2017 Fall Department Meeting

Department of Mathematics and Statistics
University of North Carolina Charlotte

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Excused: Vic Cifarelli, Alex Gordon, Shaoyu Li, Alina Reznikova, Adalira Saenz-Ludlow, Debra Shafer, Boris Vainberg, Evan Wantland.
Absent: Oleg Safronov.

1. New Faculty Introduction

- Will Brian
- Allison McCulloch
- Jun Song
- Qingning Zhou
2. News and Announcements

• Wei Cai resigned effective this semester. it is my pleasure to work with the wonderful faculty during its growth over these years. I wish the best for the department’s future.”

• Dr. Miryana Grigorova, our finalist for the math finance position, could not join the department due to visa issues. The approval (at the AA level) of my request for a new search is pending.

• There is a merit raise this year ... ...
In June 2017, Michael Klibanov received the Gold Medal Award from the Sobolev Institute of Mathematics for his “distinguished impact in mathematics”.

[Image of two individuals shaking hands]
3. Updates on Positions and Hiring

In spring we had requested two positions in pure math to replace Tom Lucas and Franz Rothe.

We are instead authorized to recruit one tenure track position (assistant/associate) in the area of statistics with a specific aim to collaborate/support data science (big data), and a lecturer.

It is not clear about any possible new position (and what would happen to our math finance position).

The search for the next chair is still in the undecided state.
4. Reports on external award activities

- Alan Dow: $24,000 NSF;
- Anthony Fernandes (Kim Harris is one of the co-PIs): $653,662 first phase, $1.1 million overall;
- Gabor Hetyei: $42,000 Simons Foundation;
- Helen Li: $132,278 NSF;
- Allison McCulloch: $55,078, UNCG; $7,570, NCST;
- Stas Molchanov/Boris Vainberg: $76k NSF;
- Boris Vainberg: $42,000, Simons Foundation;
Faculty with continuing grants: Duan Chen, Alan Dow, Michael Klibanov, Kevin McGoff, Yanqing Sun

The department submitted an REU proposal on 8/23. The effort was started and led by Kevin McGoff and Helen Li, later joined by Michael Grabchak and the chair, with support from faculty members including: Joel Avrin, Jiancheng Jiang, Gabor Hetyei, Stas Molchanov and Yanqing Sun.
5. **Teaching related issues such as schedule change Fall 2018 etc.**

- Starting Fall 2018, we will again have MWF schedules with 50 minute sessions;

- Final exam schedule of MWF classes for this semester (and next) should follow the published schedule for MWF classes (it is the starting time that counts since the intervals are all based on 90 minutes).

- A message from the director of the math tutoring center: Tutoring for Math 1100, 1103, 1120, 1241, 1242, 2164, and 2171 as well as Stat 1220 and 1222 is offered in the MLC from 11–7 Monday through Thursday and 11–3 on Fridays. Math 0900, 1102, 1105 as well as Calculus 3 & 4 (Math 2241/2242) in Fretwell 418. The days and hours for this tutoring is posted on the front desk of the department as well as the window of the MLC.
6. Reports from associate chair and coordinators

Issues discussed mostly involve teaching, such as grade assigning, test proctoring etc. It is strongly encouraged that faculty members, especially new faculty members, seek assistance from the chair and associate chair when in doubt with any teaching related issue.
7. Miscellaneous, questions and answers

- Spring 2018 teaching preferences/special requests are due today;
- Tentative committee assignments will be posted later today. If you serve on a college or university committee, please let the chair know.
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Terima kasih
Thank you