

**Department of Atmospheric and Climate Science
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Autumn Quarter 2025
Tuesday, October 14, 2025
2:30-4:30 PM
ATG 610**

1. **Call to Order & Meeting Minutes**
 - Approved – No corrections
2. **Announcements & Introductions**
 - Recent awards
 - Dale Durran: Charney Lecture
 - Chris Kenseth: AGU Holton
 - Angel Corraliza: 2025 MacArthur Prize
 - New representatives
 - GSR – Angel Chui
 - Postdoc – troy Zaremba
 - Fleagle Lecture
 - Nov 6 @Kane Hall
 - Speaker – Steve Davis
 - College-Wide Symposium
 - Dec-1
 - Location and time TBD
 - Start about at 9:30 and ends at the end of the day
 - Winter Social
 - Dec – 4
 - @Intellectual House
 - 5 – 8pm
3. **Quarterly Updates**
 - A. Community Engagement (Cecilia Bitz)
 - Title change
 - Cecilia relieved of duty from previous committee
 - Looking for new leader for this committee
 - This is a committee for the department
 - B. Facilities (Dennis Canuelle)
 - Police tightened security
 - Have a real time crime center now
 - New surveillance cameras were installed
 - George – the new facility electrician
 - They're building a database for preventative maintenance
 - Also replaced lights in building
 - Elevator received it's 5 year exam

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- Working on surplus system to streamline it
- C. Computing (David Warren, Craig Corvin)
 - Safety committee elections are upcoming. Nominations are coming
 - Please email **support@atmos.washington.edu** when asking for computing help
 - Process for making new accounts for students – ATMOS IT will do it when they are emailed and given a budget that will support the new student
 - Clarification on deleting computing accounts for students: All data associated w/account will disappear if deleted.
 - Tell ATMOS IT if you have specific instructions for students' accounts
 - Last year of MAT lab floating license – Good till next June 2026
 - Will be available on a named user basis afterwards. MATLAB
 - IDL renewal upcoming
 - Reminder: Printing and room reservation require computing account w/ATMOS
 - Reminder: Check what data you have backed up
 - Most home drives are backed up
 - Directories called "nobackup", and ones containing a file called ".nsr" will not be backed up even if the drive they are on is. Any subdirectory under one of these will also not be backed up.
- D. Grants Team (Shana Ava)
 - Still at 2 FTE for grant teams
 - Managing 71 current awards
 - 55 proposals submitted since January 2025
 - All budget sheets should be reconciled by the 20th of each month
 - Faculty will need to approve all expenses on budgets via a grant spend verification form moving forward
 - Only for sponsored awards
 - TREQ is staying. However, we will have to pay for each use of this system moving forward.
 - This system will be used at least until June 2026.
- E. Undergrad Report (Lyatt Jaeglé, Cathy Liao)
 - 76 undergrad students total: 58 currently in the ATMOS major and 18 are PRE-ENV first year students that have indicated ATMOS as their first choice (13 have us as their second choice)
 - 10 meteorology
 - 8 climate
 - 11 data science
 - 6 chemistry
 - 22 pre-ATMOS majors (in major but haven't chosen an option yet)
 - 18 pre-ENV
- F. Grad program (Cecilia Bitz, Cathy Liao)
 - 51 enrolled grad students in autumn 2025
 - Info session for prospective students on Nov. 4th
 - We are considering postponing the deadline for grad program application and Cecilia will discuss this with our faculty members.

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- G. Graduate students (Dominik Stiller, Angel Chui)
 - Annual grad student meeting 2 weeks ago
 - Had student retreat, all first-year grad students came and 30 grad students attended
- H. Postdocs (Chris Kenseth, Troy Zaremba)
 - Troy will be the new postdoc representative
- I. Office (Shana Ava)
 - No more student assistants in the main office
 - Front office has taken up some of these tasks
 - Want to encourage the department to take up some of these tasks moving forward
 - Cleaning the areas
 - HR is taking longer than normal
 - Please allow for 2 months to process requests
 - Implemented password for department intranet
 - ATMOS has multiple shared accounts
 - Please CC Shana to any communications to these accounts
- J. College Council (Abby Swann)
 - Have 13 promotion cases to handle.
 - Waiting for materials from various departments before proceeding.
- K. Faculty Senate (Kyle Armour)
 - Kyle is the new dept representative on the Faculty Senate.
 - Kyle is receiving orientation this week (Thu Oct 16).
 - The first Faculty Senate meeting of the quarter is Thu Oct 23.
- 4. **Old Business**
 - Hiring & Reappointment Questionnaire
 - No updates
- 5. **New Business**
 - Budget cuts
 - 2 sources of funding to department
 - GOF (General Operating Fund) – Tuition dollars (ABB) + supplement.
 - 84% of total (GOF + ICR)
 - 72% of ATMOS GOF is ABB
 - ICR (Indirect Cost Returns) – Overhead from grants
 - 16% of total (GOF + ICR)
 - State cut university budget by 1.5%
 - Cut to GOF came from the supplement to GOF and ICR
 - Cut Scenarios
 - Scenario 1:
 - Across the board cut to ongoing core: ~5.45% cut to all units GOF
 - Scenario 2:
 - ~50% cut of state funds to “ship time” and a 3.54% cut to all units
 - Scenario 3:

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- Same as 2 but instead of across the board cuts make up remaining cut by applying a 2% cut to academic units/teaching programs and 10% to non-academic teaching programs
 - Scenario 4:
 - Same as 2 but instead of across the board, make up the remaining cutting the supplement = total ongoing core funds – tuition revenue – parked lines (2.33% cut to ATMOS)
 - Scenario 3.5:
 - Using this one
 - ATMOS is receiving 2% cut to GOF
 - Units that aren't generating tuition dollars are getting larger cuts
 - Cut is based on what we're rejecting to spend next year
 - Next year, there should be another 5 – 10% cut next year
 - These numbers are an estimate
 - Trying to rely less and less on supplement. Try to get people in classes.
 - Get more ABB
 - 72% of ATMOS' GOF is ABB (Tuition)
 - Ship Time – we pay the US navy for this
- Campus safety
 - What to do:
 - Know all exits and entrances to classes
 - Put campus police number on phone/learn it
 - Safecampus hotline
 - No immediate threat – try to diffuse situation
 - End class early and contact UW police
 - Speak w/students about event via canvas
 - Report incident to:
 - Becky Alexander
 - Julia Parrish
 - Stephanie Harrington
 - Safe Zone app – [SafeZone App – UW Police](#)
 - UW phone: dialing 911 will go to UW PD. Other phones will go Seattle PD
 - Share this info with TAs

6. Adjourn to Executive Session