

FACULTY MEETING MINUTES**3:00 – 4:15 p.m.****April 22, 2025****FRNY 3059 & Zoom**

Faculty Attending: Bao, Basaran, Beaudoin, Bernal, Corti, Gounder, Harris, Hebner, Hibbitts, Kim, Li, Liu, Mansson, Masuku, Morgan, Narsimhan, Pol, Ramkrishna, Reklaitis, Ribeiro, Schultz, Siirola, Tackett, Won

Staff Attending: Fackelman, Gonzalez, Johnson, Moser, Nagy, Raderstorf, Zvinevich

GSO Attending: Gustafson Wagers

The February 27, 2025 faculty meeting minutes were approved with one correction:

- Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Announcements:

- The next step in the voting process for the 2025 Mellichamp is underway. Please respond to the survey emailed to faculty by Joshua Gonzalez.
- Eric Dietz is scheduled to visit on April 24th, his seminar will start at 9:00-10:15 a.m. in FRNY 3059. While the visit for Christopher Burcham is being rescheduled due to the ChE Head Search.
- The ChE Head Search have announced that there will be three candidates who will visit on April 27th – 29th, April 30th – May 2nd, and May 4th – 6th. Candidate names and CVs will be provided 48 hours in advance of their respective visit.
- Purdue Day of Giving will be on April 30, 2025, for details please reach out to the Development Office.
- Faculty have voted to reschedule the 2025 Kelly Lecturer, Frank Doyle, for this upcoming fall semester. Details will be forthcoming.
- The Senior Banquet is scheduled for May 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Buchanan Club located on the 5th floor of the Ross Ade Pavilion.
- Our annual Primary Committee Meeting will be in FRNY 3059 on May 9th from 8:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- The Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Student Appreciation reception is scheduled for May 15th in the FRNY atrium from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Committee:

1. A reminder email regarding junior and senior awards will be sent. A handout outlining all award criteria and eligible nominees was discussed. Faculty who wish to nominate a student are asked to contact the Undergraduate Office.
2. Faculty are kindly reminded to submit their ABET CVs for the ABET Self-Study as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already submitted.
3. For those teaching required undergraduate courses in Spring 2025, the ABET Books will need to be compiled shortly after the semester concludes.

Graduate Recruiting Committee:

1. The committee presented a recruiting update; the detailed slide deck is available from Joshua Gonzalez. A total of 107 offers were extended, with 43 accepted and 64 declined. Of those accepted, 22 are domestic students and 21 are international students. Among Colloquium participants, 24 who attended in person and 19 who attended virtually accepted offers. The committee expressed confidence that this is a very strong class and thanked faculty for their efforts in the process. This year, a concerted effort was made to be more selective, resulting in 107 admitted students compared to the two-year average of 130, with a yield of 40%—the highest in a decade (historical average ~31%). Domestic admissions showed a notable increase, with a yield of 44% (15 of 50 admitted students accepted) compared to the eight-year average of 28%. Dr. Raj Gounder attributed this in part

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to broader changes in the national academic landscape. International admissions yielded 37% (21 of 57 admitted students accepted), slightly above the eight-year average of 34%. This outcome reflects the committee's intentional reduction in the number of international offers compared to recent years, creating a more selective process while maintaining competitive yields. Overall, the percentage of enrolled domestic students has continued to trend upward since 2023.

Graduate Committee:

1. No new updates to report.

Faculty Search Committee:

1. Dr. Fabio Ribeiro reported that the search has resulted in two offers: one was accepted by a candidate from Electrical Engineering, and the other, extended to a Mechanical Engineering candidate, was declined. The committee is now proceeding with a third candidate in Mechanical Engineering. If that offer is not accepted, they will move to a fourth candidate, whose primary school is Chemical Engineering.
2. Dr. Sangtae Kim encouraged faculty to utilize the Moveable Dream Hire (MDH) process if they wish to nominate someone they believe would be an excellent candidate.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.