

Division of Natural Science
Physics/Astronomy Dept Meeting
August 23, 2018 12:30pm Phys 101

MINUTES

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

- A. The faculty welcomed new hires Zeke Murdock (FT) and Julio Rodriguez (PT).
- B. SLOs: The faculty will review the SLOs to be assessed in Fall '18 (Phys PLO, PSCI-25). John and Eyal will share SLO rep duties.
- C. Course Reviews: Phys-2A/2B/3A/3B for Fall '18.
- D. Physics/Astronomy Hiring: Summer hiring for an astronomy instructor yielded zero viable candidates. The faculty are in favor of changing the minimum qualifications for astronomy from the current min quals (Masters in Astronomy) to the min quals set forth by the Chancellor's Office (Masters in Physics). The faculty would like the El Camino College minimum qualifications to match the Chancellor's Office minimum qualifications.
- E. Planning: Eyal would like to request a class set of chairs.
- F. CO₂ cylinders: The faculty agreed that the Division could discontinue carbon dioxide deliveries from AirGas, saving the Division a recurring monthly cost. Dan and Ryan will get dry ice when needed. Perry asked if the tanks could be rented for one month at a time each semester, and Amy will follow up with purchasing about the issue.
- G. Announcements: Chih Lew and Polly Parks did a presentation on Guided Pathways. The department would like to re-evaluate the prerequisites for Phys-1A and 1D when those courses are up for curriculum review.