

Mathematics and Computer Science

Department Meeting Minutes

11/14/2014
Room 61-2316

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

Absent: R. Loyd, V. Tatoian, T. Kojima (on leave), M. Summers (on leave), J. Sholars, T. Takashima (on leave) H. Pop

The meeting began at 2:52.

Introduced Billy Lee – new adjunct.

Old Business

- 1) **October 2014 Minutes:** The October minutes were approved, with minor revisions.

New Business

- 1) **Update Course Outline for Math 181:** Scott: We are covering hyperbolics. The conic sections in both rectangular and polar are in here.
Outline is slightly amended by removing Work from Chapter 6 but leaving it in a later chapter. Department approved amended outline by acclamation.
- 2) **Assessment Updates: David:** We're putting together a math placement questionnaire. We were wondering if it would be okay to have the students fill out when they took their last math class, what it was, etc.
Jim Ocampo: we are trying to automate the questionnaire. It's a survey used for multiple measures. In the past the student chose whether or not to come to the dept office to pursue this. The chancellor's office wants all students who are eligible to have the multiple measures applied. If we automate it, then everyone who scores 1 to 2 points below the cutoff will be considered for placement at the next level. We will research how these students perform in the course. We will also research how good of a predictor each item on the questionnaire is.
Debbie, Heidi, et al: We are concerned that there will not be a conversation with the department chair.
Jim: We have too many students to process in this way.
Steve: So does this make 25 in effect the cut score?
Jim: Basically, yes.

Art: Could the dept decide on the passing grade for the questionnaire?

Paula moved on automating the multiple measure process. Motion passed by acclamation.

Art: At the next dept meeting we will decide the number of questions the student must answer correctly. Who would like to be on the task force? David, Matt, and Paula volunteered.

Art: if anyone else wants to be on the task force, let me know.

- 2) **New Faculty Hires: Matt Judd, Karelyn Hoover: Matt J:** First, I'd like to congratulate Karelyn on being recently hired as our (non-interim) Associate Dean.

About the hiring for next year, we were extremely pleased with how things went at the instructional team with the other deans. The division got 3 positions in the top 10, with 2 positions for math. Last year we got a position through the President raising the number of hires. It was a replacement for Chris McDonald.

In my opinion, the instructional team listened to each other. They considered what the needs of the students were. With the AS executive board, that's not what happened. The top ranking math position got removed from consideration due to a technicality. The AS executive board thought that a position to replace the failed tenure position had already been filled last year. I was able to obtain the official HR document that proves that it was actually a replacement for Chris M. Baochi and Scott showed them this document at the meeting, but this did not affect their decision. Even though it's a legal document.

Debbie: I think the president should drop down the list and hire 18 new faculty. He should back up his talk about hiring more math teachers if given a chance to do so. Back up his talk about making Mt Sac a premier institution.

Lengthy discussion followed. A common sentiment among department members was that the AS executive board had jumped to an incorrect conclusion concerning how they viewed this past year's new hire.

Matt M: this seems to be one more instance of people not putting the students first. The most common reason students don't continue at Mt Sac is that they can't get classes. People don't seem to realize that not hiring math teachers will push students away, and the decreased enrollment will cause other departments to suffer as well.

- 4) **Updated Course Outline for CSCI 150: Tuan:** Here is the updated course outline.
Updated outline is approved by acclamation.

- 5) **Biology 1 – Math 71 Link: Joe T:** Baochi agreed to help out with this new link. We are working together with the Biology department on this. Department approves the new Bio 1–Math 71 link by acclamation.

- 6) **Math 110S Approval Scott:** The UCs accepted our appeal, and Math 110S was approved for transfer. Now we will apply for IGETC in December and then for articulation specifically as statistics. Articulation as statistics will be on a campus-by-campus basis.

Reports

- 1) **ACADEMIC SENATE: Alina:** I need to send you an attachment and a link for things we need to discuss. There is an issue related to student housing on campus. About this issue, there is a resolution that voices a concern over the lack of shared governance in the decision-making process over the student housing. The dept votes to support the resolution.
- 2) **FACULTY ASSOCIATION: Stephen:** please see attached report.
- 3) **DEPARTMENT CHAIR: Art:** I want to open the nominations for the department hiring team. The nominations will be closed on Wednesday Dec 3. The voting will take place at the department meeting.
The NS Division computer lab – should usage be restricted to students taking NS classes? It's not a problem now, but please let me know if you have any strong opinions about this. Also, the NS Division computer lab will begin charging students for printing.
The 10 Elmos are now in the building. The division is now working to order the cable locks to secure them. We were also able to get a couple more Elmos, and some high capacity printers.
EIWOS will be replaced by SchoolDude. Let Matt J know if you want a SchoolDude account.
Room usage study – the school is going for a new bond, so that they can justify the next bond measure; they are doing a room usage study. If a room is being underutilized, the school may schedule classes in it.
Our December 5 dept meeting will be in the MARC, due to a debate competition scheduled on the 2nd floor.
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The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm

Submitted by:

Department Chair
Art Nitta

Recorder
Cameron Troxell