

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held Wednesday September 24, 2012 in UH168.

Present: Benjamin, Boukahil (phone), Constantinescu, Doering, Nawash, Rybski (Skype), Sahyun

- I. Call to order at 5:49 pm.
- II. Rybski/Benjamin moved approval of the Sept. 10 and Sept 19 minutes. Minor edits to the minutes were made. Motion approved.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements. Fall commencement: Constantinescu, Rybski, Sahyun;
Spring commencement: Nawash, Benjamin, Sahyun
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Nanophysics position
 - i. Broaden the search term in the advertisement to read “The applicant must have a Ph.D. in experimental nanophysics or nanotechnology; post-doctoral experience is desirable.”
 - ii. Status of the red folder was discussed.
 - iii. The search committee will consist of: Benjamin, Boukahil, Constantinescu, Nawash, Rybski and Sahyun.
 - iv. Procedure and evaluation criteria such as ranking spreadsheet, phone interview ranking, weighting between application and interviews, and communication protocols with candidates will be created before review of applications. These issues will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - b. Suggestion of having a “Variable Topic” course vs. the special topics: “PHYSCS 496 Special Studies”. The special topics option was decided to be preferable, even though it requires more paperwork, because the topic title appears in the transcript.
 - c. Display Monitor for Physics Office, a computer monitor was preferred over a TV. Size similar to that in Chemistry would be preferred.
- V. New Business
 - a. Announcements
 - i. “Gasland” talk by Josh Fox on Monday October 1, 2012, 7 pm. Students can talk in Hyland 1300 from 3:45 – 4:30.

- ii. UWW Physics Alumni Mike Paquette is providing this week's colloquium.
- iii. 3rd annual Nanophysics symposium will be on October 12. Link will be posted on the Physics Home page.
- iv. Whitewater Middle School will be observing at the observatory to watch the moon on September 29.

VI. Constantinescu/Rybski moved to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Sahyun
Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton