

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held Wednesday November 7, 2012 in UH168.

Present: Benjamin, Boukahil, Rybski, Sahyun

Absent: Nawash (conference), Constantinescu (ill), Doering (medical)

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:43 pm.
- II. Rybski/Benjamin moved to approve the October 22, 2012 minutes. Minutes approved.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements
 - i. Physics budget was reviewed.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Nanophysics position search status update. 3 applications so far; one is complete.
 - b. Further discussion of the Promotions and Tenure document. Benjamin and Boukahil will work on a draft document and will present a draft revision no later than the Nov. 28 meeting.
- V. New Business
 - a. Partners in Education Program: Prospective schools involved: New Glarus and Stoughton. Courses involved 140/141 and possibly 180/181. PIE information at: <http://www.uww.edu/conteduc/pie/sponsor.html>
Faculty are concerned about the amount of time required for approval and maintenance. AP courses currently in place and students who come to Whitewater to take a course seems to be a preferable. Equipment, release time, course quality, and assessment issues were all substantial concerns as it would be a substantial drain on departmental resources.
 - b. Announcements
 - i. The first Observatory Lecture, given by Dr. Daryle Waechter-Brulla on the Age of Life and How Do We Know It, was attended by at least 38 people. This Friday (11/9) will be the second lecture, to be given by Dr. Rex Hanger on The Age of the Earth and How Do We Know It.
 - ii. The Observatory will have an open house from 1:30 – 3:30 pm as part of the Upham Hall Science Day.

- iii. Dr. Constantinescu arranged a trip for 19 physics students as part of the Quantum Mechanics course to FermiLab on Friday, November 2. Dr. Benjamin assisted with the trip.
- iv. Other announcements

VI. Rybski/Boukahil moved to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Sahyun
Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton