

Agenda for Faculty Meeting, 20 April 2021

Announcements:

1. Awards Ceremony on 7 May 2021 at 4pm
2. Chair's update.

Business:

1. Approve minutes from 30 March 2021, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.

2. 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. We have been notified by the graduate school that there is no record in the system that the en passant option for math was ever approved, even though we have been using it for many years (almost every master's is completed en passant). 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?"

3. 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.

4. Selection of speakers for the Hayden-Howard and the Van Winter lecture in 2021-22.