

Department of Mathematics
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2009
331 Altgeld Hall, 9:30am

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

OPEN MINUTES

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1. The minutes of July 1 and 16, 2009 were approved as amended.
- 2.* The Chair reported that:
 - a. He would like to modify the agenda to discuss topics courses before we talk about whether to hire visitors because the decision on topics courses could impact whether we decide to hire more visitors. The EC approved.
 - b. The College is moving this week from Lincoln Hall for its renovation to the Computing Applications Building (CAB), which is located between Wright and Sixth on Springfield.
 - c. He is not as optimistic on the budget as before because we may have cut backs.
 - d. Our cash flow is great. For NetMath, we now take our estimate and receive 90% at the beginning of the year instead of waiting until June. We will need to come up with policies about how NetMath money can be used in the department.
 - e. He is not expecting raises this year.
 - f. We are still waiting for approval from the campus for funding of the feasibility study.
 - g. He and Harris toured CAB, where LAS is relocating, for possible relocation of the Math Department if needed during Altgeld Hall renovations.
 - h. He communicated to the College about our department size compared to other math departments. The Dean is not asking for metrics yet from departments but may later.
 - i. The GAANN fellowships will start in the spring. We have ten graduates on Federal Work Study.
 - j. We have not received approval for our faculty searches for this year yet. For print advertising we have traditionally advertised in the EIMS; however, it is completely electronic (and now doesn't meet the requirements for green cards) so we will be advertising in the *AMS Notices*. The deadline for the October issue was too early for us, so we are hoping to receive search authorization approval in time to make the deadline for the November issue. The November issue is mailed on October 14.
 - k. There will be Library cuts, but they are not as severe as we had feared. We are expecting the hours to be changed to 9am-8pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm Friday, closed Saturday, and 2-5pm Sunday. We can provide feedback now. It was suggested that the Math Library make a presentation to faculty on how to access books and journals online.
3. The recommendation for changes to the Comp Exam requirements was pulled from the consent docket for discussion. With some modification, the changes to the Comp Exam were approved.
- 4.* The ad hoc committee to review the C&M program was discussed.

- 5.* Katz reported that we have only seven topics courses for the fall, typical is ten and last year was 17. He said that he has approved some teaching releases. It was decided to leave the topics courses as is and to discuss again after the budget is known.
- 6.* The future of named lectures was discussed.
7. A proposal from Moore, Harris, and Corkery for a Non-Instructional Staff Award was approved with one change that the Awards Committee with input from one graduate student and one staff member will grant the award. This will require the renaming of the Teaching Awards Committee to the Awards Committee.
8. Innovative ways to reward administrative positions were discussed. For example, offering 2+1 teaching in the year following the end of term, growth opportunities, and research and travel money. It was decided to continue in the direction of making the administrative positions more attractive.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.