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Faculty Steering Committee Meeting Minutes Fall 2023

Date: October 10, 2023

Location: EarthLab Conference Room and online (Zoom)

Attendees:

- Ann Bostrom (Zoom)
- Derek Fulwiler (Zoom)
- Jeremy Hess (Zoom)
- Meade Krosby (Zoom)
- Jan Newton (Zoom)
- Bart Nijssen (Zoom)
- Emily Pahnke (Zoom)
- Daniel Schwartz (Zoom)
- Kate Simonen (Zoom)
- Jessica Nagtalon (Zoom)
- Ben Packard (Zoom)
- Becky Alexander
- Vikram Iyer
- Peter Kahn
- Terrie Klinger
- Josh Lawler
- Julian Olden
- Athena Bertolino
- Sarah Lindner
- Constance McBarron
- Anastasia Ramey
- Kearstin Williams

Meeting began: 3:32 p.m.

Welcome

Introduction and welcome to our new faculty steering committee members: Bart Nijssen, Chair of Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Vikram Iyer, Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science and Engineering.

Overview: Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (NW CASC)

Meade Krosby, the university director for NW CASC, shared an overview of the organization's programs including a new undergraduate student experience with the Northwest Indian College and a new faculty fellowship program they are scoping soon. The Faculty Steering Committee were interested in viewing the [syllabus](#) for the co-production course and in providing input for the faculty fellows program. Meade will share when the UW faculty visit is scheduled (likely Winter 2024).

Upcoming event: Fostering Climate Connections

Derek Fulwiler, director of the Population Health Initiative, shared information about this event on October 23 to help foster new collaborations on climate change research across campus. All faculty, grad students and staff are invited to attend. EarthLab is co-hosting the event and will continue to promote it.

EarthLab Innovation Grants - Cohort 5 Announcement & Modifications

The EarthLab team announced the current Request for Applications is now open for cohort 5. A few modifications have been made including increasing the award from \$75,000 and 17 months to \$80,000 and 18 months. Previously awarded grantees are allowed to apply for new projects. Two faculty members praised their experience on past proposal review committees and encouraged others to volunteer for the role.

Discuss: Winter Quarter 1-credit Seminar with Program on the Environment

EarthLab is planning a new 1-credit seminar for undergraduate students, in coordination with the Program on the Environment. The team asked the faculty steering committee: What topics should we prioritize to introduce the idea of working across disciplines and sectors? What speakers on campus or in the community would you recommend to introduce those ideas? Have you done this and would you be interested in reviewing the syllabus? The committee raised many questions about the scope and purpose of the seminar, and provided input which will guide the team.

Discuss: How to engage the Faculty Steering Committee

Following an update on EarthLab measurement and evaluation efforts, the EarthLab team posed a series of questions to the faculty steering committee on ways to improve connection and engagement with EarthLab. What can we do or change to increase your connection to EarthLab? How can we help this group feel more connected to each other? What do other committees do that you have found helpful?

The committee largely agreed that meeting twice a year is a good cadence and appreciated opportunities to provide guidance on current issues, such as the 1-credit seminar idea discussed earlier in the meeting. Some other suggestions include allowing more time for networking/social interaction and providing space for faculty to share their own updates and requests.

Meeting adjourned: 4:58 pm

The meeting was followed by a social hour for in-person attendees.