

DSC Faculty Meeting

October 4, 2021

2:30 – 3:30 P.M. DSL 499

Present: Peter Beerli, Gordon Erlebacher, Max Gunzburger, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Janet Peterson, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Kevin Speer, Xiaoqiang Wang

1. The number of students in the department has decreased over the past three years. This is true for both graduate and undergraduate students. In Fall 2021, there are 29 graduate students and 29 undergraduate students enrolled in the department. Undergraduate students who list Scientific Computing as a second major are not reflected in this number of 29 students.
2. There was some discussion of ways to recruit students, especially graduate students. The department should contact students early, encourage applicants to connect to faculty, and even invite applicants to visit the department. Kevin Speer suggested that our web page should highlight student profiles and their job placements.
3. In Fall 2022, the department will have a new Chair. Gordon leaves the position of Chair on August 22, 2022. A chair search committee must be created and then a Chair of that committee chosen.
4. We are currently advertising for two new faculty positions. So far, there are thirty applicants. The interview process will begin on November 1, 2021.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.