



Center for Marine Science Fall Faculty Meeting  
August 29, 2016 4:00pm  
Minutes  
70 in Attendance

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1. Welcome (Posey)
  - Introduced new Executive Assistant, Crystal Helms
  - Re-Introduced Program Assistant, Brittani Blizzard
2. Marine Science Cluster Hires (Dean Volety)
  - Received 4 “cluster hire” positions related to Marine Science, 3 going through CAS
    - Positions are open rank; no pre-determine workload policy
    - Dean did not pre-determined which department will receive position
    - Will rely on Posey and FAC/CAC committees to help determine workload and the expertise are for the new hire(s).
  - Requests for research & travel grants need to be submitted to Deans office. Decision will be made by October.
3. PhD in Integrative Coastal and Marine Sciences (Dean Vetter)
  - Submitted Appendix A: Request to Plan a New Degree Program was unanimously approved by the UNC Graduate Council on August 3, 2016. The joint UNCW/ECU committee continues to work on Appendix C: Request to Establish a New Degree Program with plans to share and ask for faculty feedback in the next month or so. Expected implementation date of Fall 2017. New cluster hires not associated with Ph.D. program.
    - Committee Members: Doug Gamble, Alison Taylor, Dylan McNamara, Mark Imperial, Kathy Browder, and Steve Skrabal – Lynn Leonard and Martin Posey were involved.
  - Other Graduate programs up for UNC-GA approval
    - MS in Data Science – Fall 2017
    - BA in Digital Arts – Fall 2017
    - MS in Business Analytics – Fall 2018
    - MS in Finance and Investment Management – Fall 2018
    - MA in Film Studies – Fall 2018
  - Next to submit to UNC-GA
    - MS in Athletic Training (from BS to MS) – Fall 2018
    - MS in Health Informatics/Analytics – Fall 2018
    - MS in Healthcare Administration – Fall 2018
  - Expect to have over 1800 graduate students this fall; up from 1350 in Fall 2012

- Research- 197 awards for \$9.6M in FY15-16 (269 proposals submitted requesting \$47M); Total research expenditures now approx. \$11M – lowest in past ten years
  - \$120K from FY16 CITI funding (Cahill Awards pool increased to \$100K)
  - Added grant development and research compliance positions in FY16
  - Professional development of SPARC staff, including review/revision of all positions
  - Established a Faculty Research Scholar Boot Camp for new researchers
  - Developed on-going training workshops for faculty
  - In FY17, SPARC office hopes to add additional staff support for faculty, explore new grant proposal submission system.
- UNCW Annual Research Recognition Reception will be at 5pm on Tues. Sept. 20, 2016

#### 4. Director updates (Posey)

- Policies and Procedures
  - This is a living document to be revised yearly.
  - Email comments/ changes to Crystal Helms
  - Talks of re-activating CMS External Advisory Committee; would be formed and managed through consultation with Dean of CAS.
  - New section added: Research Faculty Review; FAC committee will develop.
  - Questions:
    - Can we create a Graduate Advisory Committee? Yes. To be developed/explored by FAC committee. Discussion on voting faculty; current faculty grandfathered in; non will be confirmed by department chairs.
- Areas of research strength / research support
  - Identify areas of strength and need
  - Identify any collaborative areas that may benefit from proactive data collection or resource support
  - Martin to send out email to faculty to solicit interest in collaborative areas that may benefit seeds for support or enhance collaboration.
  - Would like to explore additional sources (i.e. governmental, foundation etc.) for research funding.
- Strategic planning
  - Last Strategic plan completed in 2012
  - Will charge FAC/CAC in spring 2017 to revise.
- Upcoming events
  - Planet Oceans: September 13, speakers: Chad Lane and Andrea Hawkes
  - Alumni Weekend Tour: Sat. September 13 (75 special guests)
  - CMS Open House: Sat. October 1
  - Guest Speaker from Nelson Mandela University: Patrick Vrancken: Monday Nov. 7
- Virtual Tour up and running mid-September
  - Need short videos and pictures of students working in labs; send all pictures to Crystal Helms
- Pilot project funding will be overseen by FAC committee

- Other ...
  - Please continue to send in articles for CMS monthly news updates
  - New CMS brochures are being created by OUR
- 5. General discussion and new business
  - Boat Update – Committee Members: Wilson Freshwater, Ken Johns, David Wells, Robert Whitehead and Troy Alphin
    - Picture shown of NOAA vessel RV Manta
    - 72'x24' Armstrong manufacturer
    - Cost \$2,250,000
    - No other vessel like this, need to make a decision quickly; will also need a funding source.
- 6. Adjourn
- 7. Social with summer photo contest- Winner