

Minutes of Math Issues Committee

February 10, 2006

Central Connecticut State University, Nutmeg Room

The meeting convened at 11:20 a.m.

Present — Kathy Bavelas (Gateway), Jean-Marc Cenet (Tunxis), Elaine Dinto (Naugatuck Valley), Miguel García (Gateway), Diane Hillyer (Manchester), Pat Hirschy (Asnuntuck), Joe Karnowski (Norwalk), Mark Leach (Housatonic), Rachael Schettenhelm (Gateway)

Minutes from the October 28, 2005 meeting — Approved

Mathematical Announcements —

-The ICTCM conference is March 16-19 in Orlando.

-2006 T³ International Conference (Teachers Teaching with Technology International Conference), Denver, CO, February 24-26, 2006).

-Elaine is looking for MATYCONN newsletter articles.

-Don Small would like to do a reform College Algebra seminar at GWCC. Suggested date is May 31-June 2, 2006.

Math 143-144 —

While the Math Departments of the colleges involved have agreed to the name modifications, the change is yet to be approved by the Council of Deans. The central office says the name change procedure is: the schools teaching the course must have agreement from the math departments, then the Deans will vote on it. Math Issues members are asked to relay the proposed name changes to the Math Department chair and request that the chair speak to the Dean to urge approval, since it was tabled at the last Deans' meeting. (MAT 143 - Math for Elem Ed:Alg, Numbr Sys and MAT 144 - Math for Elem Ed: Geom, Data)

Statistics —

The name change for 167 was discussed. Based on information collected to date, an informal survey was taken and the name Principles of Statistics is the frontrunner at this point. Math Issues members are urged to seek approval for this name change from their departments and be prepared to vote on the change at the March meeting.

The Math Issues course name change process was discussed. Pat will revise the *Process for a Course Name Change* and email it to Math Issues members. Members are encouraged to review the process and offer suggestions at the March meeting.

Pat and Elaine hope to meet with Kate McLaughlin (UConn) about Statistics course alignments between our institutions.

Special Topics Courses —

Miguel suggested that course number 098 be reserved in the common course numbering grid for running new courses on a trial basis. He believes that 198 is reserved for new courses, although this has not been confirmed. Likewise, 098 would be reserved for new developmental courses. Members agreed with this suggestion. Miguel will email Dr. Cocchiola to confirm it.

Next Meeting —

The next meeting of Math Issues will be March 10, 2006 at 11:00.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
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