

Physics Department 1996 Faculty Retreat

When: Thursday May 9, 1996 8am-4pm, Silver and Lace Bakery, 1705 East Millbrook Rd.

Theme: Building the NCSU Physics Department for the 21st Century

Who: Regular Faculty, Research Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, EPA Professional Staff with Teaching Duties, GPSA President (confirm attendance for meal count to Anita)

Agenda

8am-9am Coffee and pastries (sign up for afternoon break out group)

9am-10.30am "Department Vision, Strategic Plan, Facilities" Opening remarks and discussion: Gould, Ellison

10.30-11am Coffee Break

11-12pm "Service teaching: lectures, laboratories and support- can we do better?" Panel remarks and discussion: Beichner, Cook, Johnston, Blondin, Mowat, Parker, Patty

12-1pm Lunch "What does it take for a Department to succeed at NCSU" remarks by Dean Whitten

1-2pm Break out groups with discussion leaders:

Undergraduate program (Reynolds, Tilley)

Graduate program (Paesler, Mitchell)

Research directions (Aspnes)

2-2.30pm Group reports

2.30-3pm Coffee Break

3-4pm General discussion, other issues

Close 4pm

Background material attached:

1) Strategic plan

2) Facilities committee report

3) NRC 1995 Physics Department rankings and benchmark data on 'top one hundred' programs