

Faculty Meeting August 22, 2022

DSL 499 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Present: Peter Beerli, Nick Dexter, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Kevin Speer, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero – some joined late and remotely

1. Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were approved.
2. Peter Beerli proposed a change to the department bylaws in two areas. He proposed that the number of members on the executive committee change from 5 members down to 4. He also proposed the number of members on the undergraduate committee change from 3 down to 2.
3. A vote was taken regarding the suggested changes to the composition of Executive Committee. There were 10 yes votes and 1 abstain. The Executive Committee will be comprised of 4 members. Two members will be appointed by the department chair and two members will be elected from the tenured faculty.
4. The proposed departmental bylaw change to the Undergraduate Committee was unanimously accepted. The committee consists of the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies as an ex officio member and at least one additional member appointed annually by the Chair from the tenure-track and specialized Department faculty.
5. The vote for the new members of the executive committee should be sent to Karey Fowler. The eligible faculty members are Chen Huang, Alan Lemmon, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Kevin Speer, and Xiaoqiang Wang.
6. Peter Beerli must deliver a report to Arts and Sciences about the IEP assessments. He will approach the faculty for the answers. The data for this exercise are questions students answered in Fall 2022 and Spring 2022.
7. Peter would like to bring back Happy Hour gatherings to the department. He wants to invite students, postdocs, and faculty. The first gathering will be at 5:30 Friday, August 26, 2022, Ology located at Powermill Ct.
8. Tomek would like to reestablish the Journal Club. It would meet three times a month on Mondays at 2:30 P.M.
9. Improving Colloquium attendance is a goal for this year. Peter will support inviting 3-5 guests for 2-3 days. The department will pay for travel, room, and food. The speaker would spend time with our students and faculty.

10. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 P.M.