

APPENDIX B: INTERVIEW WITH PETER

1. Tell me how did you get a mentor in the MMUF programme?

I got a mentor through AB. I had a certain professor that I preferred to work with as my mentor and since I could not get one from the Actuarial Science department. AB managed to get Professor Murray at the school of Computer Science.

2. Who was your preferred professor and why couldn't you get him/her?

Professor Mark Dazuel; he was extremely busy and not on campus most of the time

3. Did you have a good relationship with him?

No, it was just a lecturer student relationship.

4. You started in March 2008; did you and your mentor talk about expectations, goals or establish ground rules?

No.

4.1 Tell me about your first day.

We met discussed personal stuff like, where I came from, what I intend to do and what were my research interests.

4.2 Did you ask him about himself?

Yes.

4.3 What did you ask him?

What his majors at varsity were, his interests, and what he was teaching, how many publications he had, stuff like that.

4.4 How many meetings did you have?

Because he was on sabbatical, we met not more than three times, then our communication was mainly through email.

4.5 On your first meeting did he mention that he was on sabbatical?

Yes.

5. How would you describe communication in the relationship?

Communication was two ways.

5.1 When you met did you have deadlines?

No.

6. Please tell me about your experience as a mentee in the MMUF programme? Does it

make any difference if the mentee and the mentor are of different race groups,

Personally for me there was no difference because it's hard for science students to get someone.

different gender,

No,

or different economic background?

No

Did your mentor give valuable input on your research?

Yes it was on that topic but it was not enough

different research interests

no.

Research and teaching

Research: He did, but it was hard because focus was completely difficult.

Teaching: Not really.

Socially: Life in general.

When you were in Atlanta, did you speak?

That's when we spoke most.

Q5: Not really the research did not completely build on...

Q: Personally?

No.

Q: What can you tell me .If we had similar interests, skills. If it diff... compt... modeling
authenonatics modeling.

If you were to advice:

It's hard to get mentors.

1: Unfair for bsc; no research in third year. You don't know enough. Nothing on research. You
have to get someone in your specific subject. Each approach has fundamentals.

For bsc program it has to be relooked.

Research: Is only done in h... and you don't bring your own topic.

There's set topic.

Preferable bsc should be done in June/July:

Q: Do you think if we get science specialist for workshops it will help?

Yes

Q: Did you have time to work on your MMUF research.

A: You don't get time, the school does not give you time and if you try to do that you will be
compromising your grades.

1. Did you choose or was he/she assigned to you?

He was assigned to me.

2. You started in March 2008; did you and your mentor talk about expectations or goals or establish ground rules?

no

3. Do think you've grown academically personally while having a mentor? Please explain.