

Summary of August 28, 2013 Faculty Meeting

- **Faculty in attendance:** B. Braun, R. Brown, R. Carden, E. Csima, A. Corso, R. Ehrenborg, B. Guillou, L. Harris, P. Hislop, M. Jabbour, P. Koester, K. Kubota, D. Leep, C. Lee, R. Molzon, M. Montgomery, U. Nagel, S. Ochanine, K. Ott, K. Ponto, M. Readdy, D. Royster, J. Schmidt, Z. Shen.
- **Others in attendance:** C. Levitt, M. Schreffler.

1. D. Leep introduced new faculty hires: R. Carden, E. Csima, N. Nguyen, and D. Butcher.
2. C. Levitt discussed new procedures in travel. Several specific questions were asked and discussed. Questions about funding for student travel should be directed to C. Levitt.

3. Overview of Committees

A. P. Hislop will chair a committee that will draft a new hiring plan. Other members of this committee are A. Corso, H. Gluesing-Luerssen, and M. Readdy.

- (i) An open meeting is schedule for Thursday, September 5 from 12:30-1:30. Input is welcome from all faculty.
- (ii) The drafted plan will give a detailed vision for hiring over the next two years and a broader vision for hiring in the next 3–4 years.
- (iii) The committee will investigate whether the department should continue the development of mathematical economics and actuarial sciences programs and how should this be done?
- (iv) The committee will investigate whether the department should continue the Post Doc program.
- (v) The committee seeks to have a plan drafted by September 30, 2013.

B. D. Royster will chair a committee on Lecturer issues. Other members of this committee are P. Koester, M. Montgomery, and Z. Shen.

- (i) The committee is scheduled to meet sometime on Thursday, September 5. Input is welcome from all faculty.
- (ii) The committee will explore issues related to improving employment issues for Lecturers. Discussion ensued about Lecturers vs. Senior Lecturers vs. Special Series Faculty.
- (iii) D. Leep wants the faculty to consider Lecturer issues related to other faculty issues. In particular, he is under the impression that the Dean is open to a model that could reduce the teaching load for tenure-stream faculty.

4. Reminders

- (i) The Dean will be in attendance at the Tuesday, September 3 Faculty meeting.
- (ii) Sabbatical information was announced. Some sabbaticals may have to be delayed due to high volume of requests this year. The deadline for submitting a sabbatical request is Monday, September 23.

5. Budget Information

- (i) An analysis of DIP funds was given.
- (ii) Summer School profits will be estimated sometime in September. In recent years profits have been around \$100,000. Enrollment for 2013 Summer School was down, so profits this year may be down as well.
- (iii) The Carry Forward funds were discussed. R. Brown asked about the budget for Math Excel and the Mathskeller. D. Leep stated that around \$28,000 is available for spending on expenses related to lower division courses and that the Dean's office funds Math Excel.
- (iv) The UK endowment was discussed. P. Hislop asked about paperwork for the Edward's fund. M. Readdy asked about publicly recognizing donors to the Math Department. The Eaves have given \$25 thousand dollars over the past several years. A retired doctor has given \$44 thousand dollars to help develop Math 111. These donors could be recognized in the (defunct) newsletter. A&S might be helpful in reviving an electronic form of the newsletter.
- (v) D. Leep thinks the budget is firmer than last year, as there has been no recent discussion regarding budget cuts. Seminars will be funded 100%. The administration seems to want the incoming 1st-year class to be around 5000 students (currently at around 4900). The increase in enrollment should mean an increase in salary of about 3% for two years.

6. Graduate Program

- (i) Since the DGS was not present, P. Hislop suggested that there be higher stipends for TAs. Praise was given for proposal to increase these stipends. D. Leep discussed how the proposal was put forward, but is currently stalled.
- (ii) Praise was also given to the DGS for the large number of incoming graduate students. Also mentioned was the projected large number of doctoral candidates who will be graduating this year.
- (iii) TAs received a 5% pay raise. There is a party for the TAs tomorrow, August 30.