

**Math/Science Division, College of Letters and Science**  
**Minutes of meeting #5**  
**Thursday January 4, 2007 1:50pm HS 149**

**To:**

Beatrice Holton: Biology & Microbiology  
Colleen McDermott: Biology & Microbiology  
Charles Gibson: Chemistry  
Tom Naps: Computer Science  
David Barnhill: Environmental Studies  
Kazimierz Zaniewski: Geography & Urban Planning  
William Mode: Geology  
Hosien Moghadam: Mathematics  
John Strous: Medical Technology  
Daniel Schmidt: Kinesiology and Health.  
Michael Briley : Physics & Astronomy  
James Koch: Psychology

In attendance: Barnhill, Briley, Cross, Gibson, Holton, Koch, McDermott, Moghadam, Naps, Schmidt, Strous, Zaniewski

Excused: Mode

**Agenda**

(NOTE: the original agenda had two items labeled #3, and the minutes reflect this original agenda)

1. Approval of minutes of December 12, 2006 meeting (#4). *passed with a unanimous vote.*
2. Science Speaker's series and Sigma Xi (Michael Lizotte). *Dr. Lizotte discussed several items related to Sigma Xi, including the UWO faculty speakers for Spring 2007, the 2007 banquet, and a speaker from geology on climate change. In addition, there was discussion of the viability of "Science cafés", in which science is brought to non-science venues and use short programs from NOVA to generate discussion led by faculty.*
3. Revision of course in Environmental Studies: ENV STDS 390: Special Topics (CG, BH) *withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting.*
3. Revision of courses in Psychology: PSYCH 795 : Psychology Thesis *withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting*; PSYCH 799: Candidacy Examination (CG, TN) *passed with a unanimous vote.*
4. Revision of Masters program in Psychology. Industrial and Organizational Emphasis: Add PSYCH 705; Add PSYCH 799 (2 Form Cs), Experimental and Industrial/Organizational Emphases (MB, DB) *passed with a unanimous vote.*
5. Consideration / approval of articulation agreement with the College of Menominee Nation (JS, JK) *passed with a unanimous vote..*
6. Schwartz Scholarship: Foundation losses, Foundation memo that "funds will not be allowed to make an award in 2007-08 Academic year." *The foundation reports that this fund currently has a negative balance, and it will be a minimum of two years before it can be awarded again; further information available from the foundation upon request.*

7. Announcements from the Associate Dean.

*During the current accreditation process, the focus will again be on assessment (plans & outcomes and resulting changes in programs). Departments should be prepared to address this issue in detail.*

*For departments interviewing for candidates, please send materials to the dean's office promptly.*

*There is a greater than 50% chance that there will be a cycle of permanent property funding in spring 2007.*

*Departmental budgets will likely return to pre-reduction levels (NOTE: prior to submission of these minutes, departments received notification of this return).*

8. Announcements from the Chairs and guests.

*A discussion of certain aspects of the University's growth agenda noted that in some cases growth was constrained by room availability and this could have a negative impact on course availability for students.*

9. Adjournment. *Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.*