

Department of Mathematics
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
331 Altgeld Hall, 9:30am

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

OPEN MINUTES

Approved 9/22/2009

1. The minutes of July 22 and August 4, 2009 were approved as amended.
- 2.* The Chair reported that:
 - a. He has received word that there will be no raise program this year.
 - b. We are being asked to hold back 3 percent of our state funds and our TA budget is being cut by 2 percent.
 - c. We have not heard yet about campus funding for our feasibility study.
 - d. No search approval yet.
 - e. He approved the TA Mentoring Program funding request.
 - f. A letter has been sent to the Dean of Libraries about the library cuts. He has also talked to Erdogan and Cole about an electronic access presentation.
 - g. He has no furlough information yet.
3. Both of the following consent docket items were approved.
 - For the Exceptional Merit for Non-Instructional Staff award the granting committee was changed from Teaching Award to Prizes.
 - The date for the department picnic was set for September 19, 2009.
4. Katz wholeheartedly thanked Bruce Berndt, Bruce Reznick, and Renming Song for their service on the EC, and received a present from Reznick in return.
5. The EC approved the UAC recommendations regarding the Honors Program. Katz will talk to the Honors Committee.
- 6* Personnel issues were discussed.
7. The EC reviewed the recommendations dated August 3, 2009 of the Teaching Quality Committee. Reznick provided some background on the previous Teaching Quality Committee. A particular concern of the report is the improvement of teaching of instructors with low ICES scores. The EC agreed for Katz to go to Muncaster and talk about implementing some of the recommendations made by the Teaching Quality from March 28, 2007. Furthermore, Katz will follow up on some suggestions made by the report.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.