

Yuba College Math Department Meeting AGENDA

Date: 08/28/2020

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Coordinator: Karsten Stemmann

Members Present: TBD

Visitors: TBD

Location: Zoom Meeting

Recorder: Karsten Stemmann

No.	Description	Owner	Outcome/Discussion Topics
2020.08.28.01	Approval of minutes from last meeting and of the agenda/ additions to the agenda	Karsten	Information to students at the beginning of the semester
	John S reported that students in the online class were more aware of checking in to Canvas at the beginning of the semester to look for announcements that students in his regular classes that were converted to online. Is that because A&R used to send out notecards to online students to check Canvas and now this was not done to regular classes? Something to find out from Sonya Horn.		
2020.08.28.02	Quick check in	Team	
	Mukta and Erika reported that students have weak algebra skills coming into Math-9, having trouble with factoring, working with functions even as simple as linear functions, graphing, etc. It was also reported that some instructors experienced low attendance in office hours. Others reported that this is not unusual at the beginning if the semester. Synchronous classes seem to have better attendance in office hours and classes than asynchronous classes		
2020.08.28.03	Department Policies	Team	Create a list of policies that we want to develop
	<u>Common finals</u> The department confirmed that we will continue with common final exams for the following course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Math 52 and 59 will get the same final exam, • Stat-1 • Math-101 no common final We will continue to give algebra final exams without any notes. The note card for stats (provided by the publisher including all the tables) will be allowed.		
<u>Common Textbooks</u> Currently only used for Math-101&52, Stat-1, Math-1A&B. OER material will be OK to use. Mukta and Dylan will look at the book that Erika and Christoph are using for Math-20&21, and we will decide later if we want to adopt that book for those classes. Some discussion on Libre Books and MyOpenMath occurred. Talwinder let us know that instructors can write their own problems or modify existing problems. Mukta said that she is using MyOpenMath and thinks that it is not bad for a free software.			
<u>Prerequisite challenges</u>			

	<p>We will continue reviewing evidence provided by students that they have the knowledge of the prerequisite course they are challenging. If the evidence is insufficient or inconclusive, we will deny the challenge and recommend that students take the CLEP test if one is offered for the prerequisite course.</p> <p><u>Credit by examination</u> Students seeking to receive credit by examination will be asked to take the CLEP test if one is available.</p> <p><u>Testing in online classes</u> Once we are back to normal operations, we will continue to require proctored exams. We will have to research if common final exams will be possible or if those tests have to be offered with flexibility</p>		
2020.08.28.04	Math-20/21 textbook	Team	Sullivan’s College Algebra and Trigonometry – Is that textbook okay, or do we want to continue to search for a combination 20/21 book for those who are not using OEI?
	See above, Dylan and Mukta will provide more input so we can decide if we want to adopt Sullivan’s textook		
2020.08.28.05	Units for Math-20 and 1A	Erika	More units? Alignment of Math 20 and 1A with Woodland.
	<p>Woodland is offering those courses at 5 units. DMDM – we decided to change Math-20 to 5 units. (have to go back and check the minutes) John S reported that students did better in his Math-1A course when it was a 5-unit course. Karsten will check with Doug Joksch to see if 5 units in Math-1A I are still a problem.</p> <p>How can we improve students’ success in Math-20? Some ideas were brought up such as boot camp or more time spent in class to review material. Many students are not ready for the course, so we decided to increase the unit count from 4 to 5 by a vote of 6 in favor and 2 abstained.</p>		
2020.08.28.01	Room 843	Team	Classrooms are we losing 843? Classroom Design and how about that Mathematics Building?
	500 building? Christoph reported that the building will come back online, but we don’t know how it will be used. There continues to be a need for a Math building and it was suggested to keep mentioning it in the annual program review/update.		
2020.08.28.06	MTC	Team	Math Teaching Community-Date-Times-potential topics.
	MTC started today and will be offered every second and fourth Friday of the month at 10 AM		

Future agenda items:

- Spring 2021 schedule
- Math Competency Changes,
- Department and Family get together, possible gathering this Summer? If so, Noffsinger’s (and possibly Stemmann) would like to host at one of the parks in Lake Wildwood. Possible dates: Saturday 9/12th or 9/19th. We can discuss how to gather together with some social distance, if that makes people more comfortable.

