

Department of Chemistry
Faculty Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2006

Present: Babler, Ballicora, Baude, Becker, Boerger, Chiarelli, Crumrine (Chair), Daubenmire, Dias, Fitch, Freitas, Graham, Hall (Adm Asst), Herlinger, Olsen, Szpunar, Thomas
Absent: Florian, and Schmeling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF March 30, 2006 (April Meeting)

The minutes were approved.

CHAIRPERSONS ANNOUNCEMENTS: DR. DAVID CRUMRINE

Congratulations!

- **Everyone!** Yesterday, **Rick Holz accepted the offer to be Chair of Chemistry!** Thank you to the committee members Drs. Freitas, Olsen and Schmeling.
- **Martina Schmeling** Fellowship for fall semester from CUERP.
- **Ken Olsen** will take his leave in the Fall at UIUC
- **Misty Kuhn & Miguel Ballicora** for presenting at the ASBMB meeting in San Francisco.
- **Cassaretto Scholarship** \$5,000.00 #1 Andrius Lescauskas #2 Michael Ting
- **Fuchs Scholarship** \$1,500 Kenneth Ting
- **Fr. Morrissey Medals** Diane Flasch, (Frosh), Andrius Lescauskas (soph) Moses Park (Jr.)
- **Analytical Chemistry Award** Nicholas Scalzitti (Rome)
- **CRC Press Award** Brandon Wisinski

Thank you!

- **Everyone** for completing Course Evaluations and for helping with Departmental Review!
- **Carol** for already processing the TCE numbers.
- **Babler, Ballicora, & Olsen** for coming to the Student Spaghetti Dinner last evening.
- **Eugene and Jen Dulle** for setting up the Spaghetti Dinner last evening.
- **Everyone** for helping Denise plan for summer and fall registration.
- **Carol, Julie, and Denise** for accommodating the many requests for summer school seats.
- **Prakash, Jack, Kieran Normyle** for helping with the Chemistry Olympiad on April 21.
- **Paul Chiarelli & K. Olsen** for submitting CCLI-NSF proposal for microbore HPLC system.
- **Ken** for submitting GAANN proposal which was rejected. We have too few research opportunities!
- **Patrick Daubenmire** for all your help teaching General Chemistry. We will miss you for 3 years.

Events:

- Friday May 5 - last day of class.
- Sat. May 6 Cumulative Exam at 1 pm ACS Section Scholarship Exam FH-133
- Final Exams May 8-9 Future Exam Schedules should change
- Study Day May 10 and Mulcahy Research Students poster Displays
- Final Exams May 11-12 – *Dr. Fitch reported that the University is preparing a new final exam grid which will have no more than two exams a day.*
- Friday Gibbs Medal Ceremony and Award. Jacquie Barton “DNA Charge Transport Chemistry and Biology” Chateau Rand, Des Plaines, IL,
- Monday 15 May- Departmental Final exam makeup day.
- Tuesday 16 May Chemometrics Workshop sponsored by Chicago SAS Student fee \$30, faculty \$100. More information fswiecinski@nalco.com
- Thur May 18 Graduate School Commencement 4 pm Gentile Center
- Thur May 18 8 pm CAS Honors Convocation, Gentile Center
- Fri. May 19 4 pm. CAS Science Graduation Gentile Center
- May 31-June 2 Great Lakes Regional Meeting in Milwaukee.
- July 10-14 9th ISJACHEM Meeting
- July 10-14 AP Chemistry Teachers Workshop Ann Levinson and Jonathan Glassner
- July 31 – Aug 1 Biennial Conference on Chem. Edn. Purdue

- Monday 4 September Labor Day
- Sept. 10-14 ACS National Meeting San Francisco, CA

Administrative Issues:

- 1) Summer School starts May 22.
- 2) Memorial Day celebrated 29 May No CLASSES. University and office closed.
- 3) Julie Petry will be gone 12 June through 15 August
- 4) Konstantin Laufer is leaving the Graduate School and returning to Computer Science Dept.
- 5) David Slavsky is stepping down as Associate Dean. See announcement for Associate Dean for Resources etc.
- 6) Fall New Graduate Week with Safety Meeting for TAs and Faculty-21 August MSDS Shortcut on lab & office computers.
- 7) Classes begin Monday 28 August 2006
- 8) Suggested course sequences spreadsheets will be posted on Chem Web site for advising.
- 9) Lab sections may be reduced in the Fall of 06.
- 10) We have two Gen Chem lecture sections open and 21 Lab 'slots' open for fall.
- 11) Disaster Planning MEMO and Blackboard training sessions over summer. *Dr. Herlinger suggested we post one lecture per course vs per section.*
- 12) Shower overflow in FH-406 tied to facilities checking.
- 13) Two tenure track positions approved for next year.
- 14) New Summer School Policy <http://www.sba.luc.edu/undergrad/forms/summerschoolpetition.cfm>

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Faculty Council – Dr. Fitch

Faculty Council has proposed a new policy: Faculty Council directs the Research UPC to set up and prominently communicate procedures by which departments can set reasonable work loads for graduate students and by which departments can support undergraduate research. See the following for details

<http://www.luc.edu/resources/faccouncil/minutes/April06.pdf>

The shared governance process was discussed regarding Faculty Council being the only elective body representing faculty and that Faculty Affairs may become a subsidiary of Academic Council. Dr. Olsen replied that he believes the members of Faculty Affairs would be very positive about changes to the current set up.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Graduate Program – Dr. Olsen

We did not get the GAANN – the major reason was that our program is too small to provide a large enough variety of research experiences to be awarded the GAANN grant.

We have several labs without TAs to cover them. We have reached the point where we don't have enough people who are qualified to TA. Dr. Fitch suggests we inform the Dean via letter to address the issue.

We will be able to take one additional Ph.D. student in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Babler spoke for the department and thanked Dr. Crumrine for serving as Chair these past four years.

Adjournment: 12.40