

2016 Fall Department Meeting

Department of Mathematics and Statistics
University of North Carolina Charlotte

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Excused from the meeting: Alex Gordon, Yang Li, Adriana Monge Ocejo, Debra Shafer

1. The following new faculty members were introduced

1. Eliana Christou, assistant professor of statistics.
2. Jeanne-Marie (Ree) Linker, visiting lecturer (2 year term).
3. Hui Liu, visiting assistant professor (1 year term).
4. Lolla Madhuri, visiting lecturer (1 year term).
5. Loc Nguyen, assistant professor of mathematics.
6. Wan Rabiatal Wan Othman, lecturer.

2. Updates on Positions and Hiring

1. We have been authorized to recruit five tenure track faculty positions (all for replacement): 1 in Math Education (Jeong-Lim Chae), 1 in Math Finance (Mingxin Xu), 1 in Traditional Math (Bruno Wichnoski) and 2 in Statistics (Jacek Dmochowski and Rong Liu).
2. The campus interviews for the traditional math will most likely start in late November/early December, we also hope for an early start for the Math Education position. The other ones will likely be from end January to late February, similar to last year.
3. Please help (like you did in the past)!

3. Diversity and LEADS

Associate Dean Shawn Long gave a presentation about the importance of diversity. This included diversity in faculty composition in terms of reflecting our student body composition and diversity in our graduate students. (Chair's comment: for example UNCC's current student population is about 40% white, and 32% African American.) Dr. Long also talked about the LEADS initiative of CLAS and the need for all departments to participate and contribute to this initiative.

4. Report of 2015-16 external grant activities

- A total of 12 external grant proposals were submitted last academic year with the PI in our department;

2011–12: 8 awards totaling \$894,950

2012–13: 5 awards totaling \$537,944

2013–14: 7 awards totaling \$606,525

2014–15: 10 awards totaling \$777,233

2015–16: 11 awards totaling \$1,079,959.00.

Wei Cai: \$177k DOD grant;

Alan Dow: \$60k NSF grant and \$31k NSF conference grant.

Michael Klivanov: \$205k DOD (Army) grant and \$57k DOD (Navy) grant.

Helen Li: \$35k Simons Foundation grant.

Kevin McGoff: \$225k NSF grant.

Stas Molchanov and Boris Vainberg: \$70k NSF grant.

Wafaa Shaban: \$5k SOA educational grant.

Yanqing Sun: \$120k NSF grant and \$94k NIH grant.

5. Committees and tasks: Updates

Advisory Committee: Completed the department bylaws revision and the department adopted it on 11/20/2015.

Advisory and Review Committees: Completed the Department RTP guideline revision, with the new added procedure for the TFPRs. The department adopted it on 2/1/2016.

That means we are done with the major department policy updating (workload policy, bylaws and RTP guidelines).

Please help me to update the college and university committee information.

Joel Avrin reported his activities and progresses associated with his Provost's Faculty Fellow role during the last academic year. He gave an outline of a new mathematics major concentration and a potential new minor associated with the area of data science. Full report attached at the end of this document.

6. Teaching related issues: associate chair

Please follow these guidelines and also help new instructors (GTAs and part time instructors) with these guidelines when the opportunities arise.

- Please follow the university guidelines/policies.
- Please provide a syllabus along with a course policy to each of your classes and try to stick with it as much as possible. With some class being really large in size, we need to make sure that there are no distractions (such as talking or whispering, coming late or leaving early).

- Please inform the students of all the available resources that both the Department and the University offer. Specifically about our Dept's free drop-in tutoring and previous final exams (on the department homepage). Make sure to repeat this every now and then via classroom announcement and Moodle. Make an effective use of the grader and his/her hours. You could arrange for the grader to hold office hours if you are not using them for grading as much or during a week; also ask the grader to attend your exam and help with proctoring exams.
- Please make sure to tell students in advance that they cannot use smart phone as a calculator. Also before giving the test, request that smart phones be put away (spend a minute or two watching everyone putting the phones away). Multiple versions of test are encouraged if you are teaching a large class.
- Faculty members also ask for clarification on the type of calculator allowed in the exams: We only allow up to TI-89 in the exams; not the more advanced ones.

- Please actively watch the students during the exam.
- The front office staff can help faculty members administering make-up exams (although you should try to limit these as much as you can). When you do so, please make sure to include your name and your section number on Tests or HW.
- If you need the office staff to help administering a make-up exam, please arrange it for the student to come by the Dept no later than 3:00pm. Since staff members leave at 5:00pm, we cannot help if students show up at 4:00 or 5:00pm to take a make-up exam.

7. Reports from the coordinators

Shaozhong Deng: opted to sending the graduate program report at a different time due to the time constraint.

Kim Harris: Reported that the number of math majors has grown well over 400 math majors and called for faculty members to step forward to offer help for directing the honor thesis for a few students who have showed interest in our honors program.

Wafaa Shaban: Gave a report on the current state of the Actuarial Program.

8. Miscellaneous, questions and answers

- Questions, comments, announcements from faculty members:
None.

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