

DSC Faculty Meeting

April 9, 2018

DSL 499 2:30 – 3:00

Present: Peter Beerli, Gordon Erlebacher, Alan Lemmon, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Dennis Slice

1. Minutes from March faculty meeting approved.
2. The undergraduate numbers seem to fluctuate between 26 – 28.
3. Two Ph.D. students with TA's have accepted our offer. Four M.S. students have accepted our unfunded offer. Applications for the M.S. degree will remain open through the end of June 2018.
4. Our departmental tracking system for our students and faculty should be working by next year. Information in our system is generated from FSU's graduate student tracking.
5. There was discussion about improving questions for evaluation forms in SUSI. Faculty can create a list of questions that could be included in next year's forms
6. First year grad students are now submitting their prelim forms. This form should include the advisor name and area of research. The research area is for the oral exam. Again the advisor should be chosen by spring of the first year.
7. Undergraduate students will now take 9 hours of upper division electives within our department and 9 hours of electives from outside our department (math, science, computer science, or additional computational science). The total of elective credits is still 18.
8. The department wants to encourage our students to write NSF grants in their first year of graduate study. Alan and Emily Lemmon have offered successful workshops in grant writing. Maybe a three hour workshop can be offered to our first year students. NSF not only looks at excellence in intellectual research but also looks at factors such as community outreach initiatives.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. This was the final meeting of the year.