

**Department of Mathematics**  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 16, 2009  
331 Altgeld Hall, 9:30am

Present: Berndt, Junge, Katz, Reznick  
Absent: Rosenblatt, Song, Sowers  
New EC members present: Dunfield  
Minutes: Moore  
Secretary: Junge

OPEN MINUTES

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- 1.\* The Chair reported that:
  - a. It is in the news that the state budget has been passed; however, the College has not responded to an email asking what this means for us.
  - b. The search request for two more visiting positions for next year was approved.
  - c. He wondered whether we should restore the Grants Committee. It was decided to discuss this when the Grants Committee recommendations come up on the agenda.
  - d. Our PRISM proposal was declined.
  - e. Yong recommended that we consider historical signs for Altgeld Hall, possibly in recognition of the four-color theorem or the work of Joe Doob. The EC agreed to pursue approval for the four-color theorem.
  - f. The methodology for the NRC results is now public.
  - g. Kapovich reported that the AMS meeting came in under budget.
2. After discussion, the EC approved moving forward with the feasibility study in which the cost to the department would at most be \$100,000. The EC wanted assurance that Altgeld will continue to house the Math Department.
- 3.\* It was agreed to wait until next week to review recommendations for visiting positions. The EC approved that Katz, at his discretion, could give further research based teaching releases after consulting with Muncaster.
4. To meet EIMS print advertising deadlines, we need to have our faculty recruiting ad/s ready next week. It was discussed whether the ad should contain mathematical areas of specific interest. Berndt and Junge will draft the ads for next week's EC meeting.
- 5.\* The EC reviewed the recommendations for committee assignments dated July 14, 2009, and approved with modifications.

\*-Details are in Closed Minutes.