

Minutes for Credit Math Cluster Meeting
October 27, 2009
1:30 pm Room BA-207

Quality Enhancement Plan, SACS Accreditation

Karen Pain

This is the faculty-driven part of SACS. Forums will be held on February 5 and February 12 on each campus.

Ana Porro moved that we form a team that will study the QEP. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed. Motion was passed. Ana will chair the committee. Eugenia Cox and Clark Sullivan volunteered to serve on the team.

PBCC-FAU 2+2 Program

Lorraine Cross

Courses from FAU offered on PBCC campus. Course information and scholarship information was distributed.

Communicating with the Math Labs, Especially about Online Exercises

David Simms

David expressed concern about students getting help on take-home tests, online work. David passed out a form for instructors to fill out to let the math lab(Lake Worth) know how much help should be given.

Kudos:

Janette Campbell for receiving the BRAVO award. Laura Heath and Jessica Pena-Lopez for their promotions to Professor I.

Course Outlines:

Need to be reviewed. Cluster Liaison Robert Gingras will look into this.

Math Awareness Week

April 5-8

Ana Porro—Lake Worth

Barbara Sharp—Boca

Status of Textbook Committees

Trigonometry and Precalculus – Jessica Pena-Lopez, chair

Statistics – George Jahn, chair

Committees are meeting and will bring the decisions to the March cluster meeting.

Assessment of College Algebra Learning Outcomes

New team members are needed

Capping Class Size for Upper Level Courses

Witny Librun

Motion was passed to reduce class size in all Calculus and Differential Equation classes.
Rob Gingras and Witny will look into achieving this goal.

Credentialing Requirements

Laura Heath

Laura gave examples of math courses that are not approved.
She expressed concern with inconsistencies in credentials for teaching math.
This situation makes it difficult to hire needed faculty.

Adding Trigonometry as a Prerequisite to MAC 2311, No Matter the Placement Score

Allen Hamlin and Janette Campbell

A motion was made to amend the college catalog to include trigonometry as a prerequisite for MAC 2311. The motion was passed

Report from FTYCMA

Janette Campbell

Janette reported that course outlines from all over the state were analyzed at the fall meeting of FTYCMA. FTYCMA will begin the move to make a transition for College Algebra

Selection of Next Cluster Chair:

Jessica Pena-Lopez will be the Cluster Chair for credit math beginning in January 2010.

Attendance:

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| Robert Ames | Allen Hamlin | Ana Porro |
| Roy Boulware | Laura Heath | Ira Rosenthal |
| Christine Bush | Susan Hitchcock | Adele Shapiro |
| Janette Campbell | George Jahn | Barbara Sharp |
| Eugenia Cox | Marie Langston | Tony Siassi |
| Nancy Davis | Witny Librun | Tim Siniscalchi |
| Jay Domnitch | Mike Manesh | Clark Sullivan |
| Paul Estriplet | Marty Pawlicki | Mike Talebi |
| Robert Gingras | Jessica Pena-Lopez | Gary Thomasson |