

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT CHAIRS' MEETING
February 15, 2007**

PRESENT:	Biological Sciences	Dr. Brooks Burr
	Chemistry & Biochemistry	Dr. Lori Vermeulen
	Computer Science	Dr. Mehdi Zargham
	Geology	Dr. Steve Esling
	Mathematics	Dr. Andrew Earnest
	Microbiology	Dr. Douglas Fix
	Physics	Dr. Aldo Migone
	Plant Biology	Dr. Stephen Ebbs
	Zoology	Dr. William Muhlach
	Dean's Office	Dr. James Tyrrell, Interim Dean
		Dr. Lori Vermeulen, Interim Associate Dean
		Ms. Linda Martin, Assistant Dean

Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting: Dr. Tyrrell reminded the Chairs that Vice Chancellor Koropchak has requested nominations by February 23 of two graduate students to attend the 57th Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting.

Alumni Achievement Award: Jorge Seminario (MS '84 Physics, PhD '88 Molecular Science) was selected as the 2007 Alumni Achievement Award recipient from the College of Science. Dr. Seminario is the Professor and Inaugural Holder of the Lanatter and Herbert Fox Professorship in Chemical Engineering at Texas A&M.

Budget: Dr. Tyrrell distributed departmental budget information in anticipation of receiving official notification from Provost Rice of budget reductions. He also provided an overview of the College's cuts over the past few years and how it has reduced the College's flexibility to deal with upcoming budget reductions.

Admitted Students: Associate Dean Vermeulen requested that the Chairs identify undergraduate students who are doing research, involved in clubs, etc. and who are willing to serve as College of Science Student Ambassadors. Chairs should provide those ambassadors with email addresses of admitted students so they can email the students. If the Ambassadors can telephone the students, that is even better. Targeting prospective students via email would also be useful.