

Faculty Meeting Minutes
(Non-executive session)
October 4, 2016

Present: Bernard Deconinck (chair), Mark Kot, Nathan Kutz, Hong Qian, Anne Greenbaum, Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Randy LeVeque, Eric Shea-Brown, Eli Shlizerman, Tim Leung, Sasha Aravkin, Matt Lorig

Absent: Emo Todorov, KK Tung (teaching, arrived for executive session), Chris Bretherton (sabbatical)

Others present: Brian de Silva (student GSR), Lauren Lederer (staff representative)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05pm.
- Tim was welcomed as a new faculty member. Brian was welcomed as this year's GSR.
- Departmental service commitments were reviewed:
 - Hong as GPC
 - Mark is the new teaching mentor. Mark noted he posted a teaching resource online that others should feel free to give feedback regarding.
 - Randy and Ulrich make up the computing committee
 - Nathan and Eli serve on the data science committee (for the MS through PCE)
 - CFRM steering committee consists of Tim, KK, Bernard, and Matt
 - Executive committee includes Hong, Tim, Randy, KK
 - Anne and Randy are serving on the ACMS committee, with Anne as acting director this year.
 - Ulrich is the NIAC co-director
- Annual votes were revisited:
 - Chair is authorized to appoint all temporary faculty titles for which the HR job class code allows this. Mark moved to motion, Anne seconded; all approved.
 - Department maintains a committee of two faculty members to determine salary increases. Matt moved to motion, Randy seconded; all approved.
- Bernard informed that the family of Carl Pearson, who passed away in August, expressed interest in holding a small memorial event possibly in November. Details are to be determined.
- Bernard noted the following faculty are on sabbatical or leave of absence:
 - Chris is on sabbatical the entire academic year
 - Eli will be on leave for one year beginning November 1st in order to work at Facebook AI Research. Nominally he will be at UW, but his time will be spent on facebook-related work and be paid by facebook.
 - Bernard will be in ICERM most of March-April, as organizer of a semester program there, with periodic departmental visits.

- There was an update regarding the ongoing discussion of breaking away from PCE as the service provider for fee-based MS programs. Bernard and Matt Austin met with representatives from Everspring as a possibility. The private company floated a potential deal where they would only profit from the enrollment of new students, however, nothing further has been determined since. Meanwhile, CAS is considering breaking away from PCE as well, and the department might want to consider joining their efforts. Eric noted we should consider the risks involved in changing operations if it could potentially jeopardize our current setup. All to be discussed at a later date.