

Department of Mathematics
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 3, 2009
331 Altgeld Hall, 9:30am

Present: Dunfield, Duursma, Junge, Katz, Sowers, Rosenblatt, Schenck
Minutes: Moore
Secretary: Rosenblatt

OPEN MINUTES

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1. Rosenblatt volunteered to be secretary for November.
- 2.* The Chair reported that:
 - a. He is not surprised by President White's message that the economy is not getting better so the University is looking at contingencies. Our faculty search is considered a critical hire, so we will be continuing the search.
 - b. Junge asked about the Postdoc Committee and whether we needed to add a member because Yong was going to be out of town for the final discussion but available via email. It was decided to leave the Committee as is.
 - c. There is a large difference this year in what international students must show for financial support and what we pay for a teaching assistantship. The difference is \$3300 a year for a 50 percent teaching assistantship. Two years ago the annual difference was \$500.
 - d. He has nothing new to report on the possible TA strike.
3. Katz reported that the discount for Apple computers is now gone. Deanna Raineri is still willing to support \$20,000 toward computers for our labs. Manton and the College are still negotiating with Apple to try to get a discount.

The Computer Steering Committee was approved an additional \$25,000. (In August, the EC had approved \$25,000.) The Computer Steering Committee can decide how to allocate these resources, since their original request was for \$123,650.

4. A different charge for the GAC was discussed.
 - How do we involve graduate students in research earlier in their careers?
 - How to handle contingency plans for cuts?
 - Scrub the books (Areas should be looking at their courses to minimize repetition and represent research).

Junge and Schenck will draft a new GAC charge.

5. Katz stated that our Postdoc search has not received approval by Campus yet. Our application deadline is set for December 4 and the date for Area Chairs to provide recommendations to the Postdoc Search Committee is December 11. He asked if we wanted to make a contingency plan to change the dates depending on when we receive Campus approval. The EC agreed to let Katz decide whether to change the dates.

6. Different topics for an EC retreat were discussed: transparency of the EC, Associate Chair for Research, teaching evaluation, budget, and higher department rankings.

It was decided to discuss rankings and, if enough time, revenue.

The retreat will be on Thursday, November 12, from 10:30-12:30 in the Illini Union.

7. Since Sowers will be on sabbatical in the spring, there needs to be a special election to replace him on the EC. It was decided to hold the election on Tuesday, November 17, and Wednesday, November 18. The call for nominations will go out by the end of this week.

8.* Katz provided a P&T report.

9.* A Faculty Excellence hire was discussed.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.