

Faculty Meeting Minutes
(Non-executive session)
March 5, 2019
Wan Conference Room 12-2pm

Present: Sasha Aravkin, Ivana Bozic, Bernard Deconinck (chair), Anne Greenbaum, Mark Kot, Nathan Kutz, Tim Leung, Matt Lorig, Hong Qian, Eli Shlizerman, KK Tung

Absent: Chris Bretherton Ulrich Hetmaniuk (on leave), Eric Shea-Brown

Others present: Rachel Reichert (staff representative) Kelsey Maass (GSR)

Proceedings:

- Meeting called to order by chair at 12:05 pm

50th Anniversary Conference Update

- Invites are sent
- Received a NSF grant for 20k for student expenses and 6k for speaker costs- conference must be future focused and involve a panel with no other events at the same time. Special thanks to Eli and Sasha who are on the planning committee
- Please let speakers know they should register for the conference as we are likely to fill up!

Undergraduate Major

- Approved by College- now at Faculty Council on Academic Standards (FCAS)
- Currently set up as a noncompetitive major as new majors are not allowed to be competitive initially. Have to demonstrate the major is over capacity before it can be made competitive.
- The current goal is to accept applications for the first class in June and use that to show we are overcapacity so that for the February cycle it becomes a competitive major. Currently over 500 students meet the requirements and the major capacity is set at 20.
- Discussion about what happens if we are overcapacity.
- Largest freshman class is set to begin this upcoming year and with the major and the incoming class we received 55k extra on our permanent budget and 30k in temporary instructional funds
- Only one other STEM degree is currently noncompetitive (Physics) and they currently have an application to become competitive as well.

Seismic update

- Currently work will begin in the attic at the beginning of April
- Plan is to move everyone up on the third floor with a potential administrative suite and parking spaces for faculty in Condon.
- TA/RA's will use shared spaces in building.
- Work on 1st and 2nd floors will start on June 17th

Non-executive session ended at 12:45 pm and Executive session began.