

Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting
held on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm via Webex

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

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm
2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from February 17, 2020. Constantinescu/Nawash
 - b. Physics Website development updates:
<http://webqa.uww.edu/cls/departments/physics/physics-test#Home>
 - c. Sharing of Personal Profile Pages, include pictures and videos.
 - d. Physics Advisory Council. Initial Suggestions for members include: Pat Slane, David Grierson, Alex Kubicek, Michael Dorn-Reed, Cody Watson, Generac rep., Dan Keiser (Beloit School Superintendent ('98)), Jake Jarzynski, Chase Sutherland
 - e. Fall semester courses and labs.
3. New Business – none.
4. Announcements
 - a. Chair's Announcements:
 - i. After spring break, classes will return to same modality as they are currently. There should be an announcement about this soon.
 - ii. Expected scholarship awards for spring: Physics Excellence: \$1040, Prucha: \$1250, Upham (shared between STEM): \$370, Fok (shared between STEM): \$5030.
 - iii. There is an indefinite travel moratorium in effect.
 - iv. Department chair evaluations and comments for Dean.
 - v. Student Progress Reports. See email about and please complete student progress reports.
 - b. Other Announcements
 - i. Yavuzcetin was awarded a U.S. Patent (US 10,796,603) entitled: "Apparatus for Demonstrating Mechanical Impedance" for his discovery covering the modified Newton's cradle device. The patent was applied through WiSys.
 - ii. Benjamin presented an on-line talk for the Cosmostatistics Initiative, an international organization of astronomers and statisticians ([ocosmostatistics-](#)

initiative.org) on Mon, Feb 15: “The Milky Way Galaxy: What Is Wrong With This Picture?”

5. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm. Constantinescu/Benjamin

2020-21 Department Meeting Topic List:

- i. 200918 Progress of, and support for, Physics majors.
- ii. 200925 Review of spring Proof
- iii. 201002 Student Welcome Event
- iv. 201009 Hyflex, Hybrid, and remote class tips and techniques share.
- v. 201016 Tchernookov Review
- vi. 201023 TEAM-UP and related items
- vii. 201030 No meeting - Observatory Tour (FP&M)
- viii. 201106 TEAM-UP survey responses and related items
- ix. 201113 Meet with Transfer Coordinator (Lindsey Radloff)
- x. 201120 General Information updates.
- xi. 201204 Assessments (MFT, Labs)
- xii. 200113 Fall 2021 planning
- xiii. 200127 Fall planning cont.
- xiv. 200210
- xv. 200217 Physics Website/Promotion/Advisory Council

Additional topics ideas as time allows:

- xvi. Physics Advisory Council (sub-committee, email)
- xvii. Course Evaluation Review and revision (sub-committee; email)
- xviii. Meet with Admissions
- xix. Department Website
- xx. Department Promo Lit
- xxi. Department Outreach
- xxii. Scholarships / Internships

Submitted by Steven Sahyun, Secretary of the Day.