

Faculty Meeting

March 6, 2023

DSL 499 2:30 P.M.

Present: Peter Beerli, Nick Dexter, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomek Plewa, Sachin Shanbhag, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero

1. Alicia Batailles was a guest speaker at the meeting today. She is the Senior Associate Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement and the Associate Director of UROP, Undergraduate Research Opportunity. <https://cre.fsu.edu/undergradresearch/urop> Alicia explained the details of the UROP program and encouraged our faculty to participate.
2. Karey mentioned that both undergraduate and graduate numbers have declined during Covid times. Our OPS funds are impacted by the number of undergraduate students in our program. OPS funds are how the department pays our graduate TAs. Our faculty should work along with Karey to grow our undergraduate numbers. For the academic year 2023/2024 the department can only fund 2 new TA positions. The department has 6 returning TA's.
3. The faculty position remains open. Peter is negotiating with the finalist.
4. Peter discussed various budget issues.
5. Meeting ended around 3:30 P.M.