DSC Faculty Meeting

February 4, 2019

Room 499 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Xiaoqiang Wang

Minutes from the January 2019 meeting were approved

1. Gordon met with the dean and reported that there had been a twelve percent reduction in last year's budget. This year, there is no reduction.
2. "Jack", Kelsey Keen, has completed the paper work to create a RSO. The president of the RSO should come from our department. The RSO can be a means of attracting undergraduate students to our department and can serve as a way of getting our own undergraduate students more involved in the department. Jack has also worked towards creating a mentoring/tutoring program within the department.
3. Corrections have been made to the FSU General Undergraduate Bulletin. The prerequisite of MAC 2312, calculus II, has been removed from ISC 3313, ISC 3222.and ISC 4304C.
4. Gordon has completed the annual IEP report. This yearly report focuses on the outcomes and results of coursework. There was a lengthy and healthy discussion about how results and objectives are measured and met. There was more discussion about the differences between objectives and content.
5. Faculty have reviewed the 29 graduate applications which have been submitted at this time. Eight Ph.D. applicants have a grade of A or A -. Four applicants for the M.S. degree have a grade of A and seventeen M.S. applicants have the grade of B. There should be money to support two TA's and two research grants.
6. There are about thirty- five grad students so each faculty member should be advising three to four students.
7. Many universities in the country, FSU as well, are working towards creating campus wide data science centers. Maybe this is a time to think about creating a formal undergraduate major track called data science.
8. On February 19th the three candidates for chair, Peter Beerli, Gordon Erlebacher, and Tomek Plewa, will give presentations to support their vision for the department. The faculty will be notified of time and location.
9. The Computational Expo is on April 19, 2019.
10. Nathan Crock and Gordon Erlebacher are organizing a machine learning expo that will take place at the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship on April 20, 2019.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.