

School of Computer Science
SoCS Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Reynolds Room 219

In Attendance: D. Calvert, D. Chiu, D. Gillis, S. Kremer, B. Nonnecke, J. Sawada, F. Song, M. Wineberg, M. Wirth, Y. Xiang, K. Johnston, G. Klotz, L. Zweep

Regrets: R. Dara, W. Gardner, G. Grewal, X. Li, P. Matsakis, J. McCuaig, C. Obimbo, D. Stacey, F. Wang, D. Byart, S. Cantlon

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda.

1st Michael Wirth

2nd David Chiu

Passed unanimously.

Motion carried.

2. Business Arising

None.

3. Director's Remarks – S. Kremer

Updates on faculty hiring: six candidates gave presentations; hiring committee plans to make decisions this week and rank candidates. The committee's recommendations will be submitted to the Dean's office. Thanks for feedback on candidate presentations.

Congratulations to P. Matsakis and J. Sawada on their appointments as Director and Grad Co-ordinator, respectively. Thank you for taking on these challenges.

4. College T&P Template (attachments)

2/3 majority needed on new guidelines. Faculty, please check College document and provide feedback on proposed changes.

There is an important difference between the current SoCS document and the new one: the College document is clear on what will be considered, e.g. refereed journal papers, but not specific on levels. The SoCS T&P document is specific on what is considered at various levels, e.g. level 3. Trade-off in flexibility vs. specific levels.

a) Question: Do we want to retain descriptions of scores from our old document?

Discussion.

D. Chiu: Changes should not affect current faculty. They should be grandfathered in.

S. Kremer: New doc will go into effect immediately once approved, faculty hired under old rules grandfathered for T&P.

J. Sawada: Recommends deviating as little as possible from College document. T&P Committee has enough leeway for judgement.
B. Nonnecke: Strongly agree, new doc much cleaner.
J. Sawada: What are some proposed changes to College doc?
Discussion of changes to College doc, where is the “effort” applied, where to put on ECV? E.g. graduate supervision: is it teaching or research?

5. SoCS Website – L. Zweep and K. Johnston

Presentation on the SoCS website and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)

Have to make SoCS website accessible, two options:

1. CCS hosted and managed system, Drupal 7, templates are Level AA compliant. OAC and Psychology have rolled out new websites using this platform.
2. Hire a designer to develop our website.

Advantages to CCS option: AODA compliant template, managed (updates, security), uniformity of University branding. Disadvantages: \$400-1000 per year for hosting and support, lack of flexibility.

If SoCS opts out of CCS hosting we have to submit a clear plan on how our website will be AODA compliant.

D. Chiu: Cost seems reasonable.

Discussion on how to make a website accessible, who will approve/enforce changes.

M. Wineberg: How is content managed? *K. Johnston:* We upload it similarly to current website.

M. Wirth: Cost to hire designer/developer? Unknown.

L. Zweep: 1st year free CCS hosting, if we don't like it we can hire a developer and host our own later.

D. Chiu: Risks to going on our own (AODA compliance, security).

S. Kremer: Move to adopt CCS solution. Seconded by D. Calvert. Passed unanimously, motion carried.

6. PhD Committee – Y. Xiang

Updates on operating regulations. Appointing grad faculty, advisory committee regulations already approved by SoCS.

Now the focus is on admission requirements. Draft approved by PhD Committee, distributed to faculty for comments, revised based on comments. Revisions will be sent out for online voting, along with clarifications.

7. Closing Remarks – S. Kremer

It has been an exciting and interesting five years. SoCS has weathered the challenges well, which took a lot of work. We had some good opportunities and successes, thank you everyone.

J. Sawada: Thank you Stefan for all your hard work.

Applause.

8. Any other business.

None.

Meeting concluded at 1:51pm