

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Departmental Meeting Monday November 22nd, 2010 12:30 P.M.

In Attendance: Derek Thorkelson (Chair), Bonnie Karhukangas (Secretary), Diana Allen, Robbie Dunlop, Cindy Hansen, Doug Stead, Brent Ward, Glyn Williams-Jones, John Clague, Matt Plotnikoff, Shahin Dashtgard, James MacEachern, John Mayer (Undergrad Rep), Andy Calvert, Dan Gibson, Tarja Vaisanen, Gwenn Flowers.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to Approve Minutes of September 27th, 2010 and October 18th, 2010: G. Williams-Jones, Seconded: D. Allen. Unanimous.

2. **Chair's Report – D. Thorkelson**

- Terms of Reference Review: defined the wording on the terms of reference
- Dean of Science Visit: Claire Cupples will be coming for a department tour on Tues Nov 23 from 2-3pm followed by coffee with faculty and students.
- STATOIL: Nov 25 visit
- President Visit: Andrew Petter will be coming to our next department meeting Nov 29. He will most likely ask each faculty/staff for a brief description of themselves/work

3. **Facebook**

- Should the department consider a facebook page to keep in touch with adjunct, alumni, students. It was discussed that there were issues regarding the ability to make comments and if it could be possible to turn that option off, as well as the time to maintain/update.

4. **DAC Update**

- Teaching and learning taskforce would like reps from dept's involved – Cindy & Robbie?
- Equity Committee – Has been established to ensure new hires are dealt with equality (gender/Canadian etc)

5. **New Adjunct Proposal** (closed meeting)

- Davide Elmo has been proposed as a new adjunct for the department.
- Motion to Approve: D. Stead, Seconded: D. Allen. Unanimous.*

6. **Motion to Adjourn** *Unanimous*

Meeting ended at 2:05p.m.