

Department of Atmospheric and Climate Science
Faculty Meeting Agenda
Spring Quarter 2026
Tuesday, April 07, 2026
2:30-4:30 PM
ATG 310

1. **Call to Order & Meeting Minutes**
2. **Announcements & Introductions**
 - Alex Anderson-Frey's tenure case was successful!!
 - Thomas' 5-year UW Anniversary
 - GSDVL RSVP form coming soon
3. **Quarterly Updates**
 - A. Facilities (Dennis Canuelle)
 - a. Chemistry building in construction from April 2026 to April 2027
 - b. Chem will take the PNSN space, and PNSN will move to the ATG machine shop during this time
 - B. Computing (David Warren, Craig Corvin)
 - a. An old server will be switched out with David Baker's server
 - C. Grants Team (Shana Ava)
 - a. Sponsors require documentation of Foreign Activity
 - i. Biostetch and current & Pending or Other Support: NSF, NIH, USDA
 - ii. Current and Pending Or other Support (Only) DOE
 - iii. Funding opportunity specific: DOD/DOW
 - iv. Keep all documentation accessible within your units. Sponsors can request at any time.
 - b. When required as part of a proposal...?
 - i. Such documentation falls under the technical instructions and the aspects of proposals review by PI and Campus Units, including Department, Schools & Colleges.
 - c. Effort Reporting & Certification – Key Update
 - i. UW is implementing restrictive controls on federal awards if effort certifications are not completed on time
 - ii. Escalating Notice Process
 1. Effort certifications are tracked in ECC and become overdue after the due date
 2. UW sends tiered escalation notices at 30, 45, and 60 days past due
 3. Notices are sent to PI, department leadership, and Dean/designee

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4. Each stage increases urgency and visibility of non-compliance
 - iii. Consequences of Non-Compliance Effort Reporting & Certification
 1. Award spending restrictions in Workday after 60 days past due
 2. Grants moved to “Restricted” status, preventing further expenditures
 3. Increased federal audit risk and compliance findings
 4. Additional administrative follow-up and corrective workload for units
 5. Leadership-level notification and accountability escalation
- D. Undergrad Report (Lyatt Jaeglé, Cathy Liao)
- a. Undergrad admission
 - i. 51 total undergrads
 - ii. 15 ATMOS pre-majors
 - iii. 8 chemistry
 - iv. 7 climate
 - v. 13 data science
 - vi. 12 meteorology
 - b. 72 admitted students indicated their first choice is ATMOS
 - i. Usually, 20-30% will commit
 - ii. 10 residents and the rest are non-residents
 - c. May 21: Department undergrad research symposium, faculty should encourage undergrads to present
 - d. June 11: Department graduation at Intellectual House
- E. Grad program (Cecilia Bitz, Cathy Liao)
- a. Admitted 19 students
 - i. 1 master’s, rest pre-doctorate
 - ii. 6 accept, 4 decline
 1. Estimating a class of 10 in total
 - b. More students are applying for non-climate
 - c. Disadvantage in recruitment because we can only guarantee 1 year of funding, while other schools were able to guarantee 5 years
 - d. 5 PhD defenses coming in Spring
- F. Graduate students (Dominik Stiller, Angel Chui)
- a. No update
- G. Postdocs (Troy Zarembo)
- a. Travelling
- H. Office/HR (Shana Ava)
- a. RA Appointment Eligibility for Summer Quarter
 - i. Graduate Students must be matriculated in their graduate program; new students matriculating in the Fall cannot hold these positions.
 1. If you really must employ them, temp staff is the best route

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- ii. Enrollment is required for Salaried/FTE-based graduate students' jobs and fellow/trainee positions
 - 1. minimum of only 2 credits in summer; individual students may need more
- b. Graduate Student Hourly Job Profile
 - i. GSRA appointments
 - 1. *Only for students who will not enroll at all during all portions of Summer 2026
 - 2. This can be in the A or B term or the entire summer term
 - 3. The summer quarter is the same for academic purposes, no matter the time period
 - 4. Enrollment not required for hourly positions (GSRA)
 - 5. Students must be matriculated as noted above and cannot have already received their degree
 - 6. May only be used in the 6/16-9/15 time period
 - 7. Cannot be mixed with salaried graduate student positions at other points of the summer
 - 8. Specific set hourly salary rates (derived from salaried rates)
 - a. These are the rates you must use; you cannot randomly assign your own rates
 - 9. Hourly rates adjust on July 1, and we will have to do the adjustments manually in WD
 - 10. Retrospective GAIP Coverage eligibility
 - c. Cathy will reach out to faculty for grad ASEs' reappointment to collect information needed
 - d. GAIP coverage
 - i. Any student who had university-paid GAIP coverage for all three quarters of the academic year(Aut25, Win26, and Spr26) will have automatic coverage in summer
 - ii. Does not apply if the student self-paid in any of those quarters
 - iii. They do not need to have an eligible job, they don't have to be enrolled, and they can even be graduated
 - iv. Coverage extends through 9/30/2026 automatically
 - v. June 15 HCM Deadline Applies
 - vi. Why earlier?
 - vii. Dependents are billed differently in summer, and the insurance company (LifeWise) needs to have information by June 30
 - viii. UW Benefits Office - UWGAIP@uw.edu - handles questions about eligibility
 - ix. Lifewise, the insurer, gets information on eligible enrollees from the Benefits office
 - x. CAN NOT Answer questions about why someone hasn't been enrolled yet

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- xi. Can answer questions from enrollees on coverage, etc.
 - e. Summer Hiring
 - i. Undergrads & New/Graduated Students
 - 1. Undergrad ASEs
 - a. Must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits in Autumn 2026
 - b. Hourly paid
 - c. Can work more than 19.5 hours
 - 2. Research Aide
 - a. Staff position we create for those that just received their Bachelor's/Master's Degree
 - b. Hourly paid
 - ii. 5/15/26: For Undergraduate ASEs & GSRA hiring
 - iii. 4/30/26: For Research Aide hiring
 - I. College Council (Kyle Armour)
 - a. Met with all the Dean candidates
 - b. Candidate A dropped out
 - c. The Provost makes the final decision
 - d. The decision will be made fairly soon based on how quickly things have been moving
 - J. Faculty Senate (Kyle Armour)
 - a. Kyle has reached out to department faculty about designees
 - b. Digital Accessibility
 - i. Slides are fairly easy to meet the requirements, but handwritten notes often don't meet the requirements, and are not encouraged to be posted
 - c. Strategic plan
 - i. The President said this is just a start, and feedback is welcome
4. **Old Business**
- Digital accessibility
 - Reminder: Deadline is April 26, 2026. The goal is 80%.
 - Graduate student theses are not required to be digitally accessible until after Aug. 21, 2026.
 - Locking classrooms
 - When locking the classrooms, please turn off the lights and close the windows.
 - ATG 310 has 2 doors!
5. **New Business**
- UW Strategic Plan Discussion
 - From Joel: I suggest we plan to discuss feedback you receive from faculty and staff in your units as well as your own feedback at our next meeting in

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April. We can then send a summary from the Dean's Office as well. From the survey questions they released, they are looking for general reactions and key elements that might be missing, but not line by line edits.

- From Abby: I served on the strategic planning committee, which was a large committee comprised of about 65 people. We had 5 facilitated brainstorming and facilitated feedback sessions about the proposal in the committee meetings, but the actual proposal text was written by a smaller group. From this strategic plan they will next develop an implementation plan. In my opinion the plan is fairly high level and general. I suspect that feedback about how this strategy should be implemented might be the most effective way to give input.

6. Adjourn to Executive Session