

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held on Friday, December 04, 2020 at 4:00 pm via Webex

<https://uww.webex.com/uww/j.php?MTID=mb7d0ab88aebeac1270a039672e49ab89>

Present: Bob Benjamin, Abdelkrim Boukahil, Juliana Constantinescu, Steven Sahyun, Martin Tchernookov, John Klinger, Tom Hall

Absent: Jalal Nawash (furlough)

1. Call to order at 4:05 pm
2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from November 20, 2020. Boukahil/Constantinescu
3. New Business
 - a. Assessment review. Two students have taken the ETS Physics MFT assessment exam. No Lab Assessments have been done in the Spring or the Fall due to COVID. We may have an additional meeting in the Spring to review any assessment criteria and review any Exit interviews.
 - b. Student and Course Enrollment Update. Sahyun and Filipiak will contact students who have the potential to enroll in classes.
 - c. Recruiting Students. Sent letters to accepted students. (Sahyun/Tchernookov/Yavuzcetin) [UWW Faculty Senate email 11/29/20]
4. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements:
 - i. Informational updates: Next Department Meeting: January 13, 3-4 pm. (tentative)
 - b. Other Announcements
 - i. Friday 12/04/20 at 7:30pm there is a special on-line Whitewater Observatory Lecture given by the new director of NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, UW-W alumnus Dr. Pat Slane! Join the webex meeting to hear the story of how a UW-Whitewater graduate came to be the director of a major NASA facility and what kind of science this telescope is capable of!
<https://uww.webex.com/uww/onstage/g.php?MTID=e8dae5ae53c5beb127cf4d779d0008820>
 - ii. Story about alumnus Pat Slane being named director of Chandra is now published: <https://www.uww.edu/news/archive/2020-12-nasa-alum> and has started to be picked up regionally
<https://www.dailyunion.com/announcements/uw-whitewater-physics->

[alumnus-heads-nasa-observatory/article_4aeaaede-15d4-5db7-a16f-cf1fae4f9df4.html](https://www.uww.edu/documents/foundation/article_4aeaaede-15d4-5db7-a16f-cf1fae4f9df4.html)

- iii. UWW News: Elmer Redford Lab. Thanks to a generous contribution from an UW–Whitewater alumnus a tutorial lab in the Mary Poppe Chrisman Center has been named in honor of noted alumnus **Dr. Elmer Redford**, who earned a B.S. in physics education in 1959 and later taught physics at UW-Whitewater from 1966 to 1993.
<https://www.uww.edu/documents/foundation/News%20releases/Redford%20Success%20Center%20Room%20Release%2011.9.2020.pdf?bbblinkid=245139269&bbemailid=25790161&bbejrid=1726580608>
- iv. Nawash – Virtual Presentation for Pre-Colege Program Studnets in collaboration with Pre-College Program: “Nano Science and NanoTechnology” on November 28, 2020.

5. Adjourn at 4:50 pm. Benjamin/Boukahil

Submitted by Steven Sahyun, Secretary of the Day.