# **SoCS Council Meeting**

January 23, 2018

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Jan 9, 2018
- 3. Interim Director's Remarks Pascal
- 4. Graduate Curriculum Committee Stefan
- 5. Associate Director's Remarks, Undergraduate Studies Gary
- 6. Discussion on Academic Integrity
- 7. Any other business

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**Motion**: Changes to the required textbooks in all Undergraduate courses must be first approved by the SoCS Curriculum Committee. (Calvert/Hamilton-Wright)

In favour: All but one. Abstentions: One. four

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G. Grewal reminded everyone about the email he sent out about M.O.S.S. and courses CIS\*1500, CIS\*2500, CIS\*2750, CIS\*3100.

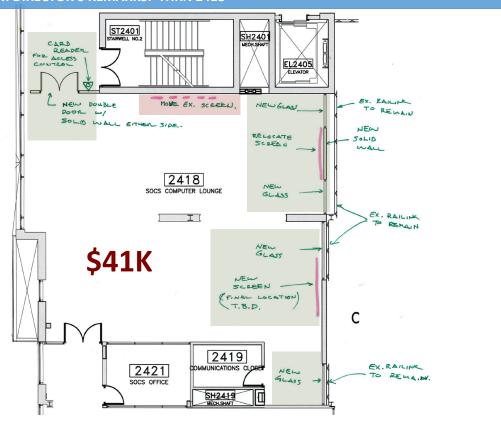
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3. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS				
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	Priority given to new faculty			

#### Two-year faculty position in cyber security:

- ☐ 20 applications received by the deadline
- ☐ 3 candidates have been shortlisted
- ☐ 3 candidates have been interviewed
- ☐ Search Committee meets on Thu Jan 25

#### 3. INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS: THRN 2418



#### 4. GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

## Two items

- 1. RFC: SoCS Learning Module: Data Management
  - Third, and final promised learning module for the PhD
  - Other modules can be developed ad hoc
  - Documentation to be circulated after last meeting
  - 1 week for comments
  - Vote: today
- 2. GCC is seeking direction: is it worth investigating, developing and proposing new initiatives:
  - 1. M.Sc. (Computational Science)
  - 2. Core and optional courses for M.Sc. (Computer Science)

# RFC: SoCS Learning Module: Data Management

- 1 Friendly Amendment:
  - Add an awareness of file encoding issues: Windows/ Unix/Mac text files, and Unicode/ASCII/UTF-N (at least UTF-8), and possibly even ISO-Latin-X.
- Move that the proposed SoCS Learning Module:
   Data Management be accepted as circulated with the friendly amendment above.

# M.Sc. (Computational Sciences)

- We have our new innovative interdisciplinary PhD in Computational Science, but what about doing the same thing at the MSc level?
- (No plans to get rid of M.Sc. Comp. Sci. -> if anything: bring back PhD Comp. Sci.)

# Core and optional courses for M.Sc. Comp. Sci.

- Two motivators:
  - Our grad course offerings are unpredictable and inconsistent. Many of our courses are never offered, some are outdated. We like teaching specialized, oneoff topics or reading courses.
  - We want students to have breadth so they need to take 2 courses outside of their "area" (this can be difficult when no courses are offered).
- Could try to just offer more standard (core) courses.
  - But need to have enough students in them to make it worth while.

# A new proposal (to be investigated further):

- Two core courses offered in Fall and Winter terms
- Can be taken in either order
- 2-weeks per core topic, taught by specialist in the field
- Objective to cover core CIS topics (applications, theory, practice, important areas in CS about 12 modules)
- All M.Sc. Students take these two core courses and two specialized courses in their areas of interest
- We can teach special topics, reading courses to suit our research specialties
- Students still get a core background in advanced CS

## **Pros and Cons**

#### Cons:

- We've never done that before...
- 12 of us have to teach 2 weeks of grad course per year
- Coordination of teaching and grades
- How to count this as part of teaching DOE?

