

Minutes

Mathematics Department Meeting
Sabine Eggleston, Chair, Mathematics
Friday, February 10, 2017, U-102

	Present	Absent	Excused		Present	Absent	Excused
Faculty				Don Ransford	X		
Cheban Acharya	X			Joe Roles	X		
Tatiana Arzivian	X			John Salem	X		
Rona Axelrod	X			Sandra Seifert	X		
Cynthia Baker	X			Elizabeth Schott			X
Karen Buonocore	X			Christine Smith	X		
Michael Chiacchiero	X			William Stoudt	X		
Tina Churchill	X			Marjorie Thrall Moller	X		
Sabine Eggleston	X			Joan Van Glabeke	X		
Laurice Garrett	X			Don Warren	X		
Rebecca Gubitti	X			Terry Zamor	X		
Beverly Hall	X			Juan Zaragoza	X		
Ivana Ilic	X			Jaime Zlatkin	X		
Bert Lawrence	X			Guests			
David Licht	X						
Doug Magomo	X						
Ivan Melendez	X						
Kristi Moran	X						
Cindy Quehl	X						

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Professor Eggleston.

I. Successes & Accomplishments

- Professor Sandra Seifert's second semester into the Ed. Program
- Dr. Ivana Ilic and professor Sandra Seifert attended and judged the Science Fair
- Professor Don Ransford attended the co-dimensional Ed. On curriculum redesign
- Port Charlotte's second year Pie Day activities planned

II. Approval of the January minutes

- Minutes approved with some corrections made.

III. General Education update – Don Ransford

- The Gen-Ed meeting occurred on the last Friday of January 2016 with the goal of revising the Gen-Ed objectives.

IV. Textbook adoption and Textbook affordability committee update

- MAC 1105 ok with Blitzer book but to consider the College Algebra Essentials if cheaper to students
- MAC 1140/1114/1106/1147 selecting new edition of current text.

- MAC 2233 textbook up for adoption in the Fall 2017
- STA 2023 considers the 3-ring-binder and evaluates the cost to students, review in Fall 2017.

V. Web Assign for Calculus –Juan Zaragoza

- Department approved Dr. Juan Zaragoza’s request to use Web Assign as a pilot software for possible use in Calculus II.

VI. Departmental Topics update

- The departmental chair informed members that there is rubric to follow on textbook adoption.
- No soliciting or accepting gifts from textbook marketing personnel.
- Concern was raised to consider free open source books as well as free homework delivery software such as WeBWork as alternative to rising costs of books and access code pricing.
- Adaptive Services request for special formula sheets-members agreed to avail what all students are allowed to use in tests.
- Assessment Samples- acknowledgement for the completed MAC 1033 and MAC 1114. Dr. Joan Van Glabeke is expecting feedback on the MAC 1114 course guideline.
- Professor Karen Buonocore volunteered to work on the MAT0057 course guidelines.
- Q.R. Members are encouraged to submit sample QR problems or projects in the courses they teach.

VII. Department Chair

- Concern was raised about the duties of the department chair and release time, compensation and how they compare with other department chairs.

VIII. Fall schedule

- Fall schedule due on February 19th was complete, summer schedule as well but choices and selections were done based on seniority.
- Suggestions on future scheduling included availing previous schedule with names of who had taught the courses before with the hope of faculty negotiating among themselves first. Others preferred sending out suggestions before names are attached.

IX. Any Updates

- U-Building technology changes in summer. Class rooms are updated to new EPSON technology.
- Discussions of a possible departmental computer lab under way.
- Concern that the new boards are more than 50% brighter.
- Members encouraged leaving their classrooms clean and organized.
- Collier Campus eventually got Smartboard bulbs.

X. Anything else

- Safety concerns in the classroom on how best to alert the police:- use emails, texts to peers
- There being no further business, the meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.