FTYCMA Distance Learning Position Statements:

1. Clearly defined learning objectives for specific courses.

2. Regardless of the delivery system, the focus should be on achieving the above (same standards irrespective of modality).

3. Assessment standards should include a significant percentage of course assessment in secure settings regardless of delivery systems.

4. A variety of assessment tools should be used that measure student’s learning of course objectives.

5. Distance learning may not be appropriate for all students; therefore some kind of screening or orientation process should be in place.

6. Distance learning may not be appropriate for all faculty; therefore institutions should provide or verify the professional development of faculty for distance learning.

Notes from the FL-MAA meeting:

The FTYCMA and FL-MAA joint meeting took place at Tallahassee Community College on Feb 16th and 17th, 2007. FTYCMA President Byron Dyce and Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) Professor Steve Grostefon gave an excellent presentation on AMATYC document Beyond Crossroads. Byron and Steve emphasized the need for all to read it, and for all our 28 Community Colleges in the state of Florida to model the recommendations found therein. The document Beyond Crossroads can be found at the web site http://www.bc.amatyc.org/. FTYCMA also developed its guidelines for distance learning courses. The position statements are listed above. Professor Norma Agras of Miami Dade College received the Service Award from FTYCMA. It is with best wishes that we send Norma to her retirement. She has been a valuable resource, supporter and friend to the Florida Community College Mathematics Community and to the American Mathematical Association for Two Year colleges (AMATYC). FTYCMA is currently considering raising our membership dues from $5 to $10 and the lifetime membership from $75 to $150. The likely date for this implementation would be January 2008. FTYCMA Board meeting will take place at SFCC in May 2007 contact person is Byron Dyce and the FTYCMA Fall Retreat will be held at Central Florida Community College (CFCC) contact person is Michael Jamieson. We welcome all members at our meetings.

Famous Math Quote

“The Universe is grand book which cannot be read until one first learns to comprehend the language and become familiar with the characters in which it is