

Division of Natural Science
Physics/Astronomy Dept Meeting
October 24, 2019 1-1:50pm Phys 101

MINUTES

Present: SV Lloyd, P. Hacking, S. Kadakia, S. Stolovy, Z. Murdock, J. Coroneus, E. Goldmann, D. Wright, A. Grant

- A. SLOs—Progress is being made for the semester. Classes are on track. E. Goldmann will contact V. Prutyaynov regarding PSCI-25 SLOs.
- B. Plans due 11/1 in TracDat—Goldmann is on top of it for physics. Kadakia is working on it for astronomy.
- C. Mercury transit update (SK)—Students will be invited to the observatory, 7-10am on 11/11.
- D. Astronomy tech (PH)—A new night technician has been hired. The astronomy hiring was extended, and a physics hiring is in progress.
- E. Meeting with chemistry to discuss units per class vs. hours (SS)—LaVonne Plum indicated that Phys-1A/B/C/D will be affected. Due to a Chancellor's office ruling, we need to bring units into compliance.
- F. Teaching without chalk (SS)—It's hard to see the planetarium green chalkboard. Could a stick-on or rolling whiteboard be used?
- G. Technician Issues to Report—D. Wright reported that faculty should consider a compressibility demo: Air vs. water with firecrackers.