

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held Wednesday April 24, 2013 in UH168.

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:07 pm.
- II. Rybski/Boukahil moved approval of the April 10, 2013 minutes. Passed.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements
 - i. The Audit and Review meeting was announced as set for May 2, 2013. The faculty requested the 11 am meeting be moved to UH 141. Boukahil will arrange for a make-up time for his class.
 - ii. Sahyun's Post Tenure Review was held on Friday April 19 at 4:00 pm.
 - iii. The Alumni Contact information list was reviewed by the department for contact and information about our graduates.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Nanophysics position search update, the candidate has received the contract and we are awaiting confirmation that it has been signed and returned to campus. Sahyun left a message with HR on 4/23 to determine the status but no reply has been received yet.
- V. New Business
 - a. Assessment meeting: Sahyun – The compiled Senior Exit Interviews from 2008 to 2012 were reviewed by the faculty. Significant student comments were highlighted and discussed. The comments show a good diversity and structure in our courses and there were many favorable comments about the Physics faculty and the program.
 - b. Assessment meeting: Benjamin – Additional Item Analysis was postponed.
- VI. Other Announcements
 - a. On Friday, April 12 Dr. Paolo Desiati and Megan Madsen from the UW-Madison IceCube Neutrino Observatory provided a colloquium at 12:05 pm in UH141 and a public evening Observatory Lecture at 8:00 pm entitled “From the South Pole to the Edge of the Universe.” There were hands-on activities for the public prior to the talk. About 60 people attended the two very enjoyable talks.
 - b. Dr. Nawash received an Undergraduate Research Program 2013 Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship in the amount of \$483. In addition, each accepted SURF fellow will receive a \$3,500 stipend for the summer and the mentor of the fellow will receive \$2,500.
- VII. Nawash/Boukahil moved to adjourn at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven
Sahyun

Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton