

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held Wednesday December 5, 2012 in UH168.

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

- I. Call to order at 5:40 pm.
- II. Rybski/Benjamin moved to approve the November 28, 2012 minutes. Minutes passed.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements
 - i. Physics 180/181 textbook prices and student purchases.
 - ii. Sahyun contacted iCIT about purchasing a department printer.
 - iii. Lab room clean-up.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Nanophysics position search status update.
 - b. Course Rotation Schedule. Fall 2013 schedule planning. Course rotation schedule and load planning was discussed. It was determined that there is sufficient instructor availability to teach PHYSCS 425 Quantum Mechanics on a yearly basis in the Fall semesters as well as opening up a third section of PHYSCS 130. For Fall 2013, upper division courses of note will be PHYSCS 424 Vibrations and Waves (TBA), PHYSCS 425 Quantum Mechanics (Boukahil), and PHYSCS 496 Special Topics: Materials Science (Nawash).
 - c. A discussion about the CompSci requirement for Physics majors was emailed and responses indicate a preference for changing the unique requirement listing for majors (for example):

From:

Unique requirements - 28 Units

1. Chem 102, 104, Math 255, Math 361, CompSci 347, ITBE 141, and Account 244.

To:

Unique requirements - 28 Units

1. Chem 102, 104, Math 255, Math 361, ITBE 141, and Account 244.
2. Choose one: CompSci 347, CompSci 172, or CompSci 174

- V. New Business

- a. By department accord, Benjamin will be Department Chair beginning Fall 2013.

VI. Announcements

- i. The Whitewater Observatory Lecture given by Dr. Bob Benjamin on December 2, entitled "How Old is the Galaxy and How Do We Know It?", was attended by 75 people. It was recorded and will be available, both as a video and as a PPT.
- ii. The last Whitewater Observatory Lecture will be by Dr. Timbie on December 9 and will be called "How Old is the Universe and How Do We Know It?"
- iii. Benjamin presented a colloquium lecture, "Red Clump Mapping of the Milky Way Galaxy", on Tuesday, Dec 4, for the Astronomy Department at Indiana University.
- iv. Nawash presented a talk "Crystal Growth: Science, Engineering and Art" on November 6 at UW-LaCrosse.
- v. Other announcements – Next department meeting will be at 4:15 Wednesday, Dec. 12.

VII. Constantinescu/Benjamin moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven
Sahyun

Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton