

Agenda for Faculty Meeting, 9 November 2021

Announcements:

1. Faculty Meeting with Dean Brady and Associate Dean Lyon in attendance to address our questions, 7 Dec 2021, 4pm
2. Retirement event for Avinash Sathaye, Ken Kubota, Larry Harris, 8 Dec 2021, 4pm
3. Holiday Luncheon, 10 Dec 2021, 11am
4. Chair's updates.

Business:

1. Approve minutes from 3 September 2021, see <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~chair/minutes/>.

2. Proposal for a MA 109 course change.

To address CPE's guidelines and recommendations for developmental education in the STEM field we propose making MA 109-College Algebra a variable credit course (3-4 credits), keeping standard sections at 3 credit hours, and the designated CoReq sections will be 4 credit hours. The variable credit option will allow us to create special sections of the course which entail two extra hours of class (for a total of 4 credits). The extra hours will allow us to offer extra practice on prerequisite materials for students who have not met college readiness benchmarks in MA 109. We are changing the prerequisites to:

Prerequisites: Two years of high school algebra and a Math ACT score of 21 or above, OR a Math SAT score of 510 or above or a Math SAT2016 score of 540 or above, OR grade of B or better in MA 111, OR appropriate score on math placement exam, OR consent of department.

Our current practice for consent is detailed in a placement document that can be found at <https://math.as.uky.edu/sites/default/files/math-placement-rec-210209.pdf>

At a meeting on 2 Nov, the executive committee unanimously endorsed this proposal. It is now presented for discussion and, ideally, approval to the whole faculty.

3. Proposal to adjust our Rules of Procedure.

It is proposed to change the first sentence in D)1.

Current version: Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of four elected members, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, and the Director of Graduate Studies.

Proposed version: Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of four elected members, the Director of Undergraduate Studies, the Director of Service Courses and the Director of Graduate Studies.

Rationale: In the past the Director of Service Courses/Associate Chair was often appointed by the chair to the executive committee. The role of the Director of Service Courses has grown considerably. She is an integral part of the department's leadership team. Thus, the DSC should be always a member of the executive committee.

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