

September 14, 2011

4:40pm – 6:15pm

Present: Peter Beerli, Anter El-Azab, Gordon Erlebacher, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomasz Plewa, Sachin Shanbhag, Denis Slice, Xiaoqiang Wang, Jim Wilgenbusch and Ming Ye

Absent: Max Gunzburger, Michael Navon, and Janet Peterson

SC Faculty Meeting

1. ACS II: Substituting for Michael Navon's course ACS II offered T R 9:30am – 10:45am in 468 DSL for this semester was addressed.
2. Travel: According to University policy the Chair approves all travel. The policy also states "Failure to notify the program or department chair of a missed class meeting or excessive absences from class obligations can result in disciplinary action." Gordon indicated that excessive will be more than 4 classes missed. Thus far all travel has been approved.
3. Science Area Chair's Committee (SACC) update: Both the Psychology and the Visualization courses were approved.
4. 1xxx course: According to the Dean and Associate Dean creating a course that will satisfy the liberal studies science requirement has about 0% chance of passing. However, there are alternatives that would allow such a course to pass.
5. Current courses: Students can use courses offered by other departments as their electives, but the core courses must be covered Fall and Spring semesters. Some of the graduate core classes can be offered as electives for the undergraduates, and the same can be done with the undergraduate's core classes. Both the UG and the Grad Committees will work on creating a course schedule for the next year or so.
6. Promoting the department: Once a month there will be a game night in the seminar room. This will help bring awareness to the department.
7. ORAU/ORNL: Ming discussed how he received this grant and what he was awarded. The site to register is password protected, but Jim has the password.
8. Course: Perhaps the department can create a project-based generic course. Where the project is based on various departments needs.
9. TAs: There was a discussion about the TAs, how they are assigned, and how much they get paid. There will be further review about money for TA and RA, the difference between domestic and international students, and the University/College policies.

The next Faculty meeting is TBA.