

Faculty Meeting Minutes

20 April 2021

Present via Zoom: Adib Bagh, Ben Braun, Jim Brennan, Alberto Corso, Bradley Elliott, Heide Gluesing-Luerssen, Kyle Golenbiewski, Bert Guillou, Larry Harris, David Murrugarra, Uwe Nagel, Duc Nguyen, Nicholas Nguyen, Katherine Paullin, Kate Ponto, Jing Qin, Jack Schmidt, Khrystyna Serhiyenko, Fernando Shao, Nat Stapleton, Mihai Tohaneanu, Chloe Wawrzyniak, erica Whitaker, Martha Yip, Yuan Zhou

(1) Announcements:

- Awards Ceremony on 7 May 2021 at 4pm.
- Chair's update:
 - College does not provide funding for TA desktops. Thus, we rely on handing down faculty computers. Faculty is encouraged to take advantage of the College's computer renewal policy.
 - The deadline for completing the survey to evaluate President Capilouto is 1 May 2021.
 - Applications for Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship are due 23 April 2021.
- erica Whitaker, DSC, informs that every TA who requested summer teaching will be provided the opportunity. Assignments are mostly finalized.

(2) Minutes from 30 March 2021 were approved.

(3) Proposal for Master's exams "en passant"

Math graduate students typically complete their master's exams "en passant", meaning that they receive it along the path to a PhD. This allows them to apply their course credit hours simultaneously to both their Master's and PhD degrees, instead of having to complete 30 hours for the MA and 36 *additional* credit hours for the PhD. The graduate school is supportive of our use of the en passant option and has requested that we put in an official program change request this summer so that the en passant option will be in their system. This qualifies as a major program change, and requires a vote of approval from the faculty. Thus, the proposal to be voted on is: "Do you approve having an en passant option for the mathematics Master's degree programs?"

Moved to vote, seconded, faculty vote to pass.

(4) Teaching Loads.

We repeatedly stated our aspiration for reduced teaching loads to deserving faculty, the last time in our 2021 five-year plan. In order to achieve this goal a proposal for awarding course reductions has been discussed by the executive committee and unanimously recommended for eventual approval to the whole faculty.

Moved to vote, seconded, faculty vote to pass.

(5) Hayden-Howard speaker in 2021/212: Elisa Gorla selected by majority vote. Physics will organize the Van Winter lecture in 2021/22.