

Carthage Mathematics Department Fall Retreat Agenda and Minutes

1. Introduction and Welcome (9-9:30)
 - a. Introductions, time at Carthage, personal, year's highlights
2. On the Horizon (9:30-9:45)
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Computer lab updates
 - c. Math Club Initiatives
3. Quantitative Literacy (9:45-10:45) (Charlotte)
4. Break (10:45-11:00)
5. Math 104, The course formerly known as "Math for Teachers" (11:00-11:30)
 - a. "Survey of Modern Mathematics"
 - b. "Mathematical Ideas"
 - c. "Conceptual Understandings of Mathematics"
 - d. "Foundations of Modern Mathematics"
 - e. Other suggestions
6. Assessment (11:30-12:15)
 - a. Last Year's Report
 - b. Discussion and Actions
 - c. Recommendations & Future Plans
7. Lunch at Boat House (12:30-???)

Minutes

Present: Snavelly (Chair), C. Chell, Wheeler, Klingenberg, S. Groleau (adjunct)

Unfortunately, a number of department members, including adjuncts, had unfortunate situations arise that prevented them from attending.

The name of Math 104 was changed to "Foundations of Mathematics."

Assessment was a primary focus of the meeting. Last year's report was presented and discussed at length. In particular, if-then reasoning is still lacking in many students. As a department, we will make an extra effort to cover that type of thinking. This year, we plan to assess the computer skills of our graduates, particular spreadsheet skills. Wheeler and Snavelly will compose an assessment instrument.