

# DEPARTMENT OF EARTH SCIENCES

## Departmental Meeting

Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Desauvoy (Grad Rep)

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

1. **Approval of Past Minutes:**

*Motion to approve minutes of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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