

Physics/Engineering Department meeting, February 2015

Agenda:

Attendees:					
X	Malcolm Rickard	X	Martin Mason	X	Phil Wolf
X	Daniel Anderson	X	M. Zahir Khan	X	Karen Schnurbusch
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Item			Notes		
Announcements			<p>Phil approved for sabbatical, two semesters</p> <p>Computers: old set and new set in bldg. 11.</p> <p>Officially “Salvage” old set but keep them for student research. Find a place to store old ones.</p> <p>Give cart back to Karen L. and Dave D.</p> <p>Phil checked out The Expert TA, much richer/powerful and more useful than WebAssign.</p> <p>Less costly than MasteringPhysics.</p> <p>No calculus, not recommended for 4A.</p> <p>Online for Engineering costs getting out of hand.</p> <p>Martin Closed on a new house, in Pamona.</p> <p>Malcolm is in Pirates of Penzance community theater.</p>		
Lab stuff			<p>Formalize student roles...</p> <p>Students say working more than hours reflect, unstructured.</p> <p>Trent between 7:30-4:30.</p> <p>Computer science has scheduled MWF class, during an alternative block that conflicts with schedules of student workers (+ other engineering students)</p> <p>Plan: Every Friday, Trent will check and send out status on Friday.</p> <p>Matt has agreed to keep Trent for as long as it takes to open full time permanent position.</p> <p>Department has not enough resources.</p> <p>Trent needs a new computer.</p> <p>What happened to the rolling white boards? Along with other POs, this PO was lost when a temporary employee in Purchasing was dismissed.</p>		
New Faculty position			<p>We do have new position. Combined P&E. Phil, Karen, Dan and Martin will form Hiring committee.</p> <p>Idea will be that this person will be involved in creating new classes.</p>		
Faculty Senate Report			<p>Karen will serve as faculty senator.</p>		

Faculty Association Report	Normal negotiations, calendar stuff. Phil will represent.
Notes from chair's meetings SLOs	Division supports model of offering no more classes than we can actually staff, and not opening up sections until an instructor is actually lined up to teach that section. Laptops and stuff came, Vernier equipment. Department will work to maintain compliance. Adjuncts will be informed that SLO evals are part of the job (by chair). Can Karen get TrakDat data.
SPS/Robotics club Events	Students are current league champs in NTMA got a big trophy. This weekend, big VEX competition, thank you Daniel. May qualify for world. Invite students. Robotics Team students also went to Collegewood this morning. Gearing up for Easter competition. AUVSI (Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International) big competition in Colorado.
SI's	There are three, all will be assigned to 2A classes. 3 rd to Daniel We're not satisfied with students serving so many math and so few physics. Talk to Bailey?
Parity	PS9 approved for Summer. It can not have parity until Fall. Revisions to Energy Science did not get approval at C&I. It needs to have the new English Prerequisite verified by the English Department Chair. P1 approved for parity for Spring.
Appropriate Class Schedule for fall	ENGR 1C will be offered in Spring. Department feels strongly that the appropriate class size for Statics & Dynamics is 30 seats.
4A honors?	There will be no 4A honors class.
Eng-Dynamics statics room redesign	Budget for new software, 'Inventor'. Can we look at cost to have lights at the front of the other rooms?
Anything else?	
Schedule for our next meeting	Friday March 27 th , 2:30

