

Department of Physics: Standing Committees AY2020-2021

NOTE: This is a working document. Many of our normal tasks are not fully operational during the pandemic. In addition, while we have worked to update the committee lists, almost certainly errors and omissions remain. Please forward corrections to Ali and Barry.

Associate Department Heads (ADH):

Blum (ADH for Undergraduate Affairs), Dutta (ADH for Graduate Affairs), Dunne (ADH for Administration; Schweitzer as sabbatical replacement spring 2021); Wells (Department Head).

Advisory Committee: Charge – Advise the Department Head on matters pertaining to the operation of the Department.

Members: Blum (2018), Trallero (2018), Battersby (2019), Schweitzer (2019), Jain (2020), and Dunne (2020); Dutta (ex-officio) and Wells (2018).

Award Committee: Charge—Promote faculty by nominating them for University, State, National and International Awards.

Members: Joo (Chair). Others as needed on a case by case basis.

Computing Committee: Charge – Advise the Department on computing issues relating to the support of research and teaching, coordinate with College and University IT and computing initiatives.

Members: Javanainen (Chair - 2001), Cormier (2008), Dunne (2017), Dormidontova (2014), Jones (2010), Rozman (ex-officio)

Course and Curriculum Committee: Charge – Advise the Department on all undergraduate and graduate curriculum matters, carry out course and curriculum review, initiate new course action forms, represent the Department on the CLAS C&C Committee.

Members: Cormier (Chair, Geosciences - 2007), Dutta (Engr - 2005), Kharchenko, Sinkovic (2012), Blum (2015; ADH, UG); Hancock (2016), Trump (2016). *Jones is the Physics Course Evaluator.*

Diversity and Multiculturalism Committee: Charge – Provides direction and coordination for the department to contribute to a supportive, inclusive, and diverse environment for all students, staff, researchers, and faculty in order to realize our full potential in research, teaching, and service at UConn and beyond.

Members: Dormidontova (Co-Chair - 2016), Fernando (2012), Jain (2014), P. Schweitzer (2010), Valente, Yelin (2010), Ordaz, Perry. **Students:** Gloria Fonseca Alvarez (G), Aditi Mahabir (G), Megan Sturm (U), Veronica Fisher (U) Kaylee Grace (U)

External Relations Committee: Charge – Promote the department to the external universe. Guide departmental participation in outreach events. Web page – the external face of the department.

Members: Trump (Chair 2020), Jones (2017), Trallero (2018), Perry, P. Schweitzer (2011), Rozman (2018);

Future of the Department Committee: Charge- Advise on future directions to strengthen and grow the Physics Dept.

Members: Blum (Astronomy), C.Trallero (AMO), Dunne (Particle P.), Jones (Nuclear P.), Hancock (CMP), Wells (Chair -2018).

Graduate Admissions Committee: Charge – Select promising new physics graduate students from an applicant pool each year. The committee is also responsible for coordinating related activities such as open house and orientation.

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Members: Wuosmaa (Chair - 2020), Cormier (2018), Sochnikov (2019), Puckett (2019 – sabbatical 2021 calendar year), Berrah (sabbatical replacement for 2020-21).

Graduate Affairs Committee: Charge – The Graduate Affairs Committee is made up of Physics Faculty members and one physics graduate student representative. The Chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee is the Department's representative on the University's Graduate Faculty Council. The Graduate Affairs Committee oversees academic and programmatic matters for the UConn Physics Graduate program [both MS and PhD] such as the curriculum, and departmental degree requirements and standards.

Members: Dutta (ADH, 2016), Cormier (2012), Fernando (2007), Javanainen (2001), Kovner (2013), Wuosmaa (2014), Gould (2016), Trump (2016).

Gerald Dunne will serve as an advisor to the committee.

Preliminary Exam Committee: Charge – Construct, review, proctor, and grade the biannual prelim exam of graduate students, discuss pass and fail recommendations at faculty meeting within two weeks of the completion of the exam.

