

# Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting  
held Wednesday February 13, 2013 in UH168.

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 12:10 pm.
- II. Benjamin/Rybski moved to approve the January 30, 2013 minutes. Approved with minor edits.
- III. Announcements
  - a. Chair's Announcements
    - i. A trial multi-meter has arrived to try in department labs.
    - ii. Reviewing book chapters is an excellent service item and reflects well on the department.
    - iii. Digital Measures and on-line portfolio issues were discussed.
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Nanophysics position search update: The on-campus candidate interview list has been submitted to the Dean and HR.
  - b. There was a continuation of the discussion and review of compensation to faculty for student research activities document initially discussed 1/23/13. Some revisions were suggested and Benjamin will work on a revised draft.
  - c. Student exit interview responses, initially discussed 1/23/13 and how they relate to possible curricular changes was postponed.
  - d. Curricular revisions to Major Emphases re. CompSci requirement is in process, documents for review should be available next week.
  - e. A PHYSCS 330 revision to the pre-req to be only PHYSCS 221 was approved.
  - f. Equipment items and CAP requests are in progress and a list will be submitted to Assoc. Dean Travis this week.
  - g. Physics SCH/FTE data was distributed for review.
- V. Announcements
  - a. Bob Benjamin gave an hour-long talk on the structure of the Milky Way at the annual banquet of the Madison Astronomical Society in Middleton, WI on Friday, February 8.
- VI. Rybski/Boukahil moved to adjourn at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven  
Sahyun

Secretary of the day

cc: Dean Pinkerton