

Mathematics and Computer Science Department Meeting Minutes

06/05/2015

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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, M. Munro, B. Nguyen, A. Nitta (Chair), H. Parra, H. Pop, D. Rivers, M. Summers, C. Sun, J. Tamayo, J. Terreri V. Tatoian, F. Tran, C. Troxell, T. Vo, J. Wakefield, P. Young, S. Zicree

Absent: C. Perez, J. McMullin, J. Sholars, T. Takashima

The meeting began at 2:53.

Old Business

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

New Business

- 1) **Introducing Irving Lai and Karla Rivas: Art:** I'd like to officially introduce to you Irving Lai and Karla Rivas. Department welcomes Irving and Karla.
- 2) **Deactivation of CSCI 150L, CSCI 220L, and CSCI 230L: Tuan:** I'd like to get the department's approval to deactivate these courses. Motion to deactivate passed by acclamation.
- 3) **Math 160 Alternate Course Outline: Cameron:** Here is the outline for the Stewart, 7th edition Precalculus book. The 160 committee went with the Sullivan but I've been having success using WebAssign with the Stewart and so would like to continue with it. The changes to the new edition are very minor. Complex numbers has been moved back to Chapter 1, but I can still bring it in at the usual time, right before Complex Roots of Polynomials. Motion to approve the Stewart outline passed by acclamation.
- 4) **Updates to the Math Department Policy: Michelle:** Under our current policy, there are obsolete courses that are still listed. We will remove Math 52 and Math 72, and add Math 70S and Math 71X to the 85% group. Math 110 and Math 110S are not to be listed separately because they fall into the "all other math classes" group.
- 5) **DSPS Issues: Notation for Classes Using Computer-Assisted Instruction: Heidi:** I'm on the DSPS advisory committee. Mt Sac is really getting known for its DHH (Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing) population. It seems that ALEKS can be used if you provide your DSPS students

with alternative assignments. I've talked with Christine Tunstall and she would be interested to know who is using computer-based instruction, so she can steer students appropriately. In fact it would be beneficial for all students to have a heads up, in the printed schedule of classes, and in the online version, that they are enrolling in a course that uses computer-assisted instruction. Discussion followed, that brought up issues with deadlines regarding the schedule of classes.

Motion is restated: Heidi: I move that we ask the administration to include, for all schedule of classes formats, an advisory for students to visit the Mt Sac math department website for further info regarding the use of computer technology within the classroom. Motion passed by acclamation.

A new page on the math department website is proposed for the purpose of listing instructors who use some form of computer-based instruction with their classes.

Heidi: I will follow up on this.

- 6) **Issues from the Calculus committee: Scott:** Here is the revised 280 outline for Stewart, 7th edition. It's got the same topics. We will put forward a new outline when the 8th edition comes in, in about 2 years.

Michelle – what do we do with the new outline?

Art: Email Jennifer and Stephen, and cc me as well.

Motion to approve the revised 280 book outline passed by acclamation.

Scott: here are the tweaks for the Math 180 course outline required for C-ID approval. Motion to approve the course outline passed by acclamation, with some minor tweaks to the language of the outline.

- 7) **AS-T Math degree Issues: Scott:** my first motion is only to approve the changing of Math 181 to 4 units. Motion passed by acclamation.

Scott: Next, I have a motion to approve the new list A, which replaces Math 285 with Math 260 and Math 290. Approval of the AS-T is contingent on the approval of these two new courses. After discussion, the word 'required' is added to the description of Core Courses and List A. Motion passed by acclamation.

Now, List B: First of all, without List B we still have enough units. Also, we can go over by 3 units, because of a double counting issue. That's why the minimum is 23. My motion is to add Math 110S with an 'or' as one of the options.

Debbie: I did some research and found that various schools don't require these courses. I don't want our students to think that these courses will count as Math courses, i.e., that they will get degree credit for a given course. Also, not every other community college has what we have on List B. So we need to decide on List B.

Al: I don't have a problem with keeping all the 110 classes on List B. It might come in handy some day.

Heidi: Can we put a 5-unit course on here? Won't that put someone over?

Scott: As long as we offer a course that makes it possible for the unit count to not exceed 60 then we're okay.

Joe: don't you have to take 70S to take 110S?

Scott: Yes. The inclusion of 110S is largely symbolic, because it would likely never happen that a math major would take it. I move to add 110S to list B. Motion passed, with one no vote.

Discussion followed about whether or not to keep List B. Art was asked to find out the exact wording of the degree as there appears to be a discrepancy between the language of the original math department proposal and the actual degree.

- 8) **Integration Rally Outcome: Scot:** We had 15 people show up, which was great on such short notice. The winner was Carlos Munoz, who got 9 out of 20 correct. He won a \$10 gift prize. The mean was 4, and the median was 5. We're going to try it again next semester, so mention it in your classes.

Reports

- 1) **ACADEMIC SENATE: Melody:** We don't have any discussion items, because it was the last meeting of the semester. The EEO Plan Revision was approved. If you want to serve on a hiring committee, you need to have attended training within the last 24 months. Even if you're not currently on a hiring committee, you can do it in case you get on one. They want to take a few minutes out of Flex Day to recognize the faculty awardees, because the attendance at the year-end ceremony is pretty low.
- 2) **FACULTY ASSOCIATION: Alina:** Voting on the contract will happen in the summer. Discussion followed about what kind of salary increase has been asked for and what we might expect.
Debbie: I've noticed that the administration have given themselves an additional step on their salary schedule, which gives them a de facto 3.7% pay increase. Then they will probably negotiate a raise on top of that.
- 3) **DEPARTMENT CHAIR: Art:** The 2015-2016 dept meeting schedule has been sent out. As far as dept chair nominations go, I was the only one nominated, so it looks like you're stuck with me for another year.
Matt: I think we should have a motion to make this official: I nominate Art to be our department chair for next year. Department approves Art by acclamation.
Art: We need people to serve on probationary committees. Many people volunteered. I will send out an email – nominations will be open until the end of the month. I will be sending out a draft copy of the PIE report – let me know about your resource requests. Debbie – the chalkboards and white boards need to be replaced or refurnished.
Art: With input from the scheduling team, back in December we solicited volunteers to serve as the FA and AS reps for 2015-2016. But they haven't been approved. We have 2 for the FA, Melody and Scot. But Scot offered to just hang back and "lurk" if someone else is interested.
Art: I'd like to move that the following slate of representatives be approved for 2015-16: AS – Melody and Scot, FA – Alina, Stephen, and Hugh. Motion passed by acclamation.

Announcements:

1. Art: Commencement announcement: Make sure you come to commencement.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm

Submitted by:

Department Chair
Art Nitta

Recorder
Cameron Troxell