#### • Pros:

- Students get breadth in CS without having to rely on courses that may or may not be offered
- Remaining courses can be more specialized, up to date, tailored to our research interests

# 5. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REMARKS, UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES Update: Academic Integrity

# Academic Integrity Committee (F17)

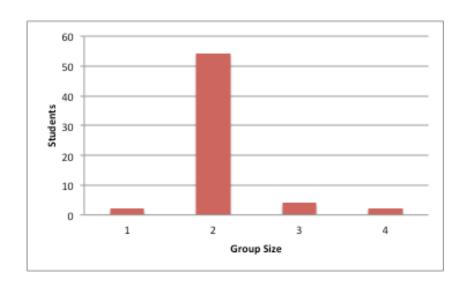
#### Members

- Dhiren Audich (Academic Integrity Officer)
- Dana Rea
- Ritu Chaturvedi
- Gary Grewal

# Academic Misconduct Cases (F17)

Course	Number of Cases (Group/Individual)	Number of Students	
CIS*1200	1	2	
CIS*1500	40	93	
CIS*2430	11	23	
CIS*2520	6	14	
CIS*2750	2	4	
CIS*3150	1	1	
TOTALS	61	137	

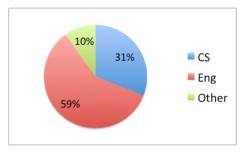
# Case (Group) Sizes

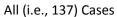


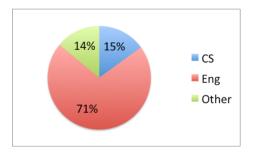
# Academic Misconduct Cases (F16 & F17)

	Number of Cases (i.e., students)			
Course	F16	F17	F17-F16	
CIS*1200	0	2	+2	
CIS*1500	66	93	+27	
CIS*2430	25	23	-2	
CIS*2520	11	14	+3	
CIS*2750	2	4	+2	
CIS*3150	0	1	+1	
CIS*3530	2	0	-2	
TOTALS	106	137	+31	

# Cases by Discipline (F17)

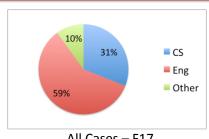




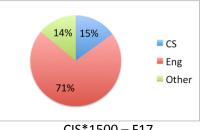


CIS\*1500 Cases

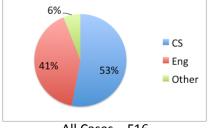
# Cases by Discipline (F17 versus F16)



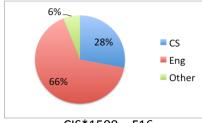
All Cases - F17



CIS\*1500 - F17

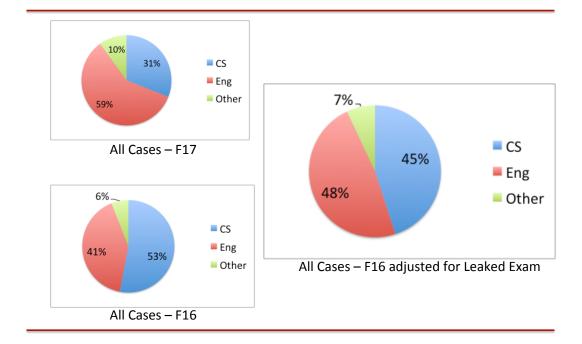


All Cases - F16



CIS\*1500 - F16

# All Cases with F16 Adjusted

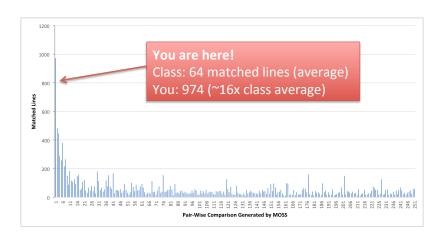


# Feedback from College

- Results of (137) academic misconduct cases
  - 76 Guilty
  - 7 Not Guilty
  - 54 No decision yet
- Approximately 95% of cases resulted in a "Guilty" finding

# Feedback from College

Graphs are key element of evidence, and we should continue providing them



# Feedback from College

- Increase in students involved in pair-based cases claiming that they do not to know each other
  - More and more students are freely acknowledging that they have subscriptions to websites, like <a href="chegg.com">chegg.com</a>



#### **Chegg Example**

#### "twitterlyzer"

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#### 14 results in Stud

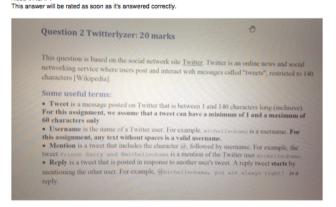
#### **Questions and solutions**

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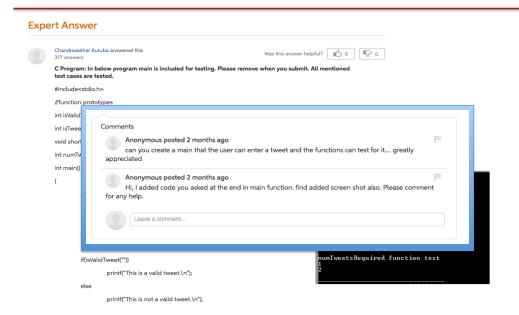
#### Chegg Example Cont'd

Question: C programming question Don't use global variables Don't u...

