

DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

Departmental Meeting

Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at 10:30 am

In attendance:

Andy Calvert, Kevin Cameron, Shahin Dashtgard, Robbie Donald, Brendan Dyck, Dan Gibson, Cindy Hansen, Derek Thorkelson, Eileen van der Flier-Keller, Brent Ward (Chair), Glyn Williams-Jones, Tarja Vaisanen, Matt Plotnikoff, Bonnie Karhukangas, Laura Desaunoy (Grad Rep)

Excused: Diana Allen, Dirk Kirsste, James MacEachern, Doug Stead, Gwenn Flowers

1. **Approval of Past Minutes:**

Motion to approve minutes of September 18th, 2017 G. Williams-Jones, Seconded: D. Thorkelson

Approved unanimously with amendments

2. **Chair's Report:**

- i. Welcome to Brendan Dyck
- ii. Shahin Dashtgard was unsuccessful in getting on the Faculty of Science search committee

3. **Department Review/Curriculum Review/5Year Plan:**

- i. A poll has been circulated for possible dates for the review
- ii. Brent has received some suggestions for reviewers – please submit any further names for consideration (note: having the reviewer web link included is helpful)

iii. Derek did a presentation on selection of reviewers:

- It would be good time to have us rebrand the Department rather than usual 2 stream division.
- Suggestion that we could come up with 3 categories that the faculty would be able to self-identify in at least 2 of them.
- Derek suggested possible title “Earth Evolution from Modern to Ancient with the following two possible suggestions:

Deep Earth	Geochemistry
Surface	Sediment, Ice, Water
Water, Ice and Atmosphere	Structure and Hazards

DISCUSSION – whole department:

- we need to evolve our department, and should plan for the future (possible retirements)
- we need to show the reviewers that we are a very well rounded department offering a variety and full coverage of Earth Sciences
- we are good at teaching and research and we should be looking at highlighting both
- if a possible 4th reviewer is used suggestion that it could be in the teaching faculty category
- clarification of each category should be defined to reviewers
- we should definitely have the 2.5 day option for the review
- we should stick within the Faculty of Science for internal reviewers.

iv. The categories need to be determined – the following were some category suggestions:

Structure and Deep Earth
Hazards

Earth Surface Processes
Resource Geology
Fluid Rock Interactions
Hazards and Earth Processes
Geochemistry, and Fluid Rock Interactions
Learning and Public Engagement
Earth Science Education
Experiential Learning

The following categories achieved consensus:

Geochemistry and Fluid-Rock Interactions

Structure and Deep Earth

Hazards and Earth Surface Processes

Experiential Learning and Public Engagement

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimous

Meeting ended at: 11:34am