

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

331 Altgeld Hall, 10:00am

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

Absent: Sowers

Minutes: Moore

Secretary: Rosenblatt

OPEN MINUTES

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1.* The Chair reported that:

- a. He has computed what it will cost, more than \$100,000, to replace teaching for the 13 sabbatical applicants, above what we get from released salaries in association with sabbaticals. Postdocs cost \$17,000 a course versus visitors costing \$10,000 a course. Does he ask some to change time/delay sabbatical, respectfully deny some applications, and/or ask the Chancellor for support?
- b. The summer budget cut involved reducing some instructors' salaries because of using a new formula of 1/9 of the regular salary. Summer courses with lower enrollment will be more readily canceled.
- c. The College had only minor problems with the P&T Review documents.
- d. The College has had no decisive news from the State about the budget.
- e. The College has denied our request for salary support for the departmental directors.
- f. There is a new budget model on campus. A greater portion of tuition money will now go to the unit providing the instruction. For the Department of Mathematics, unit means College of LAS.

2. Katz said that he has asked Area Chairs to indicate that for those candidates being recommended to the EC whether or not a candidate's application is complete. It was decided to extend the application deadline from November 14 to November 21. Katz will notify Area Chairs and the applicants will be emailed through Mathjobs (Moore).

A decision will be made later about the possibility of a deadline beyond November 21.

The EC will meet in the morning on November 26 to discuss assistant professor hiring and may also meet on Monday and Tuesday of the following week.

3.* Our request to the College to support our new policy of salary increases at the end of the term of departmental directors was denied. The EC agreed to rescind this new policy for departmental directors. A future topic will be discussion of innovative ways to reward departmental administrators.

4.* The Associate Chair position was discussed.

5. Discussion started on an Applied Math proposal, but it was tabled until Sowers could be present.

6. The Computer Steering Committee budget request dated June 10, 2008, was discussed. Previously, \$25,000 was approved. Katz said that this year there will be no support from ATLAS for computers. Due to the current budget climate, the EC decided to wait until December to decide on the budget request.

7.* Katz said that he would like to form a Development Advisory Board. He said that the Board would advise us on how to raise money. This topic is to be continued.

*-Details are in Closed Minutes.