

Minutes of the Faculty Meeting 12/4/08

Present: Ian Aberbach, Mark Ashbaugh, Pete Casazza, Stamatis Dostoglou, Adam Helfer, Glen Himmelberg, Steve Hofmann, Nigel Kalton, Alex Koldobsky, Yuri Latushkin, Konstantin Makarov, Dorina Mitrea, Stephen Montgomery-Smith, Carlo Morpurgo, Michael Pang, Dix Pettey, Zhenbo Qin, Jan Segert, Michael Taksar, Shuguang Wang, Dana Weston, Qi Zhang.

Meeting was called to order by G. Himmelberg with 22 faculty members in attendance. Himmelberg announced that a justification was submitted to Dean O'Brien to hire a Calculus Coordinator as an exception to the hiring freeze.

Departmental RIF policy: The Office of Research requests that departmental RIF policies be approved on an annual basis. Stephen Montgomery-Smith moved and Steve Hofmann seconded that the current departmental RIF policy be approved for CY2009-10. Motion passed by show of hands.

New course proposals: Ian Aberbach summarized the Curriculum Committee's recommendation that 2 new courses, Math 3000 and Math 4800/7800, be approved by the faculty. Following discussion Stephen Montgomery-Smith moved and Stamatis Dostoglou seconded that proposals for Math 3000 and Math 4800/7800 be submitted to the appropriate campus committees for approval. Motion passed by show of hands.

There was further discussion on adding Math 3000 and deleting Math 2320 and CS 2050 as requirements for our undergraduate degrees.

Michael Taksar moved and Pete Casazza seconded that Math 3000 be required of our undergraduate Math majors and that Math 2320 and CS2050 be dropped as requirements. Motion passed by show of hands.

Meeting adjourned.