

Faculty meeting, Tuesday, 2 September 2014 4-4.50pm, POT 745

1. Announcements: Faculty retreat on Saturday, 13 September 2014, 8.30am-1pm. Please RSVP to Christine Levitt by 5pm on Monday, 8 September 2014.
Special Faculty Meeting with Dean Kornbluh on Tuesday, 9 September 2.30-3.30pm in POT 745 (tentative).
Please keep Tuesday afternoon open for meetings.
2. Brown: Introductions of new faculty and post-docs: Konstantina Christodouloupoulou, Clinton Hines, David Jensen, Rafael González d'León, Ray Kremer, David Murrugarra, erica Whitaker, Martha Yip.
3. Levitt: staff duties and paperwork.
4. Brown: Hiring proposal from 2013-2014 executive committee (see below)
5. Brown: A few remarks on a departmental strategic plan
6. Brown and Ochanine: Undergraduate enrichment fund (see below)

Hiring request from spring 2014

Dear Dean Kornbluh,

In order to continue with our hiring plan and to meet the needs of the department, we suggest to request the following hires:

Tenure-stream positions:

The Math department wrote a hiring plan in Fall 2013. This is the basis of our continued hiring efforts.

We request to hire 2 tenure-stream faculty in Math Bio and/or Math Econ, with the precise distribution depending on the pool of applicants.

Moreover, we request to hire up to 2 tenure-stream faculty in Analysis/PDE. In order to have the option to broaden the pool of applicants, we should also consider applicants in algebra and/or topology. All of this is in accordance with our hiring plan and at the same time necessary to replace our recent losses of tenure-stream faculty.

Lecturers:

During 2014-15 the department will have 4 lecturers and 3 visiting lecturers. The contracts of each of the visiting lecturers ends in May 2015. Our teaching demands will not decrease for the following years and thus we need to replace the visiting lecturers. We request to hire 2 permanent lecturers and one visiting lecturer. Pending the outcome of

the strategic plan in Fall 2014, the department may have to discuss the option of raising the cap for lecturers from currently 6 to 7.

PostDoc:

One PostDoc hire is needed in order to build up our PostDoc program with three young faculty in residence each year.

Renovation Requests:

The main renovation needs of the department are the graduate student offices on the 8th and 9th floor. In addition, the Mathskeller needs new furniture.

David

Proposal for undergraduate enrichment fund.

- a) Enrichment for the undergraduate program: Speakers, travel by undergraduates to conferences, Math Club, seminars on pedagogy
- b) Strengthen undergraduate research. Pay summer stipends to students and a supplement to faculty to supervise students. This would require faculty buy-in to guarantee mentors for students.
- c) Create a lounge/study room for undergraduate majors in the department. This would require a commitment of space in POT from the College.
- d) Renovate Mathskeller and provide some money for course assistants. Expand the range of courses where undergrads assist.