## Faculty Meeting Notes December 6, 2022 Author: Joe Finlon

**General Announcements** 

- The department holiday party will be on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 pm.

Grad Program

- The 1 December deadline was extended a few days due to a bug in how letter writers could submit recommendations
- There were 160 applications, typical to recent years. The department has 14 RA positions available.
- Faculty will be assigned applications to review starting around 15 December.
- The non-thesis Masters program was approved. The earliest to get a degree is the Spring 2023 quarter.

Office

- Shana (the department's new admin) hired a new student to fill in at the front desk part-time. They begin next week.

Postdocs

- We will have a new postdoc arriving this month. John D'Alessandro (from Oklahoma Univ.) will be working with Rob Wood. This will bring our cohort total to 14.

Faculty Senate

- The search for a new provost is underway.
- UW is in the planning phase of upgrading the heating systems around campus. This is expected to be completed by 2050.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17 from 2:30-4:00 pm (ATG 610)