Members: Schweitzer (2013), Kharchenko (2014), R. Jones (2014), Javanainen (2018), Kovner (2018). Mannheim (Chair), Dutta (2012)

Promotion, Tenure and Reappointment Committee: Charge – Evaluate PTR folders based on departmental, college and university standards; request external letters as appropriate, prepare a written statement that reflects the complete range of observations expressed among the committee members and external reviews about the quality and impact of the candidate's academic accomplishments.

Members: Dutta (2018) – Chair, Gibson (2018), Gould (2018)*, Fernando (2019), Jones (2019)**, Sinkovic (2019), Berrah (2020)***, Jain (2020), and Kharchenko (2020).

*Phillip Gould retired and was replaced by **Thomas Blum** for the remainder of his term, AY20-21.

Richard Jones will be on sabbatical and temporarily replaced by **Alexander Kovner for AY20-21.

NOTE: Date listed reflects the year each person joined the committee.

Safety and Shop Committee: Charge – Develop procedures and carry out laboratory inspections; advise the Department Head on the safe operation of the research laboratory facilities of the Physics department.

Members: Jones (Chair and Radiation Safety; 2013), Gibson (Laser Safety - 2011), Hancock (2013), Sinkovic, Perry (ex-officio), Celmer (ex-officio)

Space Committee: Charge – Define policies for departmental office and laboratory space usage. Recommend assignments for specific rooms, with a focus on requests that involve either a change in the category of usage or a major commitment of departmental resources. Coordinate with planning and construction agencies to assure that the upcoming renovation of the Gant building best serves the teaching, research, and service missions of the department.

Members: Gibson (Chair, 2015), Wells (ex-officio), Cormier (2012), Kharchenko, Hancock (2015), Perry (ex-officio)

Teaching Assignment Committee: Charge – Survey the teaching interests of the faculty and make recommendations to the Department Head on all teaching assignments.

Members: Kovner (Chair 2019), Dutta (ADH 2016), Wells (ex-officio), Blum (2015; ADH).

UConn Physics Graduate Student Association

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Undergraduate Affairs Committee: Charge – To oversee undergraduate education in the department of physics including both the majors' program and service courses. Typical issues include smooth operation of the laboratory courses, advocating for quality instruction, and promoting a vibrant majors community.

Members: Blum (Chair 2015), Gibson (2014), Hancock (2020), Wu (2020), Perry, Sinkovic (2009).

Directors, Coordinators, Liaisons, etc.

Associate Department Head for Graduate Education and Research: Dutta

Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Education: Blum

Associate Department Head for Administration: Dunne (P. Schweitzer, Interim ADH for Spring 2021)

Faculty Advisor to SPS, ΣΠΣ, and Physics Club: Battersby

Faculty Advisor to Women in Physics: Mingarelli

Astronomy Club Advisor: Trump

Library Liaison: Javanainen

Radiation Safety Liaison: Jones

Laser Safety Liaison: Gibson

Transfer Credit Evaluation: Jones

Honors Program Advisors: Schweitzer, Dormidontova, Jones

TA training and scheduling: Valente, Blum

Open House: Rotation of Faculty (Micki Bellamy)

Majors Fair: Micki Bellamy

Marshal Walker TA Award: Valente, Ghimire, Wu, Ordaz, S. Trallero, Transport, Jaconetta, Morrill, Hancock

Katzenstein Distinguished Lecture: Mannheim

Katzenstein Award for Best Undergraduate Paper: Blum

Charles Reynolds Distinguished Lecture: Hancock

Edward Pollack Distinguished Lecture: Smith

IMS Advisory Board: Hancock

Grad Faculty Council: Dutta

Colloquium: Puckett (*Friday, 3:30pm, BPB 131*)

AMO Seminar: Trallero (*Monday, 4:00pm, P121*)

ASTRO Seminar: Battersby (*Wednesday, 12:00pm, IMS159*)

CMP Seminar: Sochnikov (*Tuesday, 2:00pm, P121*)

PAN Seminar: Jin (*Monday, 2:00pm, P121*)

Engineering Physics Liaison: Dutta

Math-Physics Major: Dunne

Physics Club President: Hannah Koziol