MATH DEPT. FACULTY MEETING
Minutes
February 3, 2014
11:00 AM
SSA219

Members Present:
Div. Chair: F. Saddigh
Classified: C. Mandia, N. Muro
Guests: M. Yanez, E. Colocho

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 11:00AM.

I. Public Comment
A. Div. Chair F. Saddigh presented an overview of the Math Dept. current and proposed programs/courses/issues.
   i. Len Glove fm: Tech Dept. is gravely ill;
   ii. Possible Summer School;
   iii. Math Assessment Test;
   iv. New Course Offerings;
   v. Updated Flow Chart;
   vi. Proposed Textbook Review;
   vii. Fulltime Hiring.

II. Reports
A. Div. Chair F. Saddigh proposed a possible change to the current Math Assessment Test provided by COMPASS.
   a. C. Carver commented on the current test:
      i. Had too many word problems;
      ii. Not a very good test.
      iii. Suggested MDPT/Accuplacer as replacement.
         1. Pen & Paper
         2. Cut Scores
   b. F. Ma echoed C. Carver’s sentiments.
   c. Div. Chair F. Saddigh called for a vote re: change in Assessment Test.
      i. Faculty consensus – examine new testing options.
B. Div. Chair F. Saddigh presented New Course Offerings.
   a. Math 105
      i. Basic Math
b. Math110
   i. Pre-Algebra

c. Math115 & Math125
   i. A shorter pathway parallel to: Math123A/B/C.

d. Math137

C. Div. Chair F. Saddigh presented an updated Math Course Sequence “Flow Chart.”
   a. Created by Adjunct Professor T. Weirens.
      i. Pre-Req Placement questioned by M. Gagrat.
         1. Div. Chair F. Saddigh will review/change.

D. N. Muro reported from Math Lab.
   a. Students will utilize Regular Lab until Summer Session.

E. C. Mandia reported on status of supplies.

F. M. Yanez from EOPS reported on SB1456.
   a. The Student Success Act 2012.
      i. M. Yanez suggested faculty include elements of SB1456 in the syllabi.
      ii. M. Yanez commented on the importance of utilizing COMPASS
          1. LAHC could possibly lose funding from State of CA
          2. Div. Chair F. Saddigh and F. Ma discussed merits of changing the test, versus loosing State funding.
             a. Placing students correctly – most important consideration.

G. Div. Chair E. Colocho reported from Counseling Department.
   a. Additional “Transitional” Counselors:
      i. A. Brown, D. Brown.
      ii. UC/CSU applications priority.
      iii. M-F, 7pm.
      iv. New Workshops

H. Div. Chair F. Saddigh proposed the implementation of Textbook Review
   a. Faculty agrees on an overall review of Math Texts.
   b. M. Jimenez suggests forming Review Committees.
      i. Div. Chair F. Saddigh affirms Review Committee for:
         1. Math110 & Math123A/B/C
            a. F. Saddigh, M. Jimenez, T. Alikhayan
         2. Math123A/B/C & Math115 & Math125
            a. Faculty ALL
         3. Calculus
      ii. 1st ROUND of Texts to be selected by: MARCH 3RD
      iii. DEADLINE to select official texts: MARCH 10TH

I. Div. Chair F. Saddigh announces (2) Fulltime Math Professors to be hired.
   i. (1) Learning Skills
   ii. (1) Regular Math
b. Announcement coming shortly.
   i. Faculty will be emailed first.

III. Adjourn 1:30pm