

SoCS Council Meeting

Jan 24, 2017

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2. Approval of Minutes from Jan 10, 2017
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6. Awards and Scholarships Committee — Mark
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Extending the Interim Director's appointment?

2016



2017



4. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS : Administrative Assistant

Sheryl accepted a secondment position of Executive Assistant to the CIO and Chief Librarian in the Office of the CIO, effective June 15, 2016 until June 14, 2017.

Then what? Sheryl? Phyllis? Somebody else?

"I would not anticipate having a final decision made until about 60 days in advance of the secondment."

Rebecca Graham, CIO/Chief Librarian

4. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS : Graduate Program Assistant

Need to replace Jennifer for 1 year (March 2017-2018):

- ☐ Job posting now closed
- ☐ 25 candidates, including 2 of level 2
- ☐ First interviews today

4. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS : Second Program Counsellor

Part-time assistant program counsellor this winter

We'll try to get a part-time program counsellor starting this summer, fully operational by next fall

4. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS : CL Faculty Positions

Two-year teaching-focused positions:

- ☐ Job posting now closed
- ☐ Over 100 applications
- ☐ Search Committee meeting next week

4. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS : Other Urgent Items

Tenure-track faculty positions:

➔ Provost requesting documentation

Summer semester:

➔ Provost requesting documentation

MSc in Cybersecurity:

➔ Provost requesting documentation

IQAP:

➔ Director, Academic Programs and Policy,
requesting documentation

International Programs Committee

- Started in early 2014 after the first visit from DNU in Nov. 2013:
 - ▣ Major mandate: work on building a joint program in B.Comp (Computer Science)
 - ▣ Old members: Stefan Kremer, Bill Gardner, Greg Klotz, Zoe Zhu, and Fei Song
 - ▣ Current members: David Chiu, Xining Li, Fei Song
 - ▣ Strong desire to bring Greg Klotz and Zoe Zhu back to the committee.

Joint Program with DNU in BComp(CS)

- The official agreement was signed in summer 2015 after two years' preparation and efforts
- The first student, Alex Zhu, came to Guelph in fall 2016.
- Several potential applicants, but only one passed the English test and made it here.
- Alex struggled with CIS*2750 but overall adapted well to our program.

Next Steps for the DNU Program

- Prepare a checklist with the timelines so that new applicants can have a smooth process
- Communicate with DNU about the current status:
 - ▣ How many possible applicants for fall 2017?
 - ▣ Any helps do they need and any ideas for promotion?
 - ▣ If the language requirement is a big issue, whether we can encourage them to explore the ESL program in Guelph?

Academic Exchanges

- DNU wants to know if we are interested in sending visitors to each side:
 - ▣ Each side will cover the expenses for the visitors, including travel, accommodation, and meals.
 - ▣ More feasible at the DNU side since they usually have specially allocated funds and hotel/restaurant on campus.
- Any interest from us, and if so, what is feasible to address the funding issue?

Student Co-supervision

- One professor at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics (NUAA) is interested in possible co-supervision of graduate students
 - ▣ Identifying researchers with common interests
 - ▣ Hosting self-funded visiting students at Guelph
 - ▣ Visiting NUAA for more communications
 - ▣ Building long-term collaborations