

**Natural Sciences
Division Council Meeting
Minutes**

September 29, 2020

Present: J. Gard, J. Coroneus, K. Villatoro, A. Valle, P. Hacking, C. Cha, R. Shibao, K. Villatoro, A. Grant

1. **SLOs:** All departments report being on track with SLO assessments.
2. **Planning:** Plans should be updated for 2020-2021 by November 1, 2020.
3. **Hiring:** Because it's unlikely that we'll be able to hire FT in the next academic year, our best strategy would be to choose the one department with greatest need. It is currently the Astronomy Department. With Perry Hacking on half-time retirement, and Vincent Lloyd retiring, we are down to one FT faculty member. The last two Astronomy hirings yielded zero candidates. We had to cancel nearly a third of the course offerings for Fall 2020. For part-time hiring, Amy will run hirings for Earth Sciences, Chemistry, and Astronomy.