

Departmental Committee Meeting Agenda

Friday 5/8/2020

9 am – noon

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/2292450590>

- Bell, Justice, Wang, Bruening, Ma, Becton, Caocao chen, Dong Chen, Anil, Hurtt, Stewart, Sun, Joanne Hall, Kuishang Feng, Lasysa Yedla, DeFloirani, Giglio, Hosseini, Resop. Bergery, Duncanson, Molly Brown, Prashnani, Hansen, Zhou, Kommareddy, liang, berry, Amanda Hall, loboda, Skakun, Farrell, Dubayah, Cade, Ball, Jacobs, Baer, Oshan, Becton, Lamb, Corrigan, LeBivic, Byron Marroquin, Hao Tang, Ruibo Han, Kineston, Ipsita
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Absence – Julie Silva illness, Giovanni sabbatical

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- Introduction of new faculty and staff – Justice

River Road – plan harwick move first – summer strawman plan for occupation.

Over 20M

Vicky award

Amanda student speaker

Dongdong DRI initiative

Final exams be sensitive to students stress – contact Amanda or chris or Katherine

Trying to determine fall –

Greg – tremendous spirit to do online teaching thanks to faculty, staff and grad students

Very pleased river road.

Students feel isolated so be aware

Would like to hear about experience with students staying engaged.

Tried to use honor lock and students did not like/did not work for them

No reports that assessments are unfair or burdensome.

Better attendance than in person classes prior

Planning for Fall and budget – lessons learned for being online transitions to planning for fall – Darall Pines has challenged UMD to think about how to use digital tools

New ways to use the tools to get past the basics- 80-90% faculty are now familiar with basics but many way to enhance

Announcement today – opportunities workshops and grants related to teaching

How many can fit in the doors and renting hotel and mariott for teaching and rooms.

Analysis on size of rooms and how many classes – larger classes on line so smaller classes can use the larger rooms – extending the teaching day and some classes on Saturday

Opening up for research as needed on campus late may to early june – group working on the guidelines – joint set of expectations – screening in place – labs density of people in them. Penn state turns building into one way staircases – one entrance and one exit

Start a dry run and have some experiments in teaching going on - procedures to facilitate a fall opening.

Goal some kind of in person residential – freshman experience and upperclass commute or be online –

Middle of June is drop dead date for dorms
Want basic framework of plan by late May

Hybrid model on line and in person. Common syllabus with group of faculty – some handle on line and some handle in person.

Greg is determined to run a family friendly college

Graduate level – should be able to accommodate for small grad courses with spacing

Some MS students saying want to defer if can't come to campus

Students are signing up for fall classes anticipating being in person – what do we do if they start withdrawing when it has to be online? Meeting with small groups of student leaders – students want to come to campus to connect with community even with most classes are online

Undergrads rely on weekend jobs for income and child care of students who are parents it could be challenging

Maybe have in person option but OK to watch asynchronous lecture at later time

Told to find 5% cut hard

Possible additional 10% cut – budget is 80% salary mostly TT faculty
In past state does furlough days balanced based on income – envision something like that.

Gov vetoed spending bills Kirwin and lawsuit settlement due to concerns about state spending

Soft money return how important

Indirect return to PIs to keep grants going and reporting done
VPR pushing for more external funds

Attention to ORA so they can process quickly and can we get indirect overhead - ORA is a choke point

200K admin and IT support – it's down the line and a real thing and can't be forgotten

Greg do anything he can to help

Summer teaching not an option for 9 month faculty

Internal review compiled and will get out early next week to everyone for edits

- Accept previous meeting minutes and approval of agenda
- Recent Developments and Chair's Update – Justice
- BSOS Dean's Office Update – Dean Ball
- Associate Chair Issues – Loboda

- Update on On-Line Teaching Program

Blended learning – flipped classrooms – lectures online and smaller discussion sections held in person – instructors encouraged to start thinking – work through summer with tlrc – to make courses online exciting and engaging

What are the recommendations for the lab – will they be in person or designed to go online – we can handle 100 concurrent users in the fall – sections 25 – 50 at a time and can stagger that

Live online session with TA present

Another session on teaching for the fall – a lot of questions coming up

Raised issues in practical terms and done that now need to set up a call with the different groups – large class as a group for example – figure out how to make them work well on line – another group technical course with labs – set up time next week – Tatiana

Increase enrollment for some courses in blended format – divit and tlrc offering focused activity – send note to greg and he will take your example to group – action George

All grad courses cross listed except for Giovanni- 5 year masters have taken these courses and don't have any grad courses to take when they get to grad level – is this ok or should we revision our grad program

