

Penn State Physics Affiliated Program Group (PAPG) Steering Team Minutes

Thursday 10/22/2015 from 2:51 pm to 3:36 pm EST.

Attendees:

- Dr. James Kadtke (Chair Person),
- Dr. Steven Shope,
- Walter Dunkle,
- Dr. Nitin Samarth (Department Head),
- Amy Homan,
- Barbara Collins, and
- Joel Dobson

James Kadtke was unanimously elected as the Chair Person of the PAPG steering team committee (PAPGST).

PAPG will meet face-to-face at the March 2016 APS meeting in Baltimore. There is a Penn State Physics reception planned for the Tuesday evening of that conference, as usual.

Dr. Nitin Samarth has about 200 connections to the PSU Physics alumni through the Linked-In site.

Dr. Nitin Samarth publishes a newsletter email every Monday morning. This lists the colloquium speaker of the week, any recent articles published by Penn State Physics people, and other interesting events of the PSU Physics Department.

The PAPG proposed by-laws were approved at the Friday afternoon session, 10/23/2015, of the Eberly College of Science Alumni Board meeting. (ECOSAB).

The PAPG will have occasional conference calls, but I was not clear on the frequency.

Dr. Nitin Samarth and Amy Homan are working on a new web page for the PAPG. There will be a new PAPG tab link added to the top of the PSU Physics home page.

As of Tuesday 10/27, they have already made progress on a rough first pass.

Those interested in joining the PAPG membership --- this is not for the PAPG steering team committee, (PAPGST) --- will have a sign-up link from that PAPG web page, or can send an email to Barbara Collins to be added to the membership and the members' email list.

The Eberly College of Science (ECOS) has a Facebook page, a Twitter account, and is on Instagram. The theme of having more presence in social media was a common theme in both the PAPGST meeting and the ECOSAB meeting.

The PAPGST needs to contact PSU Marketing for more information on how to get advertisements going.

The top need in the Department of Physics is clearly the facilities.

We need a roadmap of how to approach this need and help in influencing those who have the authority to make the changes.

Davey Lab (1971) has one basement and is shared with the Astronomy Department. Osmond Lab (1941) has two basements and is much older.

On Friday, 10/23, when we asked the ECOS Dean, Dr. Doug Cavener, about whether PSU might build a new Physics building, he said that a new building on some other part of campus was unlikely. He said the estimate is \$150M to \$200M for a new building, but would be \$30M to \$40M to renovate. He said the projected cost of a new wing to Osmond was \$40M. That new wing would take over the parking lot behind Osmond and would replace the existing lecture halls with new ones and floors above that.

Jim Kadtko, and other PAPGST members, had many suggestions for various people we should contact, to help in pursuing new monies, and such.

Joyce Matthews is the new Senior Director of Development for ECOS. Joyce Matthews provided us a list of top employers for ECOS graduates during her speech at the ECOSAB on Friday.

Melissa Long and Ashley Chan both work in the Office of Innovation for ECOS.

Beyond pursuing a new building, the Physics Department requests speakers for students and for post-docs.

These speakers need to be recently graduated alumni, preferably, per the professors who request them. These speakers will speak on the topic of careers.

Perhaps we can target employees of companies who most frequently hire ECOS graduates? See the list from Joyce mentioned above.

For a list of ECOS graduates from Physics, ask Selden Smith.

Ideally, a PAPG member or PAPGST member would run for election to the Board of Trustees.

Joel Dobson Tues 10/27/2015.