

Mathematics and Computer Science

Department Meeting Minutes

8/22/2014

Room 61-2316

Present: D. Beydler, A. Birca, L. Chan, D. Chavez, B. Edwards, C. Graham, H. Griffith, P. Hosea, M. Johnson, K. Khoddam, C. Kim, A. Kirchgraber, S. Lancaster, R. Loyd, J. McMullin, M. Munro, B. Nguyen, A. Nitta (Chair), H. Parra, C. Perez, H. Pop, D. Rivers, J. Sholars, C. Sun, T. Takashima, J. Tamayo, J. Terreri, F. Tran, C. Troxell, J. Wakefield, P. Young, S. Zicree

Absent: V. Tatoian, S. Guth, T. Kojima, M. Summers, T. Vo

The meeting began at 2:04.

Old Business

- 1) **JUNE 2014 MINUTES:** The June minutes were approved, with minor revisions.
- 2) **REMINDER:** for curriculum committees to keep gathering data for the SLOs.

New Business

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE PROBATIONARY TEAM FOR SCOT CHILDRESS.** Ballots were distributed. Janet, Bao-Chi, and Joan were selected to serve on the probationary evaluation team.
- 2) **COURSE EVALUATION (FOUR-YEAR REVIEW)** Evaluations are due for Math 50, 71, 71A, and 71B.
- 3) **LISTS:** Department committees and campus committee lists were passed around. Faculty were asked to review lists and make any changes as needed.

Reports

- 1) **ACADEMIC SENATE: No report.**
- 2) **FACULTY ASSOCIATION:** Alina, Hugh, and Stephen will be our reps. Al: Lance Heard will be going over the process for verification of identities of dependents. We're good with American Fidelity coming on to campus to do this. Debbie: I want to go on record as saying how disappointed we are with the new contract. We are taking losses in two categories: health benefits, and our retirement. There is a clause in this new contract that does tie things to growth. Matt: the president made it seem like we were getting an increased

compensation. This is not the case. We would have to have a double-digit increase to get back to the levels we were at in 2006. Linda Chan: I was on the negotiating team. We fought hard to get what we got.

- 3) **SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY MATT JUDD:** **Matt:** I'm trying to determine if math has a spot on the list for new hires this year. If that's not in place, we will put it as the #1 priority in our division. Thanks to all who have made the argument for this. We're going to continue to press the case for full-time faculty. We have a pretty clear case to get at least 2 or 3 full-time math faculty positions this year. 3 new positions, with a 4th growth position. Dr. Scroggins reminded me that we still have an agreement with Carnegie, which he would like to renew. It's an informational sharing agreement. Joan: So there's no requirement that we have some classes? **Matt:** No, we just need to allow access to some of the online material. They would like access to our success rates, to see how successful our new courses are. I haven't signed it yet. It's for 2 years.

Heidi: Is there anything to prevent them from touting our success rates as their success?

Joe: the national model is about eliminating algebra altogether. They were disappointed in California for keeping the algebra in.

Matt: About the computer and Elmo thefts, we are working to replace the missing equipment. We are looking into installing card reader doors to get into the building. Not into classrooms, but into the building.

Also we are working on ordering replacements for the Elmos that were stolen.

- 4) **DEPARTMENT CHAIR:** **Art:** Rene wanted us to know that the T-MARC door tends to get stuck and does not fully close.

Let me know if you need an Elmo. We will try to make arrangements to find one to use while we're waiting on the ones we ordered.

Here's some good news. We got brand new computers in the CSCI Instructional lab as well as the math department computer lab. We now have enough for a full class.

For future equipment needs, the most recurring need I hear about, that I put in the PIE report, is the need to update the classroom computers. If there are other equipment needs you hear about please let me know.

Michelle: what about classroom furniture? **Art** I'll look for opportunities to update that.

Heidi: what about the wiring for smartboards? **David:** I will look into that.

Art: The emergency preparedness drill is scheduled for Sept 17, from 9-10am.

The CMC-South Fall Mini-Conference is going to be at Saddleback College on October 11. There's no Division Report, due to no division meeting. We will meet next week.

Announcements:

- 1) **Debbie:** For those of you who have more than one student needing a notetaker, there may be a scribe assigned to your classroom. They are really good at taking notes.
- 2) **Joan:** My Math 181 in the Winter – do we use the new book or the old book? The students are using the new 180 books in the Fall, but they are using the old 280 books in the Spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm

Submitted by:

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