

MIT Department of Physics

Visiting Committee Meeting, October 9-11, 2012

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

6:30 PM Reception followed by dinner (Catalyst Restaurant)

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Bush Room, 10-105

8:00-8:45 am (closed)	Breakfast Visiting Committee with Marc A. Kastner, Dean of Science
8:45-9:45am	Visiting Committee with Senior Faculty
9:45-10:30am (closed)	Major Issues Visiting Committee with Ed Bertschinger
10:30-10:45am	Break
10:45-11:10am 11:10-11:25am	Science Highlight – Jeremy England (Biophysics) Q&A
11:25-12:15pm	Visiting Committee with Graduate Students
12:15-1:30pm	Lunch Visiting Committee with Junior Faculty
1:30-2:30pm	Education Program with Krishna Rajagopal
2:30-2:45pm	Break
2:45-3:45pm	PhysX: Physics on edX with John Belcher, Associate Department Head for Education
3:45-4:15pm	Visiting Committee with Sophomore non-majors
4:15-5:00pm	Visiting Committee with Physics Majors
5:00-6:00pm	Executive Session
6:30pm	Reception & Dinner Visiting Committee, Senior Officers, and Physics Faculty Faculty Club, Dining Room 5, 6 th floor

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Thursday, October 11, 2012

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8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
8:20-8:45am	Science Highlight – Markus Klute (Higgs Boson)
8:45-9:00am	Q&A
9:00-10:00am	Visiting Committee with Postdocs
10:00-10:15am	Break
10:15-10:45am	Diversity Initiatives with Ed Bertschinger
10:45-11:45am (closed)	Visiting Committee with Physics Council
11:45am-noon	Break
Noon-1:00pm (closed)	Lunch Visiting Committee with Ed Bertschinger
1:00-2:00pm (closed)	Executive Session Visiting Committee
2:00-3:00pm (closed)	Visiting Committee Report to Institute Administration

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Edmund Bertschinger, Department Head

September 4, 2012

Dear Members of the Physics Visiting Committee:

Thank you for your service on our Visiting Committee. This biennial review is important for the Department's long term success. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated by the Department and the Institute.

To help you prepare for the meeting we provide you with this briefing book summarizing our research and academic programs including important background information that may help you in your review. The organization follows that used in 2010, with additional background material provided about our major initiatives, including *edX* and Biophysics. This year in addition to hearing from physics students and postdocs you will hear from undergraduate students who took freshman physics in the TEAL format but are not physics majors.

I hope that you will be able to attend the dinner held the evening of October 9. It will give us a chance to preview issues before the busy meetings begin October 10. Feel free to contact me in advance if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you in a month.

Best regards,



Edmund Bertschinger
Professor and Head,
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