

Department of Mathematics
Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2009
331 Altgeld Hall, 9:30am

Present: Dunfield, Duursma, Junge, Katz, Rosenblatt, Schenck, Sowers
Minutes: Moore
Secretary: Junge
Visitor: Griffith

OPEN MINUTES

Approved 9/22/09

- 1.* The Chair reported that:
 - a. We are on track with hiring, but have not received Provost approval. The EC agreed to place a faculty ad on Mathjobs immediately.
 - b. The department fall picnic was moved back to September 19.
 - c. Reviewing Open Topics, the EC decided to leave department policies on the web site as is and not investigate this topic further.
 - d. Erdogan and Cole will provide some information about electronic access to the library to the faculty.
2. The consent docket item was approved: Appointing Adam Hughes as the undergraduate representative and Dash Fryer as the graduate representative to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee.
3. With minor changes, the EC approved the draft ICES letter to faculty.
4. Katz stated that the department has no faculty research awards. This started a discussion on the pros and cons and possible formats of research awards. Katz envisions getting endowed chairs, endowed professorships, or endowed scholars. He suggested a minimum of three and eventually six endowed positions. He said named scholars usually are \$25,000 but we may be able to afford only \$10,000 when financed from gift funds. This must be approved by the college and must be multi-year appointments.

Rosenblatt recommended that we have one of the named scholars for teaching, in particular related to online courses.

Since there was general support for faculty awards, Katz will write a concrete proposal for the EC.

- 5.* Griffith attended the meeting to discuss continuing as the IJM managing editor.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.