

# Math Department

## Curriculum Committee Minutes

4/29/2021

**Present:** Africk, Benakli, Carley, Douglas, Ellner, Ghezzi, Hill, Koca, Li, Masuda, Natov, Niezgoda, Poirier (chair), Rojas, Rozenblyum, Singh, Taraporevala, Tradler, Yuce, Zhou

**Absent/Excused:** Katz, Kennedy, Parker

**Guests:** Caban, Greenstein, Han, Halleck, Thiel

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:04pm.
2. **Motion:** To approve the minutes from 3/25/2021 Curriculum Committee meeting.  
**Action:** Approved (19 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain)
3. Prof. Ellner presented the [updated course outline for MAT 1272](#). She noted that there were only minor updates, and that aligned learning outcomes are now added.
4. **Motion:** To approve the updated course outline for MAT 1272.  
**Action:** Approved (16 approved, 1 opposed, 0 abstain)
5. Prof. Ellner announced that she was retiring, and Prof. Halleck would be taking over the responsibility of course coordinator for MAT 1272.
6. Prof. Benakli reported an about a deal offered by the publisher “McGraw Hill” concerning the MAT 1190/1190CO textbook and the accompanying homework management software ALEKS. The deal is either to offer ALEKS with textbook (e-book) for \$60 (for each student) or, alternatively, only ALEKS without textbook for \$50. In return, the company demands “to be involved in course development” and to get feedback from instructors.
7. **Motion:** To accept McGraw Hill’s deal.  
**Action:** Rejected (7 approved, 11 opposed, 3 abstain)
8. Prof. Benakli presented a [revised course outline for MAT 1190](#) using OER textbooks which is currently experimented.
9. **Motion:** To approve the proposed outline for MAT 1190.  
**Action:** Approved (18 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain)
10. Prof. Halleck presented an [update to MAT 1372 course outline](#). It has only minor updates. Learning outcomes are aligned.
11. **Motion:** To approve the updates in MAT 1372 course outline.  
**Action:** Approved (16 approved, 0 opposed, 1 abstain)
12. Prof. Halleck presented an [experimental course outline](#) and [text](#) with R.
13. **Motion:** To approve the experimental MAT 1372 course outline.  
**Action:** Approved (19 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain)
14. Prof. Poirier presented [the updated MAT 1575 course outline](#) which now has a separate WeBWork column.
15. **Motion:** To approve the proposed updates in MAT 1575 course outline.  
**Action:** Approved (16 approved, 0 opposed, 3 abstain)
16. Prof. Carley proposed an experimental course outline for [MAT 1275](#) and [MAT 1275CO](#) with OER textbooks.
17. **Motion:** To approve the proposed experiments with MAT 1275 and 1275CO.  
**Action:** Approved (15 approved, 3 opposed, 1 abstain)
18. Prof. Poirier proposed to adopt [a new course outline and textbooks for MAT 3050](#).

19. **Motion:** To approve the proposed course outline for MAT 3050.  
**Action:** Approved (17 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain)
20. Prof. Thiel presented his [proposal of holding a common final for MAT 2440](#) starting Fall 2021.
21. **Motion:** To approve the proposal of holding a common final for MAT 2440.  
**Action:** Approved (17 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain)
22. Prof. Li prepared a [calculus review sheet for MAT 2680](#). This document is proposed be uploaded to the Math Department's website.
23. **Motion:** To add MAT 2680 calculus review sheet on department's website under "Academic Resources".  
**Action:** Approved (17 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstain)
24. Prof. Han gave and update on the situation of students with light developmental needs (scoring 40-59 on Math Proficiency Index). Currently, these students are allowed to enroll in MAT 1275CO, as an experiment. She [proposed](#) that the department can go ahead with one of the three options for those students with light developmental needs.
  - a. Option 1: Develop an updated course MAT 1275CO+ (4 credits, 8 hours)
  - b. Option 2: Require the students to take MAT 1190CO before taking MAT 1275CO.
  - c. Option 3: Continue with the current experiment.

The members of the curriculum committee discussed the strengths and weaknesses of each option.

25. The meeting is adjourned at 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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