

Faculty Meeting Minutes  
(Non-executive session)  
February 6, 2018

Present: Mark Kot, Nathan Kutz, Anne Greenbaum, Ulrich Hetmaniuk, Randy LeVeque (interim chair), KK Tung, Sasha Aravkin, Ivana Bozic, Matt Lorig, Hong Qian, Tim Leung

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

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

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05pm.
- Faculty were reminded that Loyce emailed info about the admitted PhD students and included suggested faculty contacts. Please try to reach out to the prospective students. Also try to be available for the Prospective Student Weekend coming up on March 30-31<sup>st</sup>.
- The site visit, as part of the departmental review, will take place April 19-20<sup>th</sup>. The review committee will meet with faculty, staff, and students in groups. The self-study is still in progress. Once a solid draft is ready, it will be distributed to faculty for feedback.
- At the next faculty meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, the first part will be a regular faculty meeting followed by a training at 1pm. The Community Standards & Student Conduct Office (CSSC) will give a presentation on student conduct procedures. That part of the meeting will be opened up to students, postdocs, or anyone who teaches at the department. CSSC will explain the various regulations and procedures of reporting conduct issues, e.g. cheating. In the meantime, if any situations arise, see the CSSC website for instructions on submitting a report.
- Recently Tony sent out adjunct and affiliate renewal letters. So far all but one have responded. Those who responded wish to continue. Randy suggested a faculty vote to renew all the appointments thus far. Mark motioned, Sasha seconded; all approved. KK expressed the department may need to send more nuanced, individualized letters in the future, and in particular a different letter to affiliates who are not local than we send to adjuncts. We would not want to inconvenience any affiliates or be too quick to discontinue the appointment. Randy noted the idea behind the renewal letters is to encourage more departmental engagement. Faculty voted on CFRM affiliate renewals as well. Tim noted each affiliate faculty had either taught this year or would in the future. Matt motioned, Anne seconded; all approved.
- Randy forwarded BS/MS proposal to faculty and related department chairs. No feedback yet from other chairs. Suzanne Hawley would like the department to pause the proposal until after the self-study review, and after holding a meeting with all involved to discuss the impact of the proposal and ACMS more broadly. Randy pointed out that a meeting regarding ACMS is a good idea and that holding off on the proposal for now does not

delay the planned start date anyway. Randy went through the draft. KK proposed changing the title for clarity, something along the lines of “Direct Admit to MS” or similar, and adding a paragraph at the start explaining that this is not a proposal for a new major, and that AMath does not have a separate major and so this is aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at ACMS majors. Stating this up front might reduce confusion. Anne suggested editing the course requirements to allow for the honors calculus series.

- It was mentioned that a similar proposal for a BS/MS in CFRM is being developed. A proposal for a minor in CFRM has been submitted. Finally, a proposal has been sent to the ACMS steering committee to modify the Mathematical Economics option to include CFRM courses, with a possible name change to include Finance. Tim noted these efforts would help attract students to CFRM undergraduate classes, thus helping with ABB.
- Meeting adjourned 12:50pm.