Physics Retreat 2003

• 9:00 am - 9:30 am  Breakfast
• 9:30 am - 9:45 am  Overview – Jordan
• 9:45 am - 10:45 am Undergraduate Education -- Fred
• 10:45 am - 11:00 am Break
• 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Graduate Education – Nick
• 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  Lunch
• 1:00 pm - 1:15 pm Facilities – Jordan
• 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm Presentation on Joint Institute for Coherent Quantum Phenomenon
• 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm  Qubits Presentation – Fred
• 2:15 pm - 3:00 pm  Open Discussion
Budget Update

- We came through the legislative process as well as we could have hoped
  - USM took a $4M hit which comes out to $20k if everything passes down
- The legislature passed $135M in temporary (3yr) business tax increases
- The Governor has promised to veto this
  - This must happen this week
- Maryland’s constitution requires a balanced budget
Budget Update

- Under Maryland Law:
  - When revenues do not meet expectations, the Maryland Board of Public works meets to decide cuts.

- The Board of Public Works
  - The Governor – Bob Ehrlich (R)
  - The Comptroller – William Donald Schafer (D)
  - The Treasurer – Nancy Kopp (D)

- They must decide by July 1

- Another possibility is a special session

- The next round of cuts will be difficult to take
Hiring Update

- Two Categories of Searches
  - 1. Searches where the part of salary and/or startup are coming from somewhere else
    - Gravity wave (LISA) - Goddard-MD
    - String Gravity – retention funds
    - IceCube - IceCube funding through Wisconsin
    - Lattice QCD – DoE funding
  - 2. Other critical searches
    - CMT
    - Nano
    - Particle Theory

- I want to move forward with searches assuming we can make at ~2 hires in cat.1 and ~1 hire in cat. II next year
Advancement

• We hope to have a new development officer for the college soon
• We have a consultant writing a “case statement” for the PSC
• I am making a presentation to the CMPS board of visitors on 4/23
• We continue to lead the way in giving as a faculty. From the CMPS continuum:
  – 38 out of 48 faculty that gave were from physics
  – 10 out of 12 that gave emeritus faculty were from physics
  – 7 out of 9 staff that gave were from physics.
Miscellaneous

• **HR 34** – a bill to double DoE Research funding
  – Letter to be signed

• **Maryland Day 4/26 (two weeks from today)**
  – We need faculty volunteers
  – We currently have 4

• **Tentative Dates for next year:**
  – Grad Party: April 2, 2004
  – Grad Open House: April 3, 2004
  – Physics Olympics: April 10 or 17, 2004
  – Maryland Day: April 24, 2004
  – Faculty Retreat: May 1, 2004

• **Please turn in faculty review forms!**