Minutes for Math Issues Committee 11/12/04 Memorial Hall, Nutmeg Room, CCSU

The meeting convened at 10:50 a.m.

Present: Pat Hirschy (Asnuntuck), Miguel Garcia (Gateway), Mark Leach (Housatonic), Diane Hillyer (Manchester), Elaine Dinto (Naugatuck Valley), Joe Karnowski (Norwalk), Jean-Marc Cenet (Tunxis), Robert Clark (Tunxis)

Minutes from the October 1, 2004 meeting were approved.

Question regarding placement of course in Math Common Numbering matrix—

Pat questioned whether the placement of Housatonic 's MAT* 127 was correct in the Common Numbering matrix, as this statistics course now has a MAT* 137 prerequisite. According to the common numbering scheme, courses with a prerequisite of Intermediate Algebra should carry a number above MAT* H138; Mark will ask Catherine Cron at Housatonic to contact Pat regarding this issue.

Announcement regarding AMATYC's Crossroads—

Joe recommended that anyone who has not yet had a chance to review the draft of the AMATYC Standards 2006 document, please do so. The latest draft of the document, Beyond Crossroads Draft Version 6.0, can be downloaded from the AMATYC website, http://www.amatyc.org. Since this document will be representing all of us, he recommended that as individuals we each read the document and comment on it. Those who will be attending the Annual Conference in Orlando next week will bring the document and give feedback in the appropriate sessions; others are encouraged to provide feedback online.

Revisiting course titles in the Common Numbering Matrix—

Pat suggested revisiting titles of some math courses in the Common Numbering Matrix, in particular, MAT* 167, Statistics with Technology. While the course title was chosen to emphasize the fact that technology (computer and/or graphing calculator) applications are an integral part of the course, in fact the title has in some instances been confusing to students, faculty, and admissions personnel, who think that the course is

geared towards engineering and/or technology students. It was suggested that we find out what the CSU's and other universities call their statistics courses; discussion also took place about the possibility of using a "C" for computer and "T" for technology (either computer or graphing calculator).

Stats transfer to UConn—

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding discrepancies of Community College statistics course transfer to the University of Connecticut, and what to do about this issue. Our goal is to obtain accurate, consistent articulation. The group finally agreed to enlist the help of the system's Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Paul Susen. Additionally, Committee members agreed upon the contents of letter to be sent to Dr. Susen. With Pat's assistance, Elaine will write the letter and send it to Dr. Susen, copying all Math Issues Committee members.

Other business items including Tech Prep and Pathways Programs were put on hold until the December 3 meeting at 10:30 at CCSU, Memorial Hall, Nutmeg Room.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Dinto