

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2009

331 Altgeld Hall, 10am

Present: Berndt, Junge, Katz, Reznick, Rosenblatt, Song, Sowers

Minutes: Moore

Secretary: Junge

Visitor: Miles

OPEN MINUTES

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1.* The Chair reported that:

- a. In light of the current tightening of the budget, we do not have money to do everything we want, but there is reason to be optimistic.
- b. Hiring of postdocs has to go through the Campus approval process.
- c. It is unclear whether our current faculty search will need to go through the new Campus approval process.
- d. February 9 will be the meeting with the Dean about the budget and related topics.
- e. He had a meeting with department directors plus Lori and Wendy about instructional costs.
- f. D'Angelo is working on an NSF PRISM proposal. Katz is meeting with two faculty from engineering, Ando, and D'Angelo this afternoon about the proposal. The EC recommended that Katz invite one or two people from the UAC to attend the meeting.
- g. Harris suggested that if the department had a Grants Committee it could consider incentives for submitting large proposals.

2.* The EC approved an ad hoc Grants Committee for one year.

3.* Faculty hiring was discussed.

4. Katz said that we must have Campus approval for postdoc hiring, including for postdocs delaying the start of their position by a year. Katz said that he is going to go ahead with the request for approval in this case. The EC was supportive.

The EC decided to wait on hiring new postdocs to see what happens with faculty hiring and TOP.

5. Berndt and Junge, as members of the P&T Review Committee, said they would like the EC to run a vote regarding changes to the promotion and tenure process in the department. Berndt will draft a letter to the faculty from the EC and provide the most recent P&T Review documents to the EC.

6.* The policies and financial impact of course buyouts were discussed.

7.* A personnel issue was discussed.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.