

Department Faculty Meeting

April 21, 2015

Noon – 1:20 Gould 208J

Agenda items

12:00 — 12:05	Vote: To approve 4/7/15 meeting minutes	Campbell
12:05 — 12:10	Vote: To approve 3/10/15 meeting minutes	Campbell
12:10 — 12:15	Vote: Andrew Culp, Visiting Scholar	Purcell
12:15 — 12:20	Vote: Eduarda Pires Valente da Silva, Visiting Scholar	Miller
12:20 — 12:40	Discussion & Vote MUP Pre-requisites	Abramson
12:40 — 12:55	Discussion: urban@uw	Campbell
12:55 — 1:00	Discussion: APA Conference and Happy Hour	Campbell

Present: Christopher Campbell, Larissa Maziak, Dan Abramson, Kelly Hostetler, Sofia Dermisi, Phil Hurvitz, Fritz Wagner, Don Miller, Anne Moudon, Himanshu Grover, Manish Chalana, Mark Purcell, Marina Alberti

Visiting Scholar: Morten Nicholaisen

UDP student rep: Jacob Brett

CEP student reps: Mihai Baltatescu,

Vote to approve the 4/7 minutes

Marina motions Dan seconds

10 yes 0 no 0 abstention

Vote to approve the 3/10 minutes

Discussion

Minutes revised by Sofia and faculty approves and agrees

Mark moves to approve the amended minutes Don seconds

11 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Visiting scholar Andrew Culp

Discussion

Low impact visiting scholar. Wants to come this summer to finish his book in the BE library

July through August Mark would host him

Don moves Marina second

10 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Visiting scholar Eduareda Pires Valente de Silva

Discussion

Low impact visiting scholar. Don would host her

Don Moved Mark second

10 yes 0 no 0 abstentions

Admission discussion: * not on the agenda

We offered admission to 110 applicants and 28 accepted

We are hoping to get up to 40

A lot of the people we made offers to accepted at other programs.

Main competitions UNC, Berkeley, Penn and USC

Also, number of International applicants way down

We offered 6 Top Scholar packages before someone accepted

Students were asking about possibility of RA and TA positions and we currently don't have those to offer students

Jan Whittington arrives

MUP Pre-requisites:

Qing is absent but has been emailing with research on how Berkeley treats math and econ prereqs.

Our current pre req system isn't working.

Chris Bitter arrives

MIT model is quite rigorous. They don't have our pre req's but they have math and econ embedded in the core

Berkeley doesn't require math and econ as a prereq you but they advise once you are in the program to track and ensure that students complete Math and econ

Jan disagrees with Berkeley model because how do we want to advise those students. Do we have advising when they enter? Jan suggests that during the initial meeting with students they should instruct them to take that pre req if they don't have that pre req box checked.

This currently happens, Christopher explains how this model happens and what ends up happening is they take a real estate course or an undergrad course or a community college course. Sometimes however, people have gone most of the way through and will end up graduating late because they never completed the math or econ pre req.

Jan suggests that econ or math requirement needs to happen in the first two quarters.

Christopher explains, this tends to be problematic though because the first two quarters are so busy.

Math competency is checked on their GRE

Jan suggests that Berkeley offers stronger math and econ options within their core

How about we focus more on how we track those students who lack and offer a more tough love approach and make sure they have those skills ??

Have more of a menu that makes it clear what you can take to succeed

For those who do not have math or econ...we could focus on online courses which may even be free.

For the Math pre req.. CSS offers a one week math camp course

Can we adopt the Berkeley message and beef up the language where we really focus more on students that don't have strong econ or math background and provide a menu of adequate courses through tough love advising?

Vote

Don Moves to vote to eliminate the math and econ prereqs and adopt a similar model to Berkeley but adds the purpose is to provide adequate/ stronger preparation for courses that students, who are lacking in math and econ, will need to take to be successful in the program and as part of graduation.

Marina seconds

12 yes 0 no 1 abstain

Urban@UW

There is an initiative called urban @UW led by Thaisa Way who will come to the May 5 UDP Faculty meeting

Marina discusses: UW is realizing that urban is where the world is going but this particular project may not have enough research behind it and the mission is a bit vague. Marina and two of the founding committee members worked on a regional project last summer. What role is urban research playing in this? Marina has been asked to sit on the steering committee for this and has agreed to attend the next meeting and find out more about the project. The college and department can provide resources to them. And let's be open to this.