

# **Mathematics and Computer Science**

## **Department Meeting Minutes**

11/6/15

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**Present:** D. Beydler, A. Birca, D. Chavez, S. Childress, B. Edwards, S. Guth, M. Johnson K. Khoddam, , T. Kojima, I. Lai, S. Lancaster, P. Lee, J. McMullin, M. Munro (banked leave), B. Nguyen, A. Nitta (Chairperson), C. Perez, H. Pop, K. Rivas, D. Rivers, M. Summers, C. Sun, T. Takashima, J. Tamayo, F. Tran, T. Vo, P. Young

**Absent:**

C. Graham, H. Griffith, C. Kim, A. Kirchgraber, R. Loyd, H. Parra, J. Sholars, J. Terreri, C. Troxell, J. Wakefield, S. Zicree

**Meeting was called to order at 2:50 pm**

**Old Business**

**1. Approval of October Minutes:**

The October minutes were approved.

**New Business**

**1. Birthdays for November:** Happy Birthday Tuan, Christine, and Dolores!

**2. Update on Pathways**

Scott informed the department that currently, many Statistic Pathways from other schools are being accepted as pre-statistic courses at Cal State Universities for the quantitative reasoning GE articulation. However, Mt.Sac's two-semester pathway (Math 70S and Math 110S) is more rigorous in algebra and statistics, so our pathway is accepted at Cal State Universities as Statistic articulation, not just GE articulation.

There was a concern brought up that students may not know which path to choose (Math 51 route versus Math 70s route). Jim Smith will notify counselors about 70S. Jim explained that students undecided in their major are generally directed to the Math 51 route.

**3. Information about financial aid disbursements**

Jim Smith notified the department that if students turn in all their paperwork (verification form, tax form, etc.) on July 31<sup>st</sup>, financial aid money is distributed to them on August 13<sup>th</sup>. If students miss that deadline, and they turn in their paperwork by August 13<sup>th</sup>, their financial aid will come in on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Anytime after that date, students will still be awarded with financial disbursements once they turn in their forms.

Over 60% of Mt. Sac students are getting aid or have a fee waiver. When students tell faculty that they can't buy books because their financial aid has not come in yet, they could be telling the truth.

#### **4. New Counseling Hires**

Counseling has hired 6 full-time counselors: 3 Generalist Counselors (one from Title 5 and two from last year), 1 International Students counselor, 1 Veterans Counselor, and 1 Calworks Counselor. It is in the process of hiring a 7<sup>th</sup> counselor.

#### **5. Elections for Full time faculty hiring team**

We have 2 new hires for Spring 2015.

Kambiz, Paula, and Jimmy have been voted to be part of the hiring committee.

#### **Reports**

##### **1. Academic Senate**

See attached.

Scot: Fiber optic emergency displays will be in classrooms in 6-8 months.

There will be active shooter evacuation training (similar to earthquake drills) next year.

Math 260 and Math 261 have gone through Ed design.

POD will be moving back to Building 6.

Five resolutions (Creation of Local Online Education Rubrics, Defining the Parameters of the California Community College Baccalaureate Degree, Baccalaureate Level General Education at the California Community Colleges, Limitations on Enrollment and Admission Criteria for Baccalaureate Programs, Upper Division General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate Pilot Programs) regarding the baccalaureate pilot program is being aggressively pursued and funded. Eric Kaljumagi as well and Joan raised concern and voiced opposition, which was echoed by several other senate members.

##### **2. Faculty Association**

See Attached.

Alina: We will be voting on the academic calendar in our next meeting—either Option B or Option D. Option A and C were disregarded because the President didn't approve of them.

Steve L: Fiscal dates to bring in more money to the college don't necessarily coincide with our semester dates. There is temporary money out there to show growth, so Option B and Option D would allow the college to get more money. Option A and C would pass the deadline.

The department voted for Option B. There were some concerns in the department that there weren't more options to choose from and concerns that some of the options to disregard options were decided without consent.

There is talk about using email or virtual office hours as part of office hours.

That way, part-time faculty do not necessarily have to keep office hours on campus, but virtual office hours.

##### **3. Department Chair's Report**

Art: The class set of 40 laptops have arrived! We are still trying to figure out a location for them.

If faculty want additional software aside from browsers, Geogebra, ALEKS, let Art know. Wi-Fi hotspots with 40 laptops going off at the same time have not been tested, so let Art know if he needs to input "Better Wi-Fi" onto PIE.

The Math Department will get two full-time hires this 2015-2016 season. Math was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The current cut was 27. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> math position at 38, so there is a possibility of getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> position if the cut is lowered.

If faculty have an absence and cannot contact Natural Science Division office, please notify extension 5552. If you miss office hours, you can make it up within that week without those hours being subtracted from your sick days, pending on approval from the division.

For tenure faculty that are on Year 1 of the cycle, please write the tallied numbers for each class on the H2A form. A sample of comments should also be included.

**Announcements:**

1. DSP&S Dialogue II on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm -?
2. Basic Skills Coordinating Committee

Janet: There is a lot of Basic Skills money for a project. You don't have to write the project until Spring. This semester there are 2 workshops available for faculty to find out what is involved in writing a project and how it gets funded. The workshops are: November 13<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm and November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-4:15pm. You can register through POD for faculty interested in basic skills projects.

Matt M. clarified that basic skills students could involve students past Math 51, as long as they began as basic skills students.

3. Debbie Day Planning Committee:  
Debbie Day will be May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm-2pm for 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders. This year's theme is sustainability
4. The Math and Engineering Club will be hosting 2<sup>nd</sup> annual integration rally on November 19<sup>th</sup>, and a Factoring Rally (for Math 71 and below). There will be 20 minutes for students to answer 20 questions.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.**

Submitted by:  
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