

Faculty Meeting

October 6, 2025

DSL 499

2:30 – 3:30

Present: Peter Beerli, Hristo Chipilski, Nick Dexter, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomek Plewa, Sachin Shanbhag, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero

1. Salary gap issues with our graduate students have been resolved. Most of the issues were due to incorrect start and end dates on the contracts. Additionally, the international students had processing delays due to RAMP and incomplete foreign talent forms. From this point forward, graduate students will be paid on the same schedule as faculty members.
2. Currently, the department has too many major tracks in the Ph.D. program. It was proposed that there will be two major tracks: 1) Ph.D. Computational Science and 2) Ph.D. GFD/Fire Dynamics. The faculty voted unanimously to pass this proposal.
3. There will be one Department Handbook. It will contain information and policies for the Computational Science graduate degree programs and the GFDI/Fire Dynamics program.
4. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.