

Mathematics and Computer Science Department Meeting Minutes

08/21/2015

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

Absent: J. Sholars, V. Tatoian, M. Munro (banked leave)

The meeting began at 2:07.

Old Business

- 1) **August 2015 Minutes:** The August 2015 minutes, minus one sentence, were approved by acclamation.

New Business

- 1) **Curriculum and Faculty committees, and banked leave schedule:** **Art:** If there's a certain class you're interested in, let me know. On the curriculum committee list, please make sure you are on at least two committees. The faculty committee list is also going around. Please review and update as needed. We also have the banked leave schedule going around for you to review.
Heidi: it says in the contract that every department gets to have one faculty take a whole year of banked – some small departments get one, we get one – is that fair? **Art:** I will look into it.

- 2) **Scott: To remove Math 55 as a prerequisite for Math 71X.** I move to remove Math 55 as a prerequisite for Math 71X. Motion to remove Math 55 as a prerequisite for Math 71X passed by acclamation.

The department decided on an orderly transition from Math 55/115 to Math 70S/110S.

Art: To deactivate Math 55/Math 115, we need clearer records of this decision in the minutes. Motion to deactivate Math 55/Math 115 passed by acclamation.

- 3) **AS-T Proposal: Debbie:** We need to make a formal change to the AS-T. The area in question is Area B. I'm in favor of just deleting Area B. With the other areas we already have our 20 units. Heidi: I have no problem with this. Anyone transferring can certainly take those

courses. Debbie: the language now says 'select one'. This is misleading. It implies that it's required. When the degree was originally created it was intended to say y "recommended but nor required" Somehow it got changed to "select one."

Scott: I have the list of what every school in the state requires for the AS-T. Only 4 of the 44 schools don't have any electives. Mt SAC is the only school that has finite math as an elective. Discussion followed.

Janet: if we already have 20 units, why do we need list B?

Scott: I believe in breadth. All we're saying is, there's a list of electives, we want one of those to be a math course.

Debbie: I think we need to do some investigation as to whether the wording can be changed. If we decide to keep it, I would ask that disclaimer language be added about asking your college counselor about which courses would be best to take for your transfer school.

Scott: that sounds like a good idea.

Debbie: I will table my motion until next meeting.

- 4) **DSPS Items: Debbie:** There are some issues that came up over the summer that we have to hash over. There have been numerous requests for accommodations made by the DSPS. If you have any questions or concerns about what constitutes a reasonable accommodation, please let us know. The DSPS people are trying out an electronic version of the accommodations form. New requests for student accommodations will not be done until Winter semester at the earliest. The requests that have been received before the start of the semester will get processed in a timely manner. But if a new request comes in now, there is a backlog. Also, if you need to caption videos, there seems to be funding available. If you have multiple DSPS students you may be eligible for a scribe. The test instruction forms have been changed slightly, apparently. I will send everyone these forms as an email attachment after the meeting.

- 5) **Birthdays this month. Paula:** Al and David were congratulated by the department.

- 6) **CFIT (Committee for Improving Teaching): Paula:** Two years ago I was on a committee, through Carnegie, where we would discuss what we could do in our classrooms to improve our teaching. We would even videotape ourselves teaching. I was wondering about doing that here. If anyone is interested here please let me know.

Scott: I was part of a committee as well where I got videotaped. It was really hard but I learned a great deal.

Several department members expressed interest in participating.

- 7) **Maple Projects: Scot:** Over the summer we developed some sample Maple projects. I will host them on my website. You can take them and build on them. Perhaps we can build a repository for this material.

Paula; I would like to have a place to download projects into, where anyone here can access them.

Scott: Mt Sac has signed us all up for Office 365, so we can put our Word documents in a shared space. I'll send you the link.

Scot: There is a free program, Maxima, that is functionally identical to Maple.

Art: If you are interested in piloting Maxima in your class, please contact Scot.

Reports

- 1) **ACADEMIC SENATE: Melody:** No meeting yet.
- 2) **FACULTY ASSOCIATION: Stephen:** They are going to survey the faculty to ask what issues should be negotiated for next year.
Michelle: wasn't there some change taking place in 2016 with crossover credit?
Debbie: Next July everyone will be zeroed out in they are not done with their Professional Growth increment units.
Al: the insurance committee met and talked about options for dental plans: do we want to go with a tiered structure, like with our health care? That would be a burden for families. We came up with a middle of the road plan, where we add an additional PPO plan, with \$1000 of coverage per year. But it will go down from \$180/month to \$123/month. The HMO will stay the same.
- 3) **DEPARTMENT CHAIR: Art:** I got a heads up from Eric Kaljumagi that the school is going to make it more difficult to earn units for crossover credit. As reported by the faculty association, most POD courses can no longer be used. Also, only graduate level and courses related to the teaching assignment will be approved. If the new contract is ratified, the new policy will take effect in June 2016.
Janet: This is simply going back to the way it used to be.

Ballots to elect evaluation committees for Karla Rivas and Irving Lai were distributed. Cast ballots were collected by Baochi and Michelle to tabulate the results.

Art: Good news on the PIE equipment request front. We got brand new computers in all math instructional classrooms. In response to better Wi-Fi access, we got more access points to greatly improve signal quality. Now that we have good Wi-Fi access, we can make a better case for obtaining new classroom set of tablets or laptops. Send me an email, if you can help me make this case.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm

Submitted by:

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Art Nitta

Recorder
Cameron Troxell