

HSAC Faculty Committee Meeting
June 22, 2012
1:00 PM – 1:40 PM – 2175 McCarty Hall

Attendees

Jim Jawitz
Ray Huffaker
Rafa Muñoz-Carpena
Treavor Boyer
Marie Kurz
Mary Garvin

Agenda:

1. Review of student enrollment
2. HSAC faculty committee election for Rotation A and Student Representative
3. Other Issues

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1. Review of student enrollment: Jim Jawitz provided a graphical representation of the currently active students (n=33) by department and per faculty advisor. ABE has 6 faculty advising 15 students; CCE has 3 faculty advising 6 students; SWS has 3 faculty advising 4 students; SFRC has 1 faculty advising 4 students; EES has 2 faculty advising 3 students; and GEO has 1 faculty advising 1 student. 4 CCE students are non-thesis MS students. All remaining students are thesis or PhD.

Discussions were held on how we can expand departmental/faculty participation. ABE has the most faculty that call themselves hydrologists so it is not surprising that they have the highest participation level. Are there are other water-related departments that aren't participating? It was agreed that faculty are key in getting student participation--some departments have no specific coursework requirements.

2. HSAC faculty committee election for Rotation A: Rotation A contains the areas of Surface Hydrology and Analysis and Techniques.

Discussion was held about whether ABE should be represented on Rotation A since they have so many students participating. Chris Martinez was nominated for the Surface Hydrology position. Discussion was held about the Analysis and Techniques representative. Lou Motz was recommended for the Analysis and Techniques position.

Jim Jawitz will call Chris and Lou to determine their willingness to be nominated for the HSFC.

Student Representative: Marie Kurz said she will be around until at least summer of 2013 and is willing to continue on as the HSAC Student Representative if necessary. She will handle the Student Representative elections activities.

3. Other Issues:

- Discussion was held regarding student participation in the HSAC seminar activities. Marie said that ~ 5 – 8 students (not all HSAC) participated in the meetings with seminar speakers during the last year. It was agreed that the students should be reminded about seminar expectations separately from the general listserv announcements sent out by the Water Institute.
- Distance Education course availability was discussed. This will be strengthened by having an EDGE representative is on the faculty committee.
- Contact is being made with active students each semester to inform them of where they are in meeting the HSAC requirements for their degree type.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM