

## Faculty Meeting Minutes

13 October 2020

**Present via Zoom:** Ben Braun, Jim Brennan, Russell Brown, Francis Chung, Jonathan Clark, Robert Denomme, Nathan Druivenga, Richard Ehrenborg, Bradley Elliott, Heide Gluesing-Luerssen, Kyle Golenbiewski, Bert Guillou, Larry Harris, Peter Hislop, Ding Lu, Chris Manon, Uwe Nagel, Duc Nguyen, Nick Nguyen, Katherine Paullin, Kate Ponto, Margaret Readdy, Jing Qin, David Royster, Amber Scruggs, Khrystyna Serhiyenko, Fernando Shao, Nat Stapleton, Chloe Wawrzyniak, erica Whitaker, Yuan Zhou

(1) Announcements:

- Midterm grades are due on Oct 19.
- Chair's update on the University budget as provided by the Provost.
- Chair informs about a donation by Mary and Jim Eaves to the Department.
- Chair announces that he will share by email information on mental health resources for graduate students and on a new proposed rule from the Department of Homeland Security regarding international student visa.

(2) Minutes from 28 April 2020 were approved.

(3) Dropping the GRA Requirement.

The Department proposes to drop the general GRE test as an admissions requirement for graduate students and to require instead a statement of purpose.

**Moved to vote, seconded, faculty vote to pass.**

(4) Graduate Student Advising Policy.

The College requested that every department develop and submit a Graduate Student Advising Policy by 11 December 2020. The Graduate Student Program Committee, consisting of Ben Braun, Chris Manon and Martha Yip, developed a proposal that was discussed and recommended to the faculty for discussion by the Executive Committee. At the meeting several comments were made. Faculty were asked to send further suggestions to Ben Braun by 17 October 2020. The discussion of the policy will be continued at a faculty meeting on 27 October 2020.