

MINUTES FROM DEPARTMENTAL MEETING 13 JUNE 2014

The following employees were absent with prior notice:

Jan Baumbach, Vincent Drach, Lasse René Pedersen, Fabio Vandin, Kasper Grud Skat Madsen, Mette Bjerg Mortensen, Ari Hietanen, Thomas Jiaxian Li, Nadia Rahbek Dyrberg Kristensen, Benjamin Mingming Fu, Charlotte Sun Clausen-Jørgensen, Wojciech Szymanski, Bent Jørgensen, Felix Palludan Hargreaves, Magnus Gausdal Find, Morten Rask Petersen, Linda Ahrenkiel, Michele Della Morte, Thomas Rohde Albrechtsen.

Ad 1) Short messages by the head of department

- a) The following new members of staff were presented:
 1. Lena Lykke Jønch-Clausen, hired as a project coordinator for LSUL (i.e., the new centre run by Claus Michelsen);
 2. Didder Louise Rye Iversen, hired as an administrator for IMADA, SOS and the faculty secretariat. Didder will work Mondays-Tuesdays for IMADA, dealing primarily with the ordinary (i.e., non-external) economy of the department. Svend Killerich (SK) has taken over the external economy;
 3. Morteza Chalabi Hajkarim, hired as a PhD student under the supervision of Jan Baumbach (JB) and Fabio Vandin (FV).
- b) Contracts are out for Andrea Bussone (starting 15 June as PhD student for Michele Della Morte (MDM)), Richard Röttger (starting 1 July as assistant professor of Computer Science) and Fabrizio Montesi (starting 1 August as assistant professor of Computer Science).
- c) On 1 October, Bartosz Kwasiewski will start a 2-year Marie Curie postdoctoral fellowship position at IMADA, working with the operator algebra group.
- d) Additional PhD grants have been transferred to IMADA. Thus, there is a possibility of hiring 1 ½ new PhD student before 1 October. One PhD position, under the supervision of Yuri Goegebeur (YG), is already being advertised.
- e) The pressure on office space at IMADA and the faculty is high and getting higher. As a result, assistant professors cannot be guaranteed their own offices. MS will initiate discussions with representatives of the library for the possibility of using parts of it as office space.
- f) On language policy: as a result of SDU's new language policy, those teaching in English but not having English as their mother tongue will be expected to undergo an English language certification programme within the coming 3 years. Between 5 and 15 can be selected from the department to undergo this in the first round of autumn 2014, and MS will select and contact some staff members for this. Those wishing to volunteer should contact MS as soon as possible.
- g) DFF announced their distribution of grants from the last general call. One application from IMADA has ended up on a waiting list, the rest have been rejected.
- h) MS urged staff not to unlock office doors to strangers. Jørgen Bang-Jensen (JBJ) suggested that pictures of staff members are collected on a web page that is kept up-to-date.
- i) MS reminded staff that flight tickets that are to be refunded by SDU must be bought through Via Ergencia (formerly Via Travel). PhD supervisors are asked to make sure that their students are informed of this.

- j) MS will soon after the holidays send out invitations to both VIPs and administrators to MUS meetings. As announced before, all teaching staff are expected to have a teaching portfolio available on their web page, and there is a requirement that this is discussed at the MUS.

Ad 2) Mutual information

- a) Bjarne Toft (BT) announced that there will be a DMF (Danish Mathematical Society) meeting on 13 June at SDU. BT described the programme and the latest development at DMF and mentioned the deadline 13 November for nominations for the best MSc thesis in mathematics.
- b) Joan Boyar (JB) announced that a list of preapproved DM8XX will be coming out soon.
- c) Rolf Fagerberg (RF) announced that there will not be a gathering at the Friday bar that day. A barbeque is being organized for 25 June. Suggestions for other activities are welcome.
- d) RF suggested staff to ask Lone Seidler Petterson (LSP) if they have special requests for the ordering of exam protocols.
- e) Per Jannsen (PJ) asked everyone to remember to inform him if they are travelling and leaving their office available for guests and visitors.

Ad 3) Gender equality strategy

MS presented the draft gender equality strategy for the faculty. Debate about the strategy followed.

Ad 4) Any other business

No comments to this item.

The meeting ended at kl. 11.45

Martin Svensson, Head of Department