

This is a report of search committee recommendations

The search committee recommends:

Igor Polyakov be offered the position for physical oceanography

Ian Howat and Mark Flanner are exceptional candidates and fit well into the cluster.

Ian Howat should be offered a position. This would be a reframing of the “coastal processes” position from the original proposal. Both faculties found Howat a worthy candidate at faculty meetings in February. The search did not attract any applications that fit into the original concept of the coastal processes. Further, we are concerned that Catania will not accept our offer.

Mark Flanner should be invited back for a second visit. This would be recasting the “regional modeling” position into “regional climate,” or perhaps the impact of local and regional processes on regional and global climate. The search attracted several candidates who identified themselves with the regional modeling position, but none actually used, for example, a regional model. The quality of Flanner’s approach to the link between local, regional, and global processes exceeded other candidates. On his return visit he should discuss, especially with AOSS, his specific interest in regional climate, regional climate models, and fit into the meteorological curriculum needs of the department.