

Loyola University Chicago
Center for Urban Environmental Research and Policy
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 18, 2008

In Attendance

Blake Anderson, David Crumrine, Marshall Eames, David Goldblatt, John Kelly, Dan Larkin, Shane Lishawa, Chris Peterson, Bryan Pickett, Martina Schmeling, Nancy Tuchman, and Alison Varty

Due to a fire drill conducted during this afternoon's meeting, several agenda items were not discussed. The agenda items not discussed will be presented at the February 2008 CUERP monthly meeting.

CUERP Director Search Update

The second targeted candidate, Dr. Alan Steinman visited Loyola University Chicago's Lake Shore campus for two days of interviews on January 15-16, 2008. Following up, the CUERP Director Search Committee will request feedback on the candidates from the Biology Department faculty members, and all those that met and interviewed with the two targeted candidates. Further developments of the search will be announced when available.

CUERP Interdisciplinary Graduate Program

The CUERP STEP program provides a rigorous, exploratory environmental interdisciplinary learning opportunity at Loyola University Chicago. At the outcome of the fall 2007 semester, the faculty and students involved in the fall 2007 STEP program expressed the need for an environmental graduate program that is interdisciplinary in nature where students can develop and implement projects that promote sustainability. Following a spirited discussion at today's meeting, CUERP will form an exploratory task force to determine the feasibility of creating an interdisciplinary CUERP graduate program.

CUERP Undergraduate Research Fellow Presentations

CUERP designed the Undergraduate Research Fellows Program for Loyola students to have opportunities to conduct research on the environment and human health in the Chicago region. Five students are awarded the fellowship each year and conduct research in the summer or for one academic year with a CUERP faculty mentor. The deadline for proposals for this academic year is March 1, 2008 and applications were available at the meeting.

Michael and Dorothy Carbon Undergraduate Research Scholars Program Awards

CUERP is managing the Dorothy and Michael Carbon Scholarship Program. The program is open to undergraduate students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Statistics or Physics. Recipients of this competitive scholarship will conduct research for two years, beginning in the fall semester of her/his junior year and will end in May of the senior year. The projects are to be interdisciplinary in scope and students are strongly encouraged to have more than one faculty mentor. The deadline for proposals for this academic year is March 1, 2008 and applications were available at the meeting.

Seminar: *Negotiating the Environmental/Organismal Interface: Temperature and Robust Embryogenesis*

Today's seminar was presented by Loyola faculty member F. Bryan Pickett, Associate Professor, Department of Biology.

Meeting adjourned.