

October 26, 2011

4:35pm – 5:35pm

Present: Peter Beerli, Gordon Erlebacher, Max Gunzburger, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomasz Plewa, Denis Slice, Xiaoqiang Wang, and Jim Wilgenbusch

Late Arrivals: Anter El-Azab and Ming Ye

Absent: Michael Navon, Janet Peterson, and Sachin Shanbhag

SC Faculty Meeting

1. The meeting minutes from 9/14/2011 were approved.
2. Promotion and Tenure update: The three faculty members going up for P&T have all passed up to the College level. Their binders are now awaiting the University Committee vote.
3. Psychology update: There are about 31 students currently registered for our new course for the Psychology Department.
4. College update: Gordon asked that the faculty to email him the pros and cons of splitting the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Humanities and the College of Sciences.
5. TAs: TAs teach the lab for courses and the faculty teach the courses. Master students should be finishing their thesis by the end of their 2nd year. This will help cycle out the TAs and allow for new grad students.
6. Strategic Plan: The Provost will be collecting information from all departments about their strategic plan by October 2013.
7. Doctoral Studies: There is no reason why students cannot pick up a Masters along the way to their Ph.D. to increase our numbers.
8. Stipend: The department is one of the highest paying stipends at FSU, but it is much lower than other University in the US. Students' acceptance letters states what they will receive as an RA or TA.
9. Reports from UG Committee:
 - A) The idea of creating a departmental student awards was mentioned.
 - B) Discussion about inviting families to attend the student Expo and the future award ceremony.
 - C) The committee is checking to ensure that syllabi are consistent with the prerequisites, that the bulletin is up-to-date. They are reevaluating the courses.
 - D) They are working on a new 1000 level course.
 - E) There will be an undergraduate pizza happy hour.

F) Will present a two-year plan for the undergraduate program.

10. MDS: The multidisciplinary supports grant proposal deadline is November 17. The proposal is looking for collaboration among departments.

11. 1st and 4th floor plans: There was a discussion about restructuring of the 1st floor and 4th floor to gain more lab/classroom space.

12. NSF: Deadline is December 14. The department can get money to work with other Universities to host workshops.

13. The Publications Committee will meet to update the website information, create a mailing list for the committees, and make sure it is consistent with FSU information.

14. MATLAB: Jim mentioned that there could be the potential of a one time cost per year, which will increase our license, providing additional use cases. We will be able to install MATLAB on any machine.

The next Faculty meeting is TBA.