

Faculty Meeting Minutes
(Non-executive session)
April 7, 2015

Present:

Bernard Deconinck (chair), KK Tung (sabbatical, non voting), Randy LeVeque, Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Anne Greenbaum, Hong Qian, Nathan Kutz, Loyce Adams, Mark Kot, Doug Martin, Chris Bretherton, Eric Shea-Brown, Emo Todorov

Absent:

Matt Lorig

Others present:

Ben Segal (student GSR), Lauren Lederer (staff representative)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:02pm
- Update that Sasha Aravkin accepted offer and will begin in fall. E-Science showed their commitment to hiring Sasha by offering a WRF Professorship, which provides 5 years of support for postdoc etc. funding.
- Reminder that Johannes Muhle-Karbe is giving a Boeing talk on Thursday, and his visit is essentially an interview.
 - Reminder: please sign up to meet with him.
- UAW negotiations are underway. A TA strike is possible at the end of April, if things do not improve. They are expected to. As such, faculty should at least make sure they have access to gradebooks.
- We are unofficially naming the conference room (208) the “Frederic Wan Conference Room.” Signage will be posted inside and outside the room indicating the new name. Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held May 1 with Frederick Wan visiting and speaking.
- Office 206 will become the new Emeritus office. Depending on usage, it will double as the short-term-visitor office.
- Nathan proposed hiring Pedro Maia as AAP so he can be an instructor. His contract would be on a yearly basis, dependent on Nathan’s funding. MOTION to approve was seconded and passed.
- Bernard informed that there might be merit raises, which is determined by the legislature. He proposed the formation of a “merit review committee” to determine raises, comprised of Anne and Hong. MOTION to approve was seconded and passed.
 - Reminder: submit annual report to the chair by May 1st
- Bernard proposed setting up an Executive Committee with the purpose of advising the chair. He suggested rules to start: members must be here to serve (e.g. not on sabbatical or away for extended periods), and committee members

serve annually for an academic year. Mark, Doug, Randy, and Chris are proposed to start this spring quarter. MOTION to approve committee for spring 2015, and the 2015-16 academic, year was seconded and passed.

- Bernard updated faculty on the timeline for moving the online Amath MS degree and the CFRM degree program away from PCE. Per Bill Anderson, this is not possible for this coming academic year, but it should be possible for the fall of 2016.
 - All agreed planning should start as early as this year
 - Nathan suggested not signing a new MOA for longer than one year
- Summer Courses:
 - The potential benefit and disadvantages to offer summer graduate level courses for EDGE students was discussed. Doug suggested we poll students to determine level of interest. Eric expressed concern that offering summer courses online using tapes, but not on campus, is not in line with concept that the programs are the same. Others acknowledged. Item further discussed and other ideas were suggested including: flipped classes, recycling recent video lectures, using student instructors, and more. All agreed that cost is a big factor in this. It was deemed unwise to proceed now if we are indeed considering moving away from PCE in the near future. The potential benefits of teaching and taping using the new light-board were discussed. All agreed to further discuss at a later date.

Meeting portion adjourned at 12:55pm
Minutes taken by Lauren