

# Scientific Technical Services Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

ES 530

In attendance: John Antos, Steven Emory, Josh Kaplan, Janelle Leger, Jim Mullen, David Patrick, Kathy Van Alstyne, David Wallin, Charles Wandler

Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm.

## Announcements/Updates

- Staff updates: Dan Carnevale, Instrument Support Specialist, left STS in the summer. Sarina Kiesser was hired in November as a new Instrument Support Specialist. Laura Hope was hired in October as a new Administrative Assistant. Clint Burgess, Engineering Technician and Manager, retired from STS in the summer.
- The Tescan electron microscope was installed and is being used successfully.
- The new optical microscopy working group held their first meeting today with a lot of faculty interest across scientific departments.
- NSF-MRI grant not approved. LC-QTOF-MS pre-proposal resubmitted to Murdoch Charitable Trust.
- New services started: optical microscope tune-up services and equipment loans. New Chromatography “boot camp” may be started.

## Discussion/Action Items

- Council members discussed the equipment replacement plan through the Provost’s Office.
- Plan to have regularly scheduled monthly STS Advisory Council meetings. Day and time to be finalized.
- The council discussed the goals of the two new working groups: Optical Microscopy and Chromatography-MS
  - Looking at existing equipment, identifying needs, and prioritizing a plan
  - Looking further ahead and more broadly at assets/staffing/financial support/space
  - Get feedback from STS Advisory Council and seek out interested faculty
- WWU’s need for better communication between PIs writing large grant proposals, and departments clearly defining what is needed regarding equipment, staffing, and space. In particular, the new STEM 1 building – status, steering committee and occupancy.
- Council discussed possible resubmission of NSF-MRI grant proposal and prioritizing equipment

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.