

Meeting Minutes

Hydrological Sciences Academic Cluster ~ Faculty Meeting

February 17, 2005: 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Wetland Center, Seminar Room

Attending: Mike Annable, Mark Brown, Ken Campbell, Rafael Munoz-Carpena, Joe Delfino, Wendy Graham, Kirk Hatfield, Jim Jawitz, George O'Connor

1. Approval of minutes.

No minutes were available for the last meeting held on March 18, 2004 10:00 AM in the Wetland Center, Seminar Room. Mark Brown will provide minutes for approval at the next HSAC meeting.

2. New Faculty

Dr. James Sickman was admitted to the HSAC faculty

3. HSAC Petitions

An extensive discussion was held on students interested in petitioning to substitute hydrologic related courses from other institutions. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was approved unanimously that students should be able to petition up to two courses taken at other institutions to substitute for HSAC coursework. These courses should be petitioned and approved by the HSAC Coordinating Committee.

A brief discussion was held on requiring that students take courses from multiple departments to provide an interdisciplinary education. No action was taken on this idea.

4. Course Teaching and Scheduling

Little progress was made regarding the collection of course materials. We will continue to gather course syllabi for the HSAC website.

5. Coordinating Committee

The current coordinating committee is as follows:

Surface Hydrology – Mike Annable
Subsurface Hydrology – Jim Jawitz
Hydrologic Chemistry – Kirk Hatfield
Hydroecology - Mark Brown
Analysis and Techniques – Wendy Graham
Policy and Management – Clyde Kiker

The terms related to each sub-discipline are uncertain and will be reviewed before the next meeting.

6. Colloquium Coordination

The requirement of the Colloquium was discussed. At the December 17, 2003 meeting the HSAC members voted to discontinue the Colloquium requirement. This decision was not distributed to the students.

The earlier decision will be communicated to the students this semester (Spring 2005)

The website will be modified to reflect the new policy.

Also to be communicated is that while there is no registration requirement for seminars, all HSAC students are expected to attend relevant seminars and are expected to provide a list of seminars attended to their advisor.

7. Water Institute Update

A national search is currently underway for a Water Institute Director.

8. Other Business

A second meeting will be held this semester (Spring 2005)