

MATHEMATICS DIVISION

2018-2019

MINUTES OF MEETING - Monday, May 13, 2019

Spring 2019 meetings
2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13
2:40 – 4:00 pm MSB 214

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Jaime Vallejo
Jason Wang
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The meeting was called to order at 2:43. Present: Blustein (chair), Alwash, Bucher, Cheng, Feiner, Jankans, Movsisyan, Robertson, Swaminathan

The agenda was approved. There were no public comments. The minutes of the meetings of April 8, 2019 and April 15, 2019 were approved.

There were brief updates on the common finals. Manushak (125), Bucher (115), Robertson (227) reported progress.

Blustein commented on the status of Summer/Fall 2019 schedules. Fall should be regarded as very tentative. Revisions will be made at the end of July or in early August, based on enrollments to date.

The tentative Spring 2020 schedule was reviewed. It is essentially a rollover of Fall 2019 except that 270 and 275 are switched. Since we do not know how well the Fall 2019 schedule will work, we are pretty much clueless about Spring 2020. Comments should be directed to Blustein. Jankans raised a question about possibly more hybrid classes. Several instructors who have taught hybrid sections indicated that they are not generally as successful. Class selection was postponed until May 20, 2019.

We agreed to plan a one-day Statistics training/workshop tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2019 from 8:30 am (breakfast) to 2:00 pm. The idea is for more experienced Statistics instructors to share their experience with instructors who are (or will be) teaching it for the first time. Robertson will be “lead.” Information packets to be available electronically and/or paper copies. Topics will include:

- Overview of the course - COR, SLOs, textbook, common final, time allocation and pacing, where students “get it” and where they have trouble, etc.
- Key topics: what to emphasize/cover in Probability; sampling distributions; hypothesis testing (including re: linear regression)
- Technology: advantages/disadvantages of TI 83/84, Minitab, StatCrunch etc

Blustein will attempt to find funding for breakfast, lunch, stipends.

Blustein reported plans to submit a grant proposal to develop/adapt OER Statistics for community college with a social justice focus. Robertson and Jankans indicated interest.

Cheng reported on Curriculum Committee issues:

- a. Proposed Psych 91 (course outline virtually identical to Math 227)
- b. Proposed Basic Skills 106/107 (“mirror” of Math 115 in 3 non-credit standard hours)
- c. Courses to be archived and updated – Blustein archived Math 105, 112, 123ab, 117-118-127-128. Cheng is updating 110 and 125, Blustein is updating 260. There was discussion about what to do with Math 235 (Finite Math). It has not been offered for around 15 years, but it is required for the Econ AA degree. If Econ wants us to offer it, we will – it would be updated with a Math 245 prereq.

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Robertson reported on Facilities/WEC. Installation of new door locks is in progress. AB302 (would require CCs to let homeless students sleep overnight in parking lots). It would be another unfunded mandate – an expensive one. Nobody here seems to think it a good idea.

Jankans reported that the AB302 issue also came up in the Academic Senate.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Announcements:

1. Tamara Jones is still looking for faculty members to serve as marshals and in other roles at graduation.
2. Student Poster Showcase May 16