

March 4, 2024

Faculty Meeting 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

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Present: Peter Beerli, Hristo Chipilski, Nick Dexter, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Kevin Speer, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero

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1. The budget for 2024/2025 was discussed. There was a cut of 6%. The salary of current graduate students will raise in Fall 2024 which leads to another cut of our support of TAs of about 6%. The base budget and the carry forward will be the same as last year.

2. Currently, eight Ph.D. offers have been sent out as well as one M.S. offer to Hristo's applicant Stephen Asare. These applicants have until April 15, 2024, to accept or decline their offers. Five acceptance letters were sent to M.S. applicants. The M.S. students are self-paid. The dean has indicated we can award the dean's scholarship (DDSA) to one incoming applicant and will award two new continuing students with scholarships (DADE) up to the fifth year of their study. Last year we received the same awards (1 DDSA + 2 DADE) and these will be continued. Therefore, we will have 6 recipients of these Dean's scholar awards in Fall 2024.

3. We discussed the number of TAs in the past, since our support from the dean has declined for several years. There was a brief discussion that our department took a big hit when PIC closed. PIC funded about 9 TA positions.

4. The faculty were encouraged to write more grants and to use university resources to help with grants to NSF and NIH.

4. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15p.m.