

**College of Science Curriculum Committee**  
**Minutes of the September 13, 2007 meeting**

**Members Present:** Sheryl Beach, Peter Becker, Estela Blaisten (chair), Tim Born, Dan Cox, Rick Diecchio, Robert Ellsworth, Barry Haack, Dimitri Klimov, Ed Schneider (sub for CLIM), David Singman

**Members Absent:** Geoff Birchard

**Guests:** Bob Ehrlich, Igor Griva,

**1. Approval of the May 14 minutes:**

Minutes were approved.

**2. Announcements and comments:**

Schedule for the Fall 2007 semester were set (all meetings will be held at 9am)

Thursday October 18

Thursday November 15

Thursday December 13

Dr. Blaisten announced that she will be leaving the curriculum committee and that Igor Griva will take her place as the representative from CDS. Other new members include David Singman (Mathematical Sciences) and Barry Haack (Geography).

**3. Old Business**

With Dr. Blaisten leaving, nominations for a new chair were called for. Dr. Born was nominated and named the new chair of the College of Science Curriculum Committee.

**4. New Business**

**Graduate**

**Physics Ph.D. (new program)**

**Approved**

There was some discussion about publications but it was decided that the wording in the proposal adequately addressed this issue.

**Physics MS (modification)**

**Approved**

Small changes were made to the program. A third concentration was added and the number of electives was raised from four to five. PHYS 540 needed to be added to the list on page 3.

**ASTR 630(new course)**

**Approved**

**PHYS 630 (new course)**

**Approved**

To be cross-listed with BINF 740. There were some questions on what the prerequisites for the course should be.

**PHYS 703 (new course)**

**Approved**

**NEUR 634 (new course)**

**Tabled**

**Undergraduate**

**ASTR 103 (general education consideration)**

**Approved**

**ASTR 302 (general education consideration)**

**Approved**

**BIOL 422 (new course)**

**Approved**

**BIOL 493 (new course)**

**Approved**

**Biology Honors Program (modification)**

**Tabled**

Tabled so Environmental Science and Policy can take a look at the proposed modifications.