

Faculty Meeting Minutes
(Non-executive session)
November 7, 2017

Present: Mark Kot, Nathan Kutz, Hong Qian, Anne Greenbaum, Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Randy LeVeque, Eric Shea-Brown, KK Tung, Matt Lorig, Sasha Aravkin, Ivana Bozic, Tim Leung

Absent: Emo Todorov (on-leave), Eli Shlizerman (on-leave), Chris Bretherton, Bernard Deconinck (sabbatical)

Others present: Jeremy Upsal (student GSR), Lauren Lederer (staff representative)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05pm.
- Minutes approved from prior meeting. Tim motioned to approve, Anne seconded; all approved.
- Randy proposed a vote as to whether the chair should appoint a committee of two members to make recommendations to the chair regarding faculty merit raises, similar to last year. It has not yet been determined that faculty will receive merit raises although there may be a two percent raise. Anne motioned to approve, Mark seconded; all approved. Committee to be appointed later by Chair if and when necessary.
- Randy reviewed the current list of faculty committees to check for accuracy and to assess any adjustments that should be made. Eric volunteered to serve as a second faculty member on the PCE MS Data Science Committee as Eli is on-leave. Ivana volunteered to serve as a second faculty member for the Diversity Committee as it was felt additional faculty support would be beneficial. As Randy is retiring at the end of the year, someone will need to replace him on the Computing Committee. [Post-meeting update: Nathan volunteered to handle the PCE MS Data Science Committee work on his own this year.]
- Randy presented graphs that were recently shared at a chairs' meeting showing that currently the college is spending more than it is generating. Specific to our department, hiring and salary increases contributed to this issue. Mark inquired whether any suggestions were provided at the meeting. Randy answered that there is hope the new provost may help as well as possibly changing how activity based budgeting (ABB) is calculated. KK suggested looking at record keeping, e.g. split appointments or ACMS, to ensure credit is correctly applied. Mark suggested it may make sense to form committee to look into this concern. Randy commented that the topic may also tie into the upcoming departmental self-study as the executive committee has been exploring ideas for a new major.
- The self-study is due in January, so the goal is to have a draft written autumn quarter. A faculty retreat will be held tentatively January 4th from 3:30-5:30pm to discuss plans. Randy is working with staff to compile student and alumni data. Faculty should provide a one page CV with basic info such as education, top awards, research blurb, and a link to

their full CV. It is also recommended that faculty have an ORCID and update their information.

- A chart comparing students' first choice for majors was provided, which plotted the significant increase in the number of students desiring computer science. Randy noted that Computer Science is planning to increase their number of direct to major admits from 30% to 65%. The Dean is in favor of doing more direct admits in our College as well.
- Meeting adjourned 1:15pm.