

Astronomy and Astrophysics Faculty Meeting

Monday, Mar 3, 2008

3:30-5:00 pm Rm 102 ISB

AGENDA

- Announcements
 - Department ski trip, Mar 14-16, 2008 (Faber) (3:30-3:35)
 - Sandy will review plans and schedule for the trip.
 - Long-term visitors for next year: space next year will be extremely tight. If you want to propose any long-term visitors (e.g., for sabbaticals), we need to hear from you WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS. Long-term visitors may well be housed in Thimann. Please forward any such requests to Graeme, your space-czar.

- Urgent business at the Senate meeting this Friday, Mar 7 (Margon) (3:35-3:45).
 - Bruce would like to inform us about serious political events on campus that threaten to divide science from other faculty and urge our attendance at this important meeting.

- Progress on faculty and research group webpages (Prochaska) (3:45-3:55)
 - X will show sample webpages for faculty and research groups for your feedback. Great progress has been made!

- Grad recruitment plans (Guhathakurta) (3:55-4:20)
 - Raja will review the students we have accepted, bug us all about emailing and phoning the students we have been assigned to contact, and present a draft schedule for the prospectives visit.
 - A proposed new element is taking students to dinner on Thursday one on one.
 - We are still looking for a venue for the Friday party.

- Grad web pages: vision statement (Koo) (4:20-4:45)
 - We sent David away with his committee to generate final versions of the new grad-program mission statement and related web pages. Time now to approve the final version. Faculty who missed the previous discussion can get caught up to date with this one. Pages have been posted at

<http://www.astro.ucsc.edu/graduate/visionpractices> for your review.

- Today we are voting only on these vision pages. Discussion of substantive changes (like the 6-year rule) are postponed to a later faculty meeting (contrary to what the draft agenda said.)

- Faculty attendance at student talks and FLASHES (Robinson and Graves) (4:45-5:00)
 - Sally and Jenny will bring their perception forward that FLASHES and, in particular, grad student second-year talks are often poorly attended by faculty.

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