

**Astronomy and Astrophysics Faculty Meeting**  
**Monday, May 14, 2007**  
**3:30-5 pm Rm 102 ISB**

AGENDA

- Announcements and handouts (Faber) (3:30-3:40)
  - Halliday Lecture May 24: Michael Brown lecturing on his adventures with Pluto, Xena, etc.. Faculty hold date for dinner.
  
  - Update on Tesla Jeltema position (X-ray astronomer spouse of Physics Asst. Professor candidate Stefano Profumo) looks like this will be successful - thanks to Mike Bolte for stepping up to the plate and providing first year of funding.
  
- Vote on Steve Murray re-appointment (3:40-3:45)
  - Merit increase to Adjunct Associate Professor Step III.  
His file and a draft letter to the Dean are in the Department office for your review.
  
- Visit by Dean Thorsett (3:45-4:15)
  
- Goals and conclusions of the Department Self-Study (Faber) (4:15-4:30)
  - A draft was sent on May 9. Discussion and feedback.  
Exciting research and excellent graduate program. Increase and strengthen the size of the graduate program.
  
- Action items from Department Retreat: (Faber) (4:30-5:00)
  - We need to move forward on three pressing items from the Retreat. Goal is to find small groups of interested faculty to take us to the next stage.
    - Improvements to the graduate program: Many ideas were suggested at the Retreat. Which ones should we implement? Need grad students on this committee.
    - Department research web pages: how to coordinate them, create centers and/or focus groups, how to implement and maintain, how to pay for? Propose creating a Website Research Pages

committee.

- Center for Cosmic Origins and Simulations: next steps?
- Department priorities for the UCSC Comprehensive Campaign.  
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Board Review set for July 2, 2007