

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
(Non-executive session)  
June 2, 2015

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

Absent: Hong Qian, Loyce Adams, Matt Lorig

Others present: Felix Ye (sub for student GSR), Lauren Lederer (staff representative)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05pm.
- Meeting minutes from April 7 were unanimously approved.
- Bernard brought up the search for the new university president. He noted that at a recent meeting, Dean Bob Stacey discussed there is pressure from professional schools to look for a non-College of Arts & Sciences candidate. Bernard suggested that faculty participate in individual Catalyst surveys to voice their opinions. Bernard relayed Dean Stacey's message that faculty could also create a group statement which he could then pass to a search committee.
  - Chris and Doug both felt A&S plays a central role in the university and should have a major role in the search for a new president.
  - Eric suggested we mention concern there could be bias or pressure regarding the search, but we want a president who serves all and whose credentials would be the most important factor.
  - Bernard concluded discussion, indicating he would draft a written statement to be circulated for faculty feedback and sent to dean Stacey expressing departmental feedback.
- Bernard reminded faculty that the department is considering breaking away from PCE, with the target date of Autumn 2016. The process needs to begin Summer 2015. One idea is to approach UWEO Vice Provost Rovy Branon and renegotiate agreeable terms.
  - KK suggested we look at the model ESS uses, where the UW collects tuition and passes it back to the department (via the college through the ABB model, but tagged student's revenue would go to the department). In this model, the department can set its own tuition rate. All expressed interest.
  - Eric expressed concern that we currently are in a good situation, and we want to make sure not to end up in a model where future administrative leaders might be easily tempted to change the revenue model. Nathan recalled that this is exactly what happened with many engineering departments after Matt O'Donnell became dean. It took significant coordinated headwind from many departments to overcome this.

- Related, it was discussed whether to proceed with planning a Scientific Computing Certificate through PCE, considering potential split from PCE.
  - Bernard pointed out a proposal would be due to Matt Austin around WIN16 to have the certificate program start AUT16.
  - Chris suggested we hold off discussion, as it might be a distraction from negotiation with PCE. Randy agreed and also questioned whether we would proceed with certificate regardless of PCE. Eric suggested that our proceeding with a planned certificate would emphasize to PCE that we are indeed a VIP client and that they should take these negotiations seriously. Mark and others agreed.
  - Regarding the discussion of which classes to include in said certificate, Eric liked idea of AMATH 581, 582, and 583, which was agreed upon after some discussion. The future of 583 was contemplated as part of this discussion.