

Graduate Committee Meeting  
November 8, 2011

Attendees: Dr. Rainer Steinwandt, Dr. Yuandan Lin, Dr. Jorge Viola-Prioli, Dr. Paul Yiu and Helen Randall

Absent: Dr. Dragan Radulovic

The meeting commenced at 11a.m.

Dr. Steinwandt welcomed everyone.

**GRE Scores:** Dr. Steinwandt shared the data compiled by Helen Randall on GRE test scores from 2009 to present. The committee discussed possible scores thresholds. The committee agreed on a score of 157 in the quantitative section for Ph.D. admission and 155 in the quantitative section for Masters admission. The committee agreed there will no longer be a verbal requirement in the FAU catalog. The committee also agreed to encourage applicants to take the math subject matter test.

**Qualifying Exams:** Dr. Steinwandt updated the committee on the qualifying exams dates; Analysis on January 4, 2012 and Algebra on January 6, 2012.

A possible change of date for the qualifying exams was discussed at our prior meeting. The idea would be two weeks in the semester of fall and spring. All committee members agreed on the date change. Dr. Steinwandt will present the recommendation to the department chair, Dr. Lee Klingler.

**Spring 2012 Ph.D. Applications:** The files of 3 applicants were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Steinwandt reported that it may be possible to offer 2 graduate assistantships depending on the FY2012 budget. It was agreed that one application would be moved to Fall 2012 with suggestions of completing additional upper level course work and one to Spring 2013 after completing additional graduate level course work and obtaining new recommendation letters. One application was denied.

**Fall 2012 Master Applications:** The files of 5 applicants were reviewed and discussed. It was agreed to admit two student, move one application to Fall 2012 with the suggestions of completing additional upper level course work and denied one application.

The files of 4 MST applicants were reviewed. Two applications were denied and two are being moved to the summer 2012.

**Applied Mathematics and Statistics Program:** Dr. Steinwandt reported fifteen students have earned their degrees. Also reported was the number of students

on each track, three Crypto, six Biostatics, five Financial Math and one unknown. Currently there are nine students enrolled in the AMST major. Discussion ensue the possibility of merging the program with the regular Master's Program.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.