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President's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful spring semester and were able to institute something new with fruitful results. If you learned about a new idea during one of the amazing conferences over the past academic year, please consider sharing what you did in our next newsletter! The upcoming 2011-2012 academic year is filled with promise and excitement.

Last year, in support of AMATYC'S Project ACCCESS, the ArizMATYC Board voted unanimously to donate \$400 to the AMATYC Foundation Project ACCCESS fund, with a challenge to other affiliates to match our pledge of \$100 per ACCCESS Fellow in their respective states. With a desire to make this contribution permanent and sustainable, the Board voted unanimously to continue with an annual contribution of \$400 to Project ACCCESS with an increase of conference fees to \$15 to cover this donation cost. We are delighted to be a sponsor of such a worthy program. » [Learn more about Project ACCCESS](#)

This November marks AMATYC's 37th Annual Conference, this year in Austin, Texas. We are excited to be offering a scholarship to a lucky ArizMATYC Member to cover the registration fees for that conference. Scholarship details and application form are on the ArizMATYC website. If you have never attended an AMATYC Conference, you are missing an awesome experience. Don't miss out another year! Apply online at our website: www.ArizMATYC.org

As you make your plans for the fall, be sure to mark your calendar for the Fall ArizMATYC Conference in Mesa Community College's beautiful Red Mountain Campus on October 14, 2011. Look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ana Jiménez'.

Ana Jiménez, ArizMATYC president

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YOU Can Help to Strengthen ArizMATYC

Are all of your colleagues ArizMATYC members? If not, encourage them to join now. Ask them to send their name, college, contact information, and \$10 to

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Questions about ArizMATYC membership? Call Anne at 623-845-3389

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend:
AMATYC's 37th Annual National Conference
November 10 — 13, 2011



ArizMATYC Campus Reports — March 4, 2011

Arizona Western: Is glad to be hosting the conference. After several years, they are changing 082 to 081. They are trying to do the same from 122 to 121, but they have a shortage of rooms and instructors.

Central Arizona: Is growing, with enrollment up 6% from last spring and up 100% from three years ago, despite still having the same number of full-time faculty. They are currently undergoing construction at their Superstition campus. They also have the Maricopa Center, which is currently two storefronts. They have purchased 200 acres and expect to begin construction in about five months. They are planning for 5000 FTSE at this facility.

Coconino: Introduced Shanna Manning, the new coordinator for NAU's developmental education courses. Due to budget issues and low enrollment, they have cut Differential Equations (currently with 14 students), Calculus 3, and College Algebra. They are still offering Business Calculus and Pre-calculus. They have made 142 a prerequisite for finite math and have created a 122 course to lead into 142. Currently, their head count is down, but FTSE is up. They are doing their self-study and will have an accreditation visit next fall.

Diné: The president, vice-president, and acting president have all left the college. There are concerns about the success rates at one of the campuses.

Estrella Mountain: Is currently involved in Self Study, with an HLC visit in the fall. They are building up their engineering program, asking for a ½ engineering, ½ math position. They are currently offering three sections of calculus during the day, with one being part of a learning community with a physics course.

Glendale: Is hiring five full-time positions – three general, one developmental, and one computer science. They will be piloting modular 082 and 092 courses in the fall. They are currently working on the standards for HOME (hybrid and online) classes.

Mesa: Is involved in a seven-faculty pilot with ALEKS for College Algebra. They have changed their 082 format to connect with 108 classes, and they have also cut hybrid classes for now, due to a need to standardize them. The HLC has asked them to be part of a pilot program, so they are guaranteed not to fail accreditation in three years.

Mohave: Is also going through the accreditation process. They lost a vice-president with no replacement. They have posted a ½ math, ½ engineering position at the Kingman campus. They have changed Beginning Algebra back to a four-credit class.

NAU: Has seen enrollment double in some courses and triple in others over the last three years, along with their biggest increase in majors. They are instituting more modular and hybrid approaches and are doing a lot of construction on campus. They have numerous positions open for the fall: two tenure track (math ed. and stats), three lecturers ("permanent" budget lines), one applied professor of practice (not tenure-track, but permanent), and seven or eight full-time instructors.

Campus Reports, continued

Northland Pioneer: Is consolidating the Holbrook campus from three sites to one. Last year, employees were given a pay cut. This year, they may have some layoffs. They are working on a textbook review to find cheaper textbooks. They are also trying to reduce the number of multi-level course labs offered, which may result in certain courses not being offered every semester. Also, they may allow students to take 161 and 162 concurrently rather than sequentially.

Pima: Is dealing with budget cuts due to a shortfall of \$11.3 million. They are down to five hires instead of eight, and they are increasing tuition, including differential tuition for more costly programs. They are reducing the number of 'centers,' eliminating child care, and making administrative cuts. They are also looking at admissions standards and may require a high school diploma or GED. They are using a lot of online homework programs, but they are re-thinking hybrid and online courses due to poor success rates. They also acknowledged the great amount of support given nationwide after the tragic shooting in Tucson. Daniel Hernandez, who helped to save Representative Gabby Giffords, was a Pima student.

Scottsdale: Is seeing hybrid courses doing very well at their school and is pushing for creation and use of open-source materials, including an online homework system. They are hiring one math ed. position. They are looking for creative uses of ALEKS for remediation, and there is construction going on around the math building. The Instructional Council is rewriting the 187 competencies and trying to see that course prerequisites are automatically enforced during registration.

