

Department of Scientific Computing Faculty Meeting – 2/8/16

In attendance: Gordon Erlebacher, Dennis Slice, Xiaoqiang Wang, Sachin Shanbhag, Bryan Quaife, Tomek Plewa, Chen Huang, Ming Ye, Alan Lemmon and John Burkardt

1. Minutes from the 1/15/16 meeting were approved.
2. Gordon announced the course ISC XXXX, Computational Thinking was approved. Thank you to Janet Peterson and John Burkardt.
Post-meeting correction: the course was approved by Liberal Studies committee.
3. Faculty voted on the prelim grading.
 - a. 7 questions @ 75% - 3 votes
 - b. 60 % average – 1 vote
 - c. 7 questions @ 75% or 60 % average – 0 votes
 - d. 7 questions @ 75% average or 70% average – 5 votes

More discussion is needed as there was not enough votes in one area.

4. Masters vs Ph.D. and student scheduling
 - a. Gordon discussed his preference
Students either do their masters or their Ph.D. but not both. If they do their Ph.D they get their Masters automatically (their prospectus becomes their Masters Project thesis)
Prospectus must be done within one year of the oral prelim exam.
A student who is late on the prospectus runs the risk of not getting support until the prospectus is complete.
A prospectus need not be longer than 40 pages max. This is a document presenting a literature search and plan of research.
 - b. There was discussion back and forth on the pros and cons of what we currently have and what Gordon proposed.

No action was taken at this time. More discussion is needed.

5. Gordon discussed the budget and the breakdown of the different areas. Spending trends especially in the area of graduate support.
6. AOR and Brag sheet discussion. Reminding faculty to update their vitae in FEASE.
7. Gordon reminded faculty to work on making their special topics into real courses.
8. Sachin gave an update on current graduate applicants.
 - a. Currently we have 7 domestic and 20 international that look very good.
 - b. It was recommended that if any faculty have a preference to anyone let Sachin know.

Gordon closed the meeting.