Minutes of the meeting of the  
Department of Physics  
7 September, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 p.m. at the Memorial Union

Announcements

1. Welcome to Professor Susan Coppersmith who has moved in over the summer. We also welcome Prof. Chang Eom to our meeting.

2. The Retreat (to the Pyle Center) will occur on Saturday, 22 September, beginning at 9:00 am. The topic is to consider changes in the governance structure of the department. It is hoped that we will be finished by 1400. Lunch will be provided.

3. The site visit of the APS committee on Climate is scheduled for Friday 21 September. [Note added in proof: After the events of 11 September, the Committee has cancelled their visit and will reschedule for April. More later]

4. Opportunities are needed to involve undergraduates in research (re: the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program) Information is available in the Department Office.

Actions

1. Delegation of Authority. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to grant authority to:
   i)  the Chair for supplies and capital expenditures.
   ii) the salary committee for recommendations on Salaries.
   iii) the full professors for recommendations on promotion to full professor.

2. Peter Timbie requested the attendance and involvement of the Department in the welcoming activities for the undergrads. There will be a pizza lunch (on the roof of Sterling – weather permitting) at noon on Friday the 21 Sept.) The first colloquium will be the “Find Our People” orientation and presentation.

3. Jean Buehlman reported on Physics courses. Enrollment is significantly higher (+118) in the introductory courses, overall enrollment has increased by 88.
4. Kerry Kresse reported concerning the Physics library journal subscriptions. There is a continuing crisis resulting from substantial increases in the subscription rates (and changes in the packaging of the subscriptions) and the fixed level of commitment by the legislature. A list was circulated of journals indicating the annual cost and the cost per use. There was discussion of the alternatives and consequences of the required reductions.

5. Mark Rzchowski reported the status of the renovation of Chamberlin Hall. The first pass at the plans for the demolition and remodeling (phase I) will be available in the Chair’s office next week. The overall schedule remains unchanged; demolition beginning early in 2002.

6. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to close the meeting (under Wisconsin Statutes) to consider personnel matters.

by D. Reeder