Yavapai: Is also part of the HLC "experimental" accreditation process. Budget issues have forced reorganization, as they were awarded only \$4.2 million of the expected \$30 million, then lost \$3.4 million of that amount. They are not even expecting to receive the remaining \$800,000. They no longer have a basketball program and have had 17 employee firings, though only 1 was a faculty member. They have undergone a division reorganization, with Math and Science being split, and Math and English joined into the "Foundational Studies" division. They will be using MyLabsPlus in the fall and possibly MyMathTest for placement. This will get students enrolled in MyMathLab automatically and give them two weeks to pay before they are dropped.

No reports were received from ASU, Chandler-Gilbert, Cochise, Eastern Arizona, Embry Riddle, Gateway, Grand Canyon, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, South Mountain, Tohono O'odham, UA.

“Building Bridges to the Future”

March 4, 2011
Arizona Western College



ArizMATYC Business Meeting Minutes

Present: Eli Blake (Northland Pioneer); Andy Burch (Estrella Mountain); Kristina Burch (Glendale); Anne Dudley (Glendale); David Dudley (Scottsdale); Dave Graser (Yavapai); Ken Hurley (Central); Ana Jiménez (Pima); Kate Kozak (Coconino); Shanna Manny (Coconino); April Strom (Scottsdale).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 8 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer’s Report

Anne Dudley gave the Treasurer’s Report. We currently have \$7,709.07 in the bank, which is down \$1589.83 from the Fall meeting. We gave \$500 to Pima for the Fall meeting, as well as money for food and the keynote speaker. We are still awaiting a check from Pima for \$1120.36, making the profit from that meeting approximately \$708. We also gave money to ACCESS and challenged other regions to do the same. Fall is always the expensive part of the year, with overall spending of about \$870. Anne also shared that the winners of the Student Math League Competition this year were from Arizona Western and Pima.

Newsletter Report

Sue was not present, but Ana shared her request for an article about the Spring conference. The deadline for articles is May 31; they should be submitted to Sue at sjensen@pima.edu. The deadline for submissions to the AMATYC News is June 1.

Historian’s Report

David has added additional materials to the ArizMATYC historical records.

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ArizMATYC Business Meeting Minutes, continued

Webmaster's Report

Dave suggested that many of the historical documents could be put on the ArizMATYC website. Also, the email list needs to be updated. Anne mentioned that the directory is much better, but the membership roster needs to be updated and sorted by college. Ana asked Dave to contact Shea to find out why there are two separate listservs and whether or not we can eliminate one, and also to check if we owe money for web hosting or if we need new web hosting.

Membership Report

Anne said she will update the membership lists and will send them to Dave by May 31. It was suggested that members' renewal dates be posted on the directory. Ana asked if it would be possible send emails to members clarifying their renewal dates. Anne said she would be willing to do so but needs training to use mail merge. It was suggested that perhaps the files should be transferred from FileMakerPro to Excel. Ana said she would complete the first mail merge sometime in August, before the Fall meeting. Ana also suggested that we set up an online PayPal account so members can pay dues and conference fees online. David agreed to help set up the account.

Project ACCESS Funding

After some initial discussion about details, Kate motioned that ArizMATYC give \$400 annually to ACCESS. Ken seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Kate then motioned that the conference fees be increased to \$15, with the increase used to fund the ACCESS donation. Any extra funds beyond the \$400 donation will be kept for future years where the fund may be short. Laura seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Anne clarified that the conference fees include "complimentary" membership, so colleges should be willing to cover the \$15 conference fee. We will, however, need to improve the receipt that is given to conference attendees to reflect this. Also, adjunct faculty are charged the same registration fee, but students are generally permitted to attend for free. Ana said she would include a blurb in the next newsletter about the fee increase.

Delegates' Duties

Ana suggested that delegates should have an "assignment" before attending the AMATYC meeting. Delegates will have the opportunity to decide the topics of their articles themselves, but they will need to volunteer ahead of time. It was stated that Anne will withhold funds from delegates the next time they are supposed to be paid if the article wasn't submitted within the expected time.

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ArizMATYC Business Meeting Minutes, continued

Regional Conference

Ana stated that the proposal has not been finished because a facility has not yet been found. Shanna said that the only facilities she has found with large enough meeting spaces are Little America, High Country, NAU, and Coconino CC. Eli suggested that high schools may be possible locations. Shanna suggested that we consider changing the conference dates, and Ana asked her to continue her research and report back what she finds.

AMATYC Conference Scholarship

Ana shared that we will pay for one attendee that we choose. This individual will preferably be a first-time attendee to AMATYC. Kate suggested that each school send a 200-word nomination for one individual to Ana by July 1. The board will then choose the scholarship recipient by August 1. Information about submitting nominations should be posted on the ArizMATYC website by April 1.

Future Meetings

Members were reminded to look over the Spring newsletter for updates about ArizMATYC activities. The Fall 2011 meeting will be at Mesa Community College, and they are currently looking for speakers. The Spring 2012 joint meeting with the MAA will be discussed further in the Campus Reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.



Did you know . . .

- The AMATYC newsletter is available online.
- AMATYC has a Facebook page.
- The Fall 2011 ArizMATYC meeting will be at Mesa's Red Mountain campus on October 14.
- ArizMATYC will propose a regional conference (AZ, OK, TX, NM) to be held in Flagstaff in 2012.
- The 2011 national AMATYC conference will be in Austin, Texas; you can nominate yourself or a colleague for an ArizMATYC scholarship by completing the nomination form (available on the ArizMATYC website by April 1).

