Faculty Meeting

August 28, 2023

2:30 – 3:30 P.M. DSL 499

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

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1. This was the first meeting of the fall 2023 semester. There was a general discussion and comparison of our student numbers from last year to this year. The chair talked about the department's budget.
2. There is a need to review the core courses for both undergraduate and graduate students. We must increase elective courses for our undergraduate students and actively participate in undergraduate recruiting.
3. The Undergraduate Committee pushed the course ISC 3313 through the system to fulfill the new Digital Literacy graduation requirement. This helps our students and the many math students who are required to take a programming course. This class has the potential to be a recruiting tool for the department, as freshmen and sophomores can take this class early.
4. This year, the undergraduate and graduate committees should review our courses, in particular our coding language/plans and how much to use AI in all our courses.
5. The Grad Committee administered the written portion of the preliminary exam in May 2023. There were 4 students who were scheduled to take the exam – 2 passed, 1 failed, and 1 did not show up. The retake is in September. This year, we successfully acquired 2 new PhD students and 3 master's students.
6. The most visible activity of the Research Committee was the running of the Colloquium. Last year the chair made department funds available to invite several speakers. This year he advised earmarking about 3 speakers per semester to be funded from Departmental funds. SRAD money can also be used to fund these speakers. We want the Colloquium to be run in person and may stop using the Zoom link.
7. Happy Hour will be Friday, September 1st at 5:30 at Proof located in the Student Union. [this was canceled because of the Hurricane Idalia campus shutdown]