

ARC – Meeting with Deans
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Brennen Conference Room

Present: John Hall, Barbara Green, Brad Filippone, Wesley Yu, will Tsay, John Leichty, Elizabeth Mak, Daniel Lo, Pradeep Ramesh, Ila Varma, Andrey Poletayev

1. Ma 1a
 - a. Slightly underunitted
 - b. Material doesn't seem relevant, but this may just be frosh's view
 - c. Lectures and HW don't seem to connect
2. Ma 2a (analytical)
 - a. Sets are too long
 - b. Lectures are easy compared to the sets
 - c. Lectures seem disjointed, need more of a big picture look
3. Ma 2a (practical)
 - a. Good lecturing and HW
 - b. Disparity with grading among sections, but the professor said they would be normalized
4. Ph 1a
 - a. Goodstein's lecturing is not very effective, McKeown's is better
 - b. Overall going well
5. Ch 1a
 - a. Generally okay with Nate Lewis, material, and sets
 - b. TAs received high marks
 - c. Room is consistently too small, students sitting on the ground
6. Ph 2a
 - a. Professor alternates every two weeks
 - b. The 2 professor's teaching styles are very different and there is a lack of continuity
 - c. People like the easy of changing sections (as opposed to in math)
 - d. Better reviews for Martin than Kamionkowski
 - e. Posting lectures notes before lecture could be useful
7. Ph 12
 - a. Kimble is responsive to change
 - b. Some find the lectures a bit dry
 - c. Complaints about the room being uncomfortable (squeaky chairs, etc.)
 - d. TAs don't seem to know what's going on in class
 - e. Generally good response
 - f. Some people would like to take Ph 12 for the challenge but don't want to have to take an extra term, the department is looking into this
8. Student Taught Classes
 - a. HAM radio and bridge passed

- b. Rubik's cube, Developing World Technologies, and Knitting cancelled because the faculty sponsor was not a "professorial faculty"
- c. The need for "professorial faculty" as opposed to just any faculty member will be looked into