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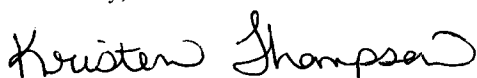
To Society of Physics Students National Office:

The SPS zone 12 meeting was held on April 17th - 18th. Registration began at 4:00 PM. Our first speaker was Dr. Isaac Rutel from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. His talk began at 5:00 PM and was over Medical Physics. At 6:00 we had a buffet style dinner. This was covered by the attendees' registration fee. The ECU SPS Chapter covered the meals for two guest speakers and one custodian. The next speaker was Dr. Bill Romanishin. His talk, "Boy Beyond Neptune: A look at the Amazing Discoveries in Outer Solar System in the Last Decade", helped us celebrate ECU's Centennial and the International Year of Astronomy. This talk was open to the public. We had approximately 37 attendees. Next, we played Jeopardy. We were able to give the physics t-shirts to all of the game participants since there were no utube entries.

Saturday morning began with donuts and our guest speaker, Dr. Ed Neunshwander. His talk was "Taking Einstein's Ethics into the 21st Century." After his talk we passed around the petition that was included in the kit. We had one student from Pittsburg State University present an oral presentation. We also had three students from East Central University present posters. We used the physics kit that was sent to facilitate a talk on diversity in physics. We discussed ways that each chapter could diversify their physics department. After our zone discussion, the attendees ate at a local Mexican restaurant.

We only had attendees from three universities attend the meeting. These were East Central University, Pittsburg State University, and Southern Nazarene University. The low turnout was quite unexpected. Dr. Karen Williams and I emailed all zone 12 chapters three times. We also mailed letters to all zone 12 chapters. Dr. Williams contacted Toni Sauncy from Texas to invite north Texas schools. We also invited high school seniors that were at ECU during the State Science and Engineering Fair.

Sincerely,



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