Math Basic Skills Committee of Connecticut
November 19, 2010, TXCC
Minutes

Present:  Alain D’Amour (SCSU), John Callaghan (GWCC), Elaine Dinto (NVCC), Paul Edelen (MCC), Pam Frost (MxCC), David Gross (UConn), Pat Hirschy (ACC), Jeffrey Kenausis (NCC), Mark Leach (HCC), Sue Ricciuti (TxCC), Rachael Schettenhelm (GCC), Milaim Tahiri (MCC)

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm.

2. Brief introductions were made for benefit of new members.

3. The minutes of the October 15th, 2010 meeting at Tunxis were approved 10-0-2with only one minor correction—Rachael was a presider at AMATYC, not a presenter.

4. Announcements
   There were no announcements

5. Old Business

   There was some discussion about how to analyze the data that Alain collected with regard to how students coming from Intermediate Algebra at the Community Colleges fare in their next math course compared to other students at the CSU’s. It was suggested that perhaps we could pull out the data for one particular course and compare the grades. We will begin by looking at Math for Liberal Arts and comparing the two populations in this course. John volunteered to take a look at the data to see how difficult it would be to do this and Jeffrey and Alain said they may be able to help as well.

   There was some discussion on student performance in Math for Elementary Ed. and the issue of students’ lack of basic skills making it difficult to spend time on methods. This also led into a discussion about the rigor of Math for Liberal Arts in comparison with other college level math courses. Lively discussion followed.

6. New Business

   Pat stated that Asnuntuck is currently in the process of getting an articulation agreement with UCONN and asked about the differences between Applied Calculus and the traditional Calculus offered at Asnuntuck. She wondered if UCONN would accept the traditional Calculus for their Business students. Dave Gross said that the Business school will accept a regular track Calculus in place of Business Calculus so it should not be an issue for Asnuntuck in their articulation agreement.

   Elaine asked if there had been any updates on the question of WCSU farming out the Elementary Algebra to the community colleges. No one at the meeting had heard anything definite. Elaine said she would investigate.

   The group went through the e-mail list to update it so that it is reaching current participants and other parties who wish to stay involved. Dave would send Senan the updated list.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Sue Ricciuti