

DSC Faculty Meeting

2:30 – 3:30 DSL 499

January 8, 2018

- I. Faculty Attending: Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Janet Peterson, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Dennis Slice.
- II. No previous minutes presented because the December 11, 2017 meeting was brief with only three faculty attending.
- III. There was discussion to combine the undergraduate and graduate curriculum committees into a single committee.
- IV. Janet Peterson solicited ideas to better prepare our graduate students for labs and to encourage them to participate in seminars
- V. Next year, 2018 – 2019, the department will offer only two assistantships. The deadline for consideration is January 15, 2018.
- VI. Gordon would like the department to encourage the self-pay, one year Master's degree. The degree with project, not thesis, is 32 credits.
- VII. Ming Ye has a continuing Ph.D. student in our department. There was discussion to make Ming Ye an affiliated faculty member. In this situation there would be co-advisors – a DSC faculty member and Ming Ye. Gordon would be willing to serve in this capacity. Prior to this meeting an e mail was sent to faculty for a vote regarding this situation. Ultimately the faculty decides by vote.
- VIII. Gordon asked for suggestions on how to make our elective courses sound more appealing, "sexy". There was an idea presented that faculty not teach elective courses but teach two core courses instead. The rationale is intended to grow our numbers.
- IX. Ryan Lean is helping to organize our materials for the upcoming QER. This is a designated TA responsibility for him.
- X. Jane and Gordon have been talking to Distance Learning about offering ISC 1057 online. The approval process is complicated.
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P. M.