

Minutes School Meeting 6th December 2013 1.00pm

Present: Lucho Stoyanov, Tony Pakes, Michael Giudici, Alice Devillers, John Bamberg, Gordon Royle, Irene Pivotto, Gabriel Verret, Shu-Jiao Song, Eric Swartz, Lyle Noakes, John Lau, Des Hill, Berwin Turlach, Kevin Murray, Ed Cripps, Michael Small, Thomas Stemler Neville Fowkes.

Apologies: Gopal Nair, Nazim Khan, Phill Schultz, Cheryl Praeger, Luke Morgan, Tomasz Popiel.

Head of School Report: Andrew Bassom

The Head of School congratulated Cheryl Praeger for her appointment as Foreign Secretary of the Australian Academy of Science Executive.

Congratulations to Gordon, Michael Cheryl and Alice for recent success with ARC grants.

Miccal Matthews commences his employment 6/01/2014 teaching the bridging units.

Andrew made mention of the 37th Australasian Conference on Combinatorial Mathematics and Combinatorial Computing commencing Monday 9th December.

Faculty ERO progress

The Head of School advised that research groups for ERO have been sought by the Faculty. He also advised that it would be in everyone's best interest to join a group rather than be isolated. Ed Cripps and Michael Small have been working together to finalise one group.

ERO will now affect how publication money will be distributed, In 2012 1.5million dollars was distributed across the faculty from funds received for publications, next year this amount will be halved with funds being allocated to ERO. Michael Small and Ed Cripps explained in more detail and passed round a spreadsheet of how the groups were divided.

Academic Standards- Summary

Socrates scores will now determine an academic workload. (Andrew displayed figures of how this works). The numbers expected for Mathematics and Statistics are probably unrealistic for the type of research done in the School.

Socrates will likely be changing at some stage next year and the points are awarded will be different. Collaboration will be more advantageous than currently assessed.

Workload Model 2014

According to 2014 workload model Mathematics and Statistics appears to be overstaffed by almost 5 people.

Each staff member is supposed to be teaching 2.5 units per year.

Each academic staff member is expected to do one days service per week as unit coordinator of a large unit this is regarded as service.

Leave

There are 16 staff members within the School who have over 4 weeks leave outstanding and Andrew requested that the leave be used and explained the consequences if it is not.

2015 will be a half cohort year therefore less undergraduate enrolments so any excess leave should be used during this time as there will be less teaching/workload.

HoS 2014

Andrew told the meeting that he had no idea what was going to happen re the appointment of a new HoS in 2014. He has been asked verbally to continue acting as HoS for another 6 months but has no letter confirming this.

Undergraduate Report: Des Hill

Des highlighted the teaching allocations for 2014 and also early enrolment figures which look promising.

As mentioned by Andrew 2015 is a small cohort year and enrolments are expected to be down by about 30%.

2015 will also see the introduction of a new Honours system

Des reported that transition students moving from old courses to new course are caught in a system that does not seem to have an answer. He advised that the University might have to consider introducing reading courses as a way to solve the problem.

There was general discussion and the meeting closed at 2.30pm