

Minutes of Math Issues Committee
September 16, 2005
Central Connecticut State University, Nutmeg Room

The meeting convened at 10:55 a.m.

Present — Pat Hirschy (Asnuntuck), Miguel García (Gateway), Rachael Schettenhelm (Gateway), Mark Leach (Housatonic), Diane Hillyer (Manchester), Elaine Dinto (Naugatuck Valley), Jean-Marc Cenet (Tunxis), Rob Clark (Tunxis), June Decker (Three Rivers), Joe Karnowski (Norwalk),

Minutes from the May 13, 2005 meeting — Approved with the system-wide professional date changed to the 23rd of September. A draft of today's minutes will be sent next week for corrections. Minutes will be attached to next month's agenda.

Mathematical Announcements —

The NCTM Conference is October 6-8 in Hartford. More information is available at www.nctm.org.

The state conference "Forging Partnerships to Strengthen the Transition from High School to College Mathematics" will be held October 14th. More information can be found at <http://www.ct.edu/mathconf>. Four representatives from each campus are encouraged to attend.

The AMATYC Conference will be held November 10-13 in San Diego. More information can be found at www.amatyc.org.

These events should be promoted through department meetings and MATYCONN.

Also, there is a Governor's Math-Science Summit on October 26th on which we have no information.

The System-wide Professional Day —

It is scheduled for September 23, 2005, for local activities. In the future we should try to influence the content of professional days to include Math issues.

Full-time openings —

There are several math full-time openings in the system which will soon be announced. Encourage adjuncts to check the community college system web site, <http://www.commnet.edu/> and the Chronicle for Higher Education to take advantage of the positions.

Math 143-144 –

Elaine asked for input on the renaming of Math for Elem. Ed I &II to better reflect that one is not the prerequisite for the other. The group decided that "Math for Elem Ed:Alg, Nmbr Sys" and "Math for Elem Ed:Geom, Data" would better describe yet keep within the 30 character Banner System limit.

Statistics –

Pat reported that the statistics grid had been approved by the MBSCC committee and should be posted for access by all community colleges.

Pat and Elaine will meet with Kate McLaughlin (UCONN) in October about Statistics course alignments between our institutions.

Pat and Elaine will offer suggestions next meeting for possible name changes for Statistics with Technology.

Professional development –

Miguel is still looking into a professional development activity for summer 2006, on reforming the curriculum for College Algebra, similar to Calculus reform, a project by Dan Small, US Military Academy (formerly at Colby). The group discussed the possibility of meeting for a Thursday eve. - Sat. conference in May, before summer session begins.

Pathways to Teaching –

The Pathways program for Gateway and SCSU has created a draft agreement. Miguel has a copy.

Next Meeting –

The next meeting of Math Issues will be October 28th.

On the agenda will be the possible monitoring of the content of courses with common numbering.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Rachael Schettenhelm