements
    - i. The Audit and Review meeting is set for May 2, 2013 at 11 am in UH 222 Sahyun's Post-Tenure Review meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 12:10 pm in UH168. [Subsequently delayed until April 19, 4:00 pm due to illnesses.]
- IV. Old Business
  - a. There contract for the nanophysics position has been forwarded to the administration and we are waiting for it to be sent out to the selected candidate.
  - b. Benjamin/Rybski moved to adopt the curricular revisions by Sahyun to update the Major Emphases CompSci requirement. The change is CompSci 173 to CompSci 172 or 174 for the following emphases:
    - i. Physics Graduate School Emphasis
    - ii. Physics Engineering Emphasis
    - iii. Physics Industry EmphasisMotion passed.
  - c. There was a continuation of discussion and review of compensation to faculty for student research activities document initially discussed 1/23/13. The document was passed out and modified, but still needs some final details worked out, specifically with respect to overload issues.
- V. New Business
  - a. Action items for the end of the semester meetings were determined to be the following:
    - April 24: Annual Assessment meeting: Review of Exit interviews and student performance.
    - May 1: Review of Self-study
    - May 8: Spring 2014 SchedulingThe following items will need to be discussed during the Fall 2013 meetings:
    - Aug./Sept. Catalog / course changes
    - Meet with Eshelman about organizing Internships
    - Review of courses re. Department Goals
    - Building assessment tools into core courses.

- b. The Physics Scholarships for the 2013 awards were determined to be:

Physics Scholarship: Alexander Fritzler  
Physics 1st year Algebra: Keira Bomkamp  
Physics 1st year Calculus: Kylee Martens

Congratulations to the award winners! The Honors Ceremony and Reception will be April 24, 2013 at 3:30 pm in UC 239.

- c. Demo prep. room transfer and equipment disposal schedule and procedure was discussed. Items in UH154 will be moved to Sahyun and Benjamin Labs. Useful items will then be moved to the new prep. room shelving in UH162. Non-useful items will remain in Sahyun and Benjamin labs for disposal after faculty have had a chance to recover anything deemed worth saving.

#### VI. Other Announcements

- a. On Friday, April 12 there will have a special colloquium by UW-Madison on the Ice Cube research project at 12:05 pm in UH141. There will also be an evening Observatory Lecture for the public in UH141.
- b. Dr. Nawash gave a lecture as part of the Food For Thought Fairhaven Lecture series on Monday, April 8.
- c. Dr. Nawash received a Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium's 2013-2014 Research Infrastructure Program Grant for "Efficiency of Select Solar Cells at High Altitudes Using a Weather Balloon", in the amount of \$4976.

#### VII. Boukahil/Nawash moved to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven  
Sahyun

Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton