

# Minutes

of the Physics Department meeting  
held on Wednesday, March 03, 2021 at 4:00 pm via Webex

<https://uww.webex.com/uww/j.php?MTID=mc69d8d6aa5744dba39b135419a48b15e>

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 4:05 pm.
2. Old Business
  - a. Approval of minutes from February 24, 2020. Constantinescu/Yavuzcetin.
  - b. Physics Website updates:
    - i. Sahyun: changes to main page <https://www.uww.edu/cls/departments/physics> and test site at <http://webqa.uww.edu/cls/departments/physics/physics-test#Home> . Need to promote engineering opportunities on our Web site. Benjamin will work on some text to add. Also need to promote the Rock County campus online offerings.
    - ii. Yavuzcetin: Document with useful physics pictures created on the physics shared drive.
3. New Business
  - a. Benjamin will be Physics Department Chair starting Fall 2021. Sahyun and Benjamin will share the Department Chair duties during Summer 2021.
  - b. There was a discussion on the need for Updating Promotional Materials, especially the Physics program card. Nawash and Sahyun will work on updates.
4. Announcements
  - a. Chair's Announcements:
    - i. Next meeting: scholarships. Including Dahle Family Endowment. Curricular change proposals regarding Chemistry unique course requirements.
    - ii. A vaccine "Proof of Eligibility 1B Status" form is available through the Covid-19 Hotline at 262-472-1362. This form can only be provided to employees who have direct contact with students. It is a quick process, Sahyun called in and it took about 1 minute to request the form by phone and it arrived in less than 30 min.
  - b. Other Announcements
    - i. Sahyun and Yavuzcetin: "Welcome to Whitewater Physics department letters" sent out to over 40 students who have been accepted to UW-Whitewater. Nawash suggested we send a follow-up email to the students in two weeks.

- ii. Benjamin served as an event supervisor on Feb 27, 2021 for the Science Olympiad Badger Invitational (<https://scilympiad.com/wi-badger>). He ran the on-line competition for Simple Machines (Division B, Middle School) and Compound Machines (Division C, High School).
- iii. Sahyun organized many parts of the Fort Atkinson Virtual Science Fair held February 12-14 online at: <http://www.fasciencefair.org>
- iv. Nawash: Coordinated presentations for the WisSYS Quick Pitch Competition March.

5. Adjourn at 4:40 pm. Boukahil/Constantinescu.

#### 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. 210113 Fall 2021 planning
- xiii. 210127 Fall planning cont.
- xiv. 210210
- xv. 210217 Physics Website/Promotion/Advisory Council
- xvi. 210224 Website development.
- xvii. 210303 Department Chair

Additional topics ideas as time allows:

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

Submitted by Steven Sahyun, Secretary of the Day.