

Faculty Meeting

February 3, 2025

DSL 499 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Peter Beerli, Hristo Chipilski, Nick Dexter, Gordon Erlebacher, Chen Huang, Anke Meyer-Baese, Tomek Plewa, Bryan Quaife, Sachin Shanbhag, Xiaoqiang Wang, Olmo Zavala Romero

1. Peter spoke about the OPS budget for the academic year 2025/2026. Our TA positions are paid from this budget. The dean has allocated \$300,000 for the new academic year. The department has also been informed there is an \$8,000 deficit so financially things do not look good for the department. The TA's have received a 10% increase over the last two years. The TA's for this year are receiving \$32,000. Currently there are ten TA's so there is no funding for students accepted for fall 2025.
2. There is money in the Foundation account and also in SRAD so there is the possibility of two new positions. Hristo also has two spots for new students but for only three semesters. Students who receive Seed grants have their tuition paid by the dean's office. Other grants pay the tuition for the student.
3. The Expo is in April but the specific date has not been selected. Sachin will help with this.
4. There was concern that our TA's are not timely in executing their responsibilities. They are waiting too long to grade assignments. Faculty must give very specific guidance on what TA's are expected to do.
5. The meeting adjourned at 3:30.