

Faculty Meeting Minutes
(Non-executive session)
April 5, 2016

Present: Bernard Deconinck (chair), Mark Kot, Matt Lorig, Hong Qian, Anne Greenbaum, Eli Shlizerman, Chris Bretherton, Sasha Aravkin, Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Randy LeVeque, Doug Martin

Absent: Emo Todorov (sabbatical), Eric Shea-Brown, Nathan Kutz, KK Tung

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

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05pm.
- Minutes approved from prior meeting.
- Bernard mentioned that at a recent meeting for department chairs, CAS web designers gave a presentation on the services they provide. The division of Natural Sciences is up next for departmental website redesign. It also pulls content from the time schedule to show current course offerings. Other departments expressed positive feedback regarding their experiences in the redesign process. Bernard announced that the computing committee agree we join the effort. Timing would mean beta mode winter 2017 and publishing spring 2017. (It is not possible to have the redesign earlier.)
 - Randy noted that feedback is welcome as well as any updated images one might have for the current departmental website.
 - A web committee will have to be created to interact with the CAS team. This committee should have people on it who will also be trained on how to update the content on the site.
- Bernard discussed some details related to Tim Leung's acceptance of the departmental offer. Tim will take over as director of the CFRM program, effective immediately on arrival, as Doug had already planned to step down on June 30. Doug and Matt expressed Tim's suitability for the role and noted his presence will be great for the future of the CFRM program.
- Bernard noted that a former AA PhD/AMATH MS graduate, Paul Reeves, and his wife Sharon, have committed to an estate gift. The Reeves have specified that the gift is awarded to AA but it should be used in ways that enhance joint efforts and collaboration between AA and AMATH.
- The Executive Committee and Bernard have discussed appointing a teaching mentor starting next academic year. The idea is that the mentor will guide new faculty, postdocs, and any graduate students who are new to teaching in the department. Mark Kot has agreed to serve in this role.