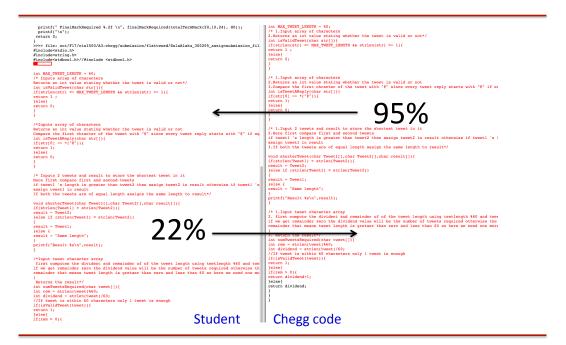
C programming question
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Don't use strien
Use appropriate variable names
Please comment code appropriately
Use the goc -Wall -std-c99 fileName.c command to avoid any warnings
Include a main function so the program can be tested.
Need it ASAT



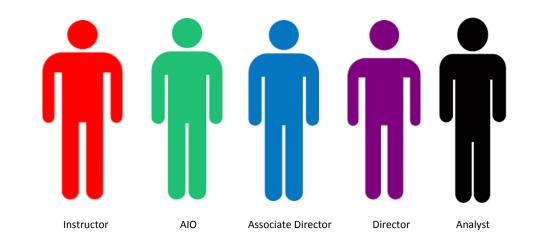
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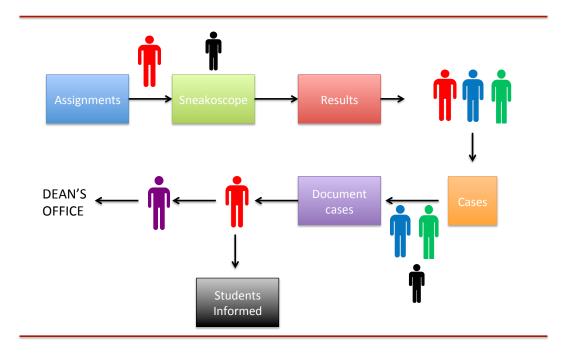
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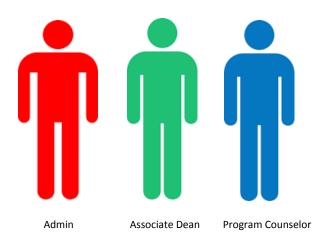
## **Academic Misconduct Detection**



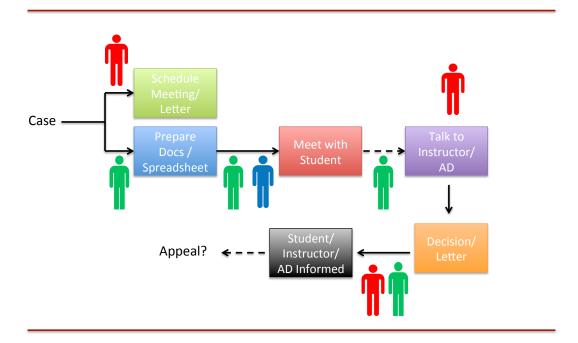
## **Academic Misconduct Detection**



# Meeting with Student



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#### **6. DISCUSSION ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

#### Some discussion points

- What do we value, and do we value it enough to pay for it?
- Does it make sense to change assignments from year to year when solutions can be obtained online in (almost) real time?
- Should assignments (and labs) be weighted much less than in-class tests and exams?
- Given our limited resources, should we focus primarily on CS students?
- Should we seek to hire a permanent individual to deal with academic misconduct?
- Are the majority of cases that we pursue "egregious enough" to warrant pursuing in the first place?
- Should more emphasis be placed on education and less time spent finding cheaters and penalizing students?
- Do we need to hear from the Dean's office?