

Mathematics and Computer Science Department Meeting Minutes

12/04/2015

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

Absent: A. Birca, J. Sholars, M. Munro (banked leave) R. Loyd C. Perez T. Takashima

The meeting began at 2:57.

Old Business

- 1) **November 2015 Minutes:** The November 2015 minutes were approved by acclamation.

New Business

- 1) **New Birthdays: Paula:** We have some birthdays this month: Michelle, Joe, Kambiz, plus Frank and Melody (who have the same birthday), and in January we have Baochi, Scot, and Karla.
- 2) **Course update for Math 110 (C-ID). Stephen:** I asked the committee for some revisions to the Math 110/110H curriculum to implement changes as required by the C-ID reviewers. The course description was revised to be more explicit, but no changes were made to the course content. Department approved the updates by acclamation.
- 3) **Course update for Math 120 (C-ID): Kambiz:** The Math 120 course was given a conditional approval for C-ID, pending minor changes to the wording of the curriculum. No significant changes were called for, with revisions made to make the course description more explicit. Department gave its blessing (approval by acclamation) for the revised Math 120 course.
- 4) **Revisions to the Math AS-T degree: Scott:** As discussed before, we have made some changes to our AS-T degree, taking out some elective courses, updating some existing courses, and adding some new courses that have been created. Math 181 has been approved with the reduced unit count of 4 units. We have added Math 260 and Math 290 to replace Math 285. However, Math 260 and Math 290 will not have their articulation agreements in place, no sooner than 2017. So for one year, we must take out Math 260 and Math 290 and put back in Math 285 until all of the articulation agreements are in place.

Melody: Will we begin to offer Math 260 and Math 290?

Scott: Not until we have articulation agreements in place.

Revision to the Math AS-T approved by acclamation.

- 5) **Issue with the door by the elevator: Paula:** The door by the elevator is always closed. It does not make our department appear to be welcoming to our students. Would the department be OK with me working with Art, to look into getting a door stop or something that would make the door stay open during the day? After a short discussion, no objection was voiced.
- 6) **Removing inactive members from the curriculum committees. Stephen:** There are people on the Math 110 committee that I've never seen.
Art: This can become an issue if a quorum is required for committee's approval. If the list is inflated, can quorum be reached based only on the number of active committee members?
Scott: My philosophy is that silence is consent. I don't know that we need to be purging the committee lists.
Debbie: Perhaps the committee chairs could get back to you, Art, and see if their committee list is accurate.
Art: We have traditionally reviewed committee memberships at the first department meeting of the school year. We may need to do this more often. I will send out the current committee membership list for the department to review.
- 7) **Room Issue: Stephen:** the room I teach in, 61-3414, has been unlocked every day for the past five days. I'm wondering who is doing this. Other discussion followed, about the pros and the cons of locking the rooms during short passing periods between classes.
Art: this is a serious issue, with the recent theft of document cameras we have experienced.
Al: the thief apparently had a key, and locking the rooms would not have prevented the theft.
- 8) **Factoring and Integration Rallies: Scot:** David and I held the rallies last week. We had 6 people in the factoring rally, and 13 in the integration rally. We gave out prizes and food, and had a fun time.

Reports

- 1) **ACADEMIC SENATE: Scot:** We've met twice since last meeting. The EDC needs math and science members to be on their committee. The president is calling for a work group to produce guidelines for dual enrollment. Discussion about the number of counselors being hired and whether or not they are tenure track positions. Several coordinator positions are available, including positions for the New Faculty Seminar. Check your email for announcements from Dan Smith about opportunities for being on hiring teams. Possible change from Moodlerooms to Canvas on the horizon. Math 260 and 290 were approved by the senate, but 2017 is the earliest these courses can be offered.
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- 2) **FACULTY ASSOCIATION: Hugh:** The CCA winter conference will focus on bargaining and negotiations. Eric K said he is concerned that we need new members to train for future negotiation teams. Spaces are available at the conference. Puttin' on the Hits will be on

March 4 and 5. I would like to consider going to the show together as a department this year. If you don't want \$15 out of your dues to go to the FA's PAC you can opt out by signing and returning the appropriate form to the FA office. There is a retirement workshop on 3/16. Option B for 2017-2018 academic calendar was approved by the rep. council. There is a resolution expressing concerns about establishing a campus police department. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of having a police force, versus the option to contract with the sheriff department to have beat officers on campus. Department took a straw vote, and the resolution was supported by all the members, excepting one nay vote.

- 3) **DEPARTMENT CHAIR: Art:** First I want to make a call for volunteers for Senior Day. Last year, about 700 high school seniors were invited to visit Mt SAC. Next year, it is scheduled for March 14 and March 18. Many faculty members volunteered to have students visit their lectures during Senior Day.

Teaching Math 140 or Math 150 online. Chuck Sorcabal is getting ready to retire after the spring semester. Who would be willing to teach these courses online after Chuck retires? Heidi is interested in teaching Math 140 online. At the meeting, there were no faculty members who expressed interest in teaching Math 150 online. This would be for Fall 2016 at the earliest.

Updating the phone tree and the department directory. Paula agreed to help update both the department directory and the phone tree.

Announcements:

Art: CMC South conference on March 4-5, 2016 is at Cal Poly for the first time. Please consider attending the conference on Saturday before going to Puttin' on the Hits in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm

Submitted by:

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