

**SCIENCE AND MATH
DIVISION MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2006**

PRESENT:

Max Simmons	B.J. Higgins	John McMurray
Dennis Anderson	Julian Hilliard	Judy Mee
Marsha Austin	Carl Hirtzel	Cassandra Meek
Kristy Bailey	Greg Holland	Charlotte Mulvihill
Brenda Breeding	Gary Houlette	Charles Nunley
Lisa Buckelew	Virginia Hovda	Chris Oehrlein
Paul Puckelew	Steve Kash	Dave Palkovich
Tamara Carter	Steve Kamm	Ron Scribner
Betty Coleman	Linda Knox	Steve Shore
Courtney Dodd	Paul Lewis	Tad Thurston
Ernest Gobert	Jay Malmstrom	Cheryl Wolfe(mins)
Ken Harrelson	Jim McKenna	

GUESTS:

Eddie Cox

TODD CENTER UPDATE

Eddie reported on the progress of the Todd Center. We are three months ahead of schedule due to the dry and warm weather and also due to the vacating of the division/professor offices ahead of time. Completion should be Fall, 2007. The building should be enclosed by February and water issues should go away by then also. We should end up 6 months ahead of schedule. This is a 9.32 million dollar project and so far, 1.9 million has been spent. Leaks will not be fixed until the building is sealed up around March 1. There is water standing after the current material is removed. The current noise is Bobcats going back and forth to remove this material. It will last approximately 3 weeks. When the building is sealed, where will the water drain? It will drain from the top to the corners and then into the ground, like before using the existing draining system. The new roof has a 16" slope. Max told faculty if the noise is too loud to contact the division office.

INFORMATION ITEMS

All program reviews are in and faculty volunteers will now read and comment on them. Jim DeChenne and Brenda Harrison will be reading next. March division meeting will be with Jim and Brenda.

The FY07 budget was turned in on Monday with 1.8 million being asked for. This includes money for furniture and equipment for labs and

also personnel for labs. We are doubling our space so we need lab personnel. We also asked for one Chemistry, two Biology and one Math faculty person. With higher oil prices, this could be a lean year.

Attached handouts explain the enrollment update. Estimates can be off since the deregistration policy has changed. We had 7% more sections than in the fall.

Spring curriculum proposals are due to Max on Feb. 2, 2006. Physics, Chemistry, Engineering, Nanotechnology and Biotechnology all have changes. Also, the Calculus sequence has changed.

Performance Appraisal packets should be in faculty boxes this week. Appraisal conferences will begin the last week of January by department. Faculty who are new, see Max or your mentor.

OTHER

Charlotte reminded faculty of the InBre Summer internships. There are 12 slots with \$4,000 being paid to each intern. Students will be mentored and spend 8 weeks in a research institution. Applications are online and the deadline is February 15, 2006.

Gary brought up the problem of academic dishonesty in the Testing Center. When whole classes are to take tests in the TC, kids meet outside of the Testing Center and recite the exam to others. The Testing Center was never intended for classroom exams. It's designed for re-tests. Faculty need to make sure adjuncts know the TC should not be used in this way. Instructors should put multiple forms of tests in the TC. Bribery and intimidation of professors should also be addressed and included in academic dishonesty policy.

Steve Kamm informed faculty there are 150 members in the Health Professions Club. Activities include Toys for Tots, the J.D. McCarty Center Easter Egg Hunt and food drives.

The Science Adjunct office has just received new office furniture. It looks a little institutionalized, but efficient. Faculty who have old posters for the walls can contribute those - see the Division Office.

Meeting adjourned.