

Department of Chemistry
Faculty Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2005

Present: Babler, Ballicora, Baude, Becker, Chiarelli, Crumrine (Chair), Daubenmire, Dias, Florian, Freitas, Graham, Hall (Secretary), Olsen, Schmeling, Szpunar, and Thomas

Absent: Boerger, Fitch, and Herlinger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF October 6, 2005

The minutes were approved with one correction.

Chairpersons Announcements: Dr. David Crumrine

Congratulations!

- **Amanda Ziegler, Sweda Joshi, and Dan Becker** for completing the Chicago Marathon!
- **Carl Moore** has paper accepted in J. Chem. Ed.

Thank you!

- **All of you** for returning the US News and World Report Chemistry Department Evaluations.
- **Miguel Ballicora and Dan Becker** for working with Tom Fitzpatrick to get equipment from Michael Reese.
- **Mary Baude** for helping with the LU Open House on Saturdays 15 & 29.
- **Angie Boerger** for working on pH is pHun at Chemistry day 15 October.
- **Paul Chiarelli** for submitting grant to the Army.
- **Patrick Daubenmire, Carole Szpunar, and Mary** for working on Department Assessment Plan
- **David Crumrine and Alanah Fitch** for serving on CUERP Advisory Board.
- **Jan Florian & Ken Olsen** for arranging the MECC for Saturday 8 October in Flanner Hall.
- **Dan Graham** for attending the LU open House on Saturday 15 October.
- **Carol Grimm** for preparing **TCE sheets**. Please use them early so that they are ready for evaluations!
- **Martina Schmeling, Duarte Freitas, & Ken** for serving on Chair Selection Committee
- **Ken** for writing the draft of the BS/MS program paper and working on the GAANN proposal.
- **Alanah, Dan G, & Ken** for reviewing the draft of the Departmental Review response. Please think about possible reviewers.
- **Tim Thomas** for correcting the Departmental Web site before 17 October, for initial draft of Dept. Newsletter, and for working on Radial Chromatography for Chemistry Day.

Safety Notes:

- 1) Do NOT move Cylinders without covering the valve with a steel top!
- 2) Continue to use the Waste Disposal Check-off sheets.

Events:

- Fri Nov 4. 12-5 pm Internship and Job Fair Gentile Center (Please announce to your classes.)
- Sat. Nov 5 Cumulative Exam and CANMRDG at Abbott Labs
- Mon Nov 7 Amos Smith speaking at U of Chicago
- Tue Nov 8 "[FROM THE MOLECULAR TO THE SPECTACULAR](#): Spectroscopy at the Art Institute of Chicago" Dr. Francesca Casadio, A. W. Mellon Conservation Scientist (The Art Institute of Chicago), Steve's Steakhouse, Elmhurst
- Fri. Nov 11 GSO Breakfast in FH-129 8-10 am
- Mon. Nov 14 Spring Registration Begins
- Wed. Nov 16 2-3 pm Meet Dr. Samuel Attoh Graduate Dean McCormick Lounge, Coffery Hall
- Thur. Nov 17 4-6 pm Hussey Lounge, Dean's Reception for Authors (**PLEASE Submit your papers for this event.**)

- Fri. Nov. 18 ACS Section Meeting at LU, Please submit Research Posters for display that evening by 5 pm.
- Rudy Baum "Editing the Newsmagazine of the Chemical World"
- Wed Nov. 23- to Sun Nov 27 Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Wed. Nov 30 Deadline for Staff Recognition Nominations. *Dr. Freitas requested additional information.*

Opportunity:

- BS/MS job at Abbott doing HPLC work.

Future:

- Thur. 1 Dec. Next faculty meeting – I. Crawford and S. Attoh to attend.
- Friday 9 Dec. Last day of Class & ACS Section Holiday Meeting! Chuck Casey, Willowbrook Holiday Inn
- Friday 16 Dec Dept. Christmas Party-Piper Hall

Administrative Issues:

1. Bert wants your picture for the Personnel board -you know who you are.
2. Study Day 14 December
3. Final Exams Dec 12, 13, 15, 16, 17.
4. Spring Semester begins Tuesday 17 January 2006
5. Spring Break Suns. March 5-12, 2006
6. Departmental Program review planning.
7. Spring Schedule http://www.luc.edu/academics/schedules/spring/academic_calendar.shtml
8. Journal Cancellations at LUHS <http://library.luhs.org/journalnews.htm> *Dr. Olsen sees a problem with this. Send complaints to Meris Mandernach ext. 88409 or e-mail mmander@luc.edu*

Committee Reports

Graduate Program Committee – Dr. Olsen

- BS/MS Program – Our plan is to propose undergraduates be allowed to use two advanced undergraduate chemistry courses toward a masters degree thereby allowing students to finish the program in five years. Students working toward the non-thesis option will take six graduate courses. Students working toward the thesis option will take three graduate courses and nine hours of research. We hope to get this program approved this year.

Graduate Council Report – Dr. Olsen

- Professional Masters Degrees - There is a push for collaboration with the School of Professional Training (Mundelein College) for professional masters degrees (masters degrees aimed at people in industry that are more targeted than say a masters in chemistry). The suggested program was a Masters in Medicinal Chemistry. The concept from the graduate school is that we would teach this in part with the Pharmacology Dept at the Medical School. The Dean is anxious to see something like this happen.
- Department Review – Dr. Olsen served as the graduate school's monitor for the History Program Review. It is clear that the outside reviewers helped the History Department significantly by saying that the department needs these resources which strengthens History's argument to the administration. To reiterate what Dr. Crumrine said in his announcements, picking our reviewers is critical.

New Business

- Department Chair – Every member of the Chemistry Department is encouraged to give their view on each candidate. The selection committee will recommend nominees to the Dean and upper administration.

- Incident regarding Tim Thomas' class – A sign was placed on the auditorium door announcing Tim Thomas' class was cancelled, but Tim did not cancel the class. The incident was reported to security. Dr. Crumrine suggests professors announce to the class that no classes are cancelled unless it is announced verbally or e-mailed to the students from the professor. Our department rarely cancels classes.

Old Business

Flanner Hall Auditorium – Dr. Schmeling

Please be considerate of others and remember to follow the procedures, posted on the desk, regarding the auditorium computer. It is suggested to leave a laser pointer in the drawer as well as a flashlight.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:40