- Undergraduate Director Issues – Hall
 - Letter Grades versus P/F policy
 - Commencement plans update
 - Awards Ceremony

Instructor is putting in letter grades – you will not know what the student will choose. University will keep shadow transcript of actual grades even if they select pass fail

TT meeting agreed would attempt as a department to have Spring commencement on sept 12 – same date as football game - we are trying to reserve the chapel that morning – mark your calendar but do not share yet until concrete plan in place

Invitation to award ceremony 0 putting together program please attend

Also broadcasting live with facebook live

Four ensp program completed their semester with federal global fellows- course in fall and spring work for federal or global organize – worked for world resources insitute and US Russia foundation

Action Amanda put up article on the website

Action – laixiang assessment which courses grad students want to take for spring risk is high for the spring to meet enrollment – heads up for spring may need to adjust the teaching schedule and move faculty from grad classes we know won't fill down to lower level classes in spring

- Undergraduate Committee – Silva
- Graduate Director Academic Issues – Sun

- Motion: To accept the revised Graduate Handbook

Student committee meetings are bleeding into last week of month – ok this semester but don't want students to have expectation to have their meetings or defenses into real semester – exceptions can happen but don't want to set precedent

3 students have had to shift to June from April due to COVID – cant just wait until next semester – don't understand why delayed – could be done online – have family working with young kids

Once out of the covid environment need to go back to normal

Handbook vote 17 yes no nos or abstensions
Rachel

Orientation being sorted out – probably can't have the open house at Laixiang's house
TA assignments went out with swap deadlines so keep the deadlines in mind

For PAC – three new colleagues
Rachel needs new research faculty chair for the fall for orientation

- Graduate Committee – Stewart

Nothing further

- Research Director Issues – Hurtt

Research coordination meeting – three events – they are getting better – coordinate proposals where we have numerous proposals going in – next generate proposals for opportunities we are not applying to

- Research Faculty Committee – Feng - None
- Faculty Specialist Committee – Keniston

Nothing

- Graduate Student Organization – Bruening
 - GSO Survey results

Shared screen

35 responses – all 5 yr masters and MS and PHD

Seminar how to work from home – what are the strategies and not try to work 24/7

Talk about strategies and big picture

Ipsita also willing to give guidance – molly and jamis also volunteered to help

Action to laixiang and Kathleen take a look at slides and make available come up with strategies and discuss at next weeks TT meeting

- Year of Data Science: update – Skakun/DeFloriani

No update yet -

- Computer Task Force – Kommareddy

Facilities and equipment summary documents – discussion in Feb to include as much as we can and contrary view to streamline – do we need multiple documents or one?

Federal agencies ask for the institutional facilities – want to know as part of review and if you are capable of doing the work – can you perform the proposal

We have boiler plate of what the equipment

Last week Chris created a single document based on what anil has developed

Research foundation – capacity and not do need any compute

Vrsus need to show you have sufficient infrastructure to do the job

Two documents – single page – one about how fantastic we are and one this is the basic and we can do the work

In same proposal charge for use of compute – its modular and can be added ot to provide compute associated with individual project

Research Coordinators share the document and make sure it is suited for proposals going in – action to Vicky – no deception but not blowing our own trumpet

Reality is they are rarely looked at – only come up with private company or small university is in play and want to see if they can do it.

We do need to be consistent between proposals coming into the same call

- GIS Center Update – Stewart
 - Status of proposed China 4+1 program

Please promote our two MS programs and have students reach out to directors we can provide slides to promote programs in class.

Jack students – one won the EDC student of year award - ESRI Development Center - now in competition for global EDC award – promotion for our program and write up on the website

NNU cohort – current cohort was supposed to come in June – seeing if come in fall, spring or defer to next summer

Will be skipping a year of the NNU cohort

NOAA – 6 smaller cohort than past year – also affected by COVID

More applications and admissions compared to last year at this time

4+1 is back with mengxue's group

Chris willing to do zoom meeting with grads but last was not well attended

Doodle poll before set date and time as a lot couldn't attend at the time set up last time

Action may set up doodle poll and pick date when most can attend

- Any Other Business

Upcoming Events

- May 8th 9 am – 12 pm – Departmental Committee Meeting
- May 21st 12 pm - Commencement
- August 24th :
 - 10 am – 12 pm – Teaching Team Meeting
 - 1 pm – 3 pm – Revisit Student Rubrics
- August 26th :
 - 10:30 am – 12 pm – Meet the Faculty Grad Orientation
 - 1:30 pm – 3 pm – Returning Student S* Review
 - 2:30 pm – 4 pm – Meet the Research Faculty Grad Orientation

- 4 pm – Departmental Social
- August 27th all day – PACS
- August 28th all day - PACS