
On the Transition from Director to Director

Just a few thoughts ...

1. Our dean will appoint the next director of Cognitive Science to a 3 year term beginning in May 2023. We will need to do our best to engage her in the process of selecting/appointing the next director of Cognitive Science at Oswego.
2. It would be good for us to know who the next director will be by the end of this semester, or by the start of the next semester at the latest, so that the next director can be assigned to teach the Fall 2023 Cognitive Science Capstone Course. (It is not set in stone that the director will teach the course, but unless a new process for doing all sorts of assessment is put into place, the director, who is ultimately responsible to see that assessments are completed and properly reported, should probably teach the capstone course.)
3. At our spring 2022 meeting I asked anyone interested in the position of director to craft a little document articulating why they might make a good candidate. John did so. Others may still do so, but they should do it in the near future, if they so desire, in order that we might determine who the next director will be before too much time passes.
4. If we have just one candidate, our decision will be very simple! If we have more than one candidate, a decision process will need to be established, someone (other than the current director) will need to oversee the process, and we will want to commence the process as soon as possible.
5. We currently have a few more than 20 majors, and a few more than 20 minors. I'm thinking that if the suggested curricular change is made, we will at the very least double both of those numbers within a year of making the change. What does this mean? It means the the next director can have some fun with a vibrant program which has a sound history and very strong potential!
6. The next director will have an opportunity to select the "at large" member of the board (since Kristen Munger is retiring) and a couple of student representatives (since I let the practice laps with the onset of the pandemic). It is always fun to invite new people to serve on the advisory board.