

MATHEMATICS DIVISION 2019-2020

MINUTES OF MEETING - Thursday, August 22, 2019

MSB 214 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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(tentative)
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21, Nov. 18, Dec. 2
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The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Present: Blustein (chair), Alwash, Brown, Bucher, Cheng, Feiner, Jankans, Jenson, Movsisyan, Robertson, Swaminathan. Guest: Dr. Walter Jones.

The agenda was approved as amended.

Public comments: Dr. Jones expressed his appreciation for the work of the Math Division. He requested that work block forms be submitted and offered information about the A2MEND program for black male students.

There was an informal discussion of “summer highlights.”

The consent agenda was approved:

- a. Approve **minutes of meeting May 13, 2019**
- b. Confirm **meeting schedule for Fall 2019** (see left)
- c. Continue **tenure committees for Cheng and Brown:**

Cheng: Bucher (division rep); Blustein (division chair); Alwash (evaluee rep); Bahta (Academic Senate)

Brown: Bucher (division rep); Blustein (division chair); Feiner (evaluee rep); Zuk (Academic Senate)

- d. Confirm **Math Division reps** on College and Senate committees (continued from 2018-19)
- e. Approve draft **Math Division Curriculum Map** (as originally submitted – latest iteration not available)

Blustein gave a Chair Report that included an update on last year’s goals, proposed goals for 2019-2020, an update on the fall schedule, information on the Fall 2019 schedule and enrollments, and a report on the summer Statistics training/workshop. She mentioned some developments regarding AB 705 implementation in LACCD. Key conclusions from the discussion included:

- The follow-up Statistics training will be postponed from Sept. 13 to some time in October (focus on hypothesis tests). Blustein will provide a training (Sept. 6) for statistics tutors.
- We will consider an update/revision of Math 122. We will not pursue a 7-unit combined Elementary/Intermediate class. If LACCD approves new “subjects” like “Math – noncredit” and “Math – Basic Skills – noncredit” we will consider the possibilities.
- Several instructors are willing and eager to offer their office hours to students needing academic advisement.
- We will consider OER for Math 245.
- Division members were asked to investigate model Math Lab/tutoring facilities for purposes of the BUG for the planned new library/student center building.
- Jamie Jenson agreed to serve as the Math liaison for with the PR office for social media.

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Committees were formed for common final exams:

Math 122: Jenson, Swaminathan, Brown

Math 125: Alwash, Cheng, Swaminathan, Feiner

Math 227: Robertson, Blustein, Brown

There was no Facilities/WEC report .

Volunteers for Transfer Fair (9/26): Alwash 10-12, Brown 12-2

New Business: Swaminathan asked whether students who pass Math 125 will be allowed to enroll in Math 236. It was agreed that students hoping to do this would be allowed to take the prerequisite challenge test as a group. Swaminathan will work with Blustein to modify the prereq challenge test for this purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Announcements:

- f. Friday, September 20: FACCC conference at UCLA Labor Center – Social Justice and Community Colleges
- g. From Dean Christopher Sweeten: “WLAC Transfer Fair [to be] held on Thursday, September 26, 2019, and requesting any faculty and staff willing to table on the day of the fair on behalf of their division to coordinate these efforts with their Chair and Darrell Roberson (Student Services Assistant). The fair will be from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm with 45 four-year institutions tabling. This fair will be a great opportunity to establish collaboration amongst our areas.

“Also, please encourage your faculty to consider and apply for Director of Honors/Transfer Center. This faculty position is crucial to be a liaison to our four-year institutions and be a faculty champion to support our transfer aspirations as an institution.”

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Report on Fall 2019 Enrollment – as of 8/21/19 (8:00 a.m.)
Math only (not including Academic Prep)

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	Sections	Units	Enroll ment	Average class size	NOTES
Math 122-125	12	60	422	35.2	Includes recently-added late-start
Math 227/227S	24	96	894	37.2	+6 SH from 227S. Includes 3 recently-added and late-start
Math 215	3	9	86	28.7	
Math 230	3	9	36	12.0	+ 2 recently-added 2 nd 8 weeks
Math 245	3	9	103	34.3	
Math 236	2	10	30	15.0	Had to cancel morning section
Math 241/241S	5	20	154	30.8 (36.5 in 241)	241S not thriving. +1SH for 241S
Math 260 and higher	11	51	187	17.0	
ALL MATH	63 +2	264	1912	30.3	Units: 17.6 FTEF SH 18.1 FTEF