

SoCS Council Meeting Interim Director's Remarks

Tue., Oct 30, 2018

Major Activities at SoCS

- A. 2018 SoCS T&P performance review is completed.
- B. Cyber Security Faculty Hiring
 - 1. Search Cmt ranked candidates based on interview/feedback
 - 2. Request to negotiate has been approved.
 - 3. Negotiation process is starting.
- C. Oct. 16: New Director visit of SoCS
 - ☐ Kickoff meeting of SoCS Strategic Planning
- D. Nov. 6: Faculty and Staff meeting
 - ☐ UGFA communication on University Pension Plan
- E. Nov. 14, 15: Site visit
 - ☐ Cyber MSc Program external reviewers
- F. Mid Dec: SoCS retreat
 - ☐ Strategic planning

From Academic Staff Hiring Cmt

- A. W19 TA postings are open (for two weeks).
- B. Please let students know.
 - 1. Your graduate students
 - 2. Undergrads who might make excellent TAs
- C. Instructions
 - 1. <http://www.socs.uoguelph.ca/taapplication>
 - 2. A link will be in “News” section on SoCS webpage

Term of Interim Director

A. New Director

- ☐ Start in May 2019

B. Interim Director

1. Term: Sept 1 to Dec 31, 2018
2. Extended: Jan 1 to Apr 30, 2019

Reynolds Stairs Repairment

- A. Multiple stair steps (east and west) have uneven metal strips and are unsafe (shoes may get caught).
- B. Permanent repair of the stairwells is a large project for months – unlikely in near term.
 - 1. Average age of university buildings: 50 years
 - 2. Age of Reynolds: 102 years
 - 3. Age of JD MacLachlan: 117 years
- C. Remedial repairs of stairs: in a week or two.
 - ☐ Be careful in the meantime

Vector Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence

1. Memo of Leonid Brown and message from Michael
2. Consultation with Nick Dery
3. Valued at \$17,500 for 1 year (90 province wide)
4. Eligibility
 - a) Domestic and international students
 - b) A- in last 2 years of honours undergrad program
 - c) Consideration will be given to B+ with relevant experience
 - d) Newly admitted in F18
5. Nominating programs
 - A. Recognized AI-Related Programs**
 - B. Applied Master's Program not Currently Recognized**
 - C. SoCS students: A or B?



Specifics for UofG [Nominations](#)

- A. Must nominate from the Masters level Collaborative Specialization in AI (CSAI) (Category A).
- B. Anticipated Senate approval: early Feb 2019
- C. Nominees are expected to transfer into CSAI upon Senate approval.
- D. Implication: Successful nominees are expected to graduate according to the [CSAI requirements](#), not the regular SoCS MSc requirements.
 - ☐ Completion of course requirements may be delayed.



CSAI Requirements for SoCS

- A. UNIV*6XXX Computational Thinking for AI – F19
 - ☐ 6-week, 0.25-credit, intensive online course
- B. UNIV*6YYY AI Applications and Society – F19
 - ☐ Core course; team-taught by Eng, CS, Math/Stats, & Phil
- C. A selected course from 3 options:
 - 1. CIS*6020 Artificial Intelligence – W20
 - 2. ENGG 6500 Introduction to Machine learning – F19?
 - 3. STAT*6801 Statistical Learning – F19?
- D. 3 other courses (including CIS*6890) as required by regular SoCS MSc program
- E. Thesis on an AI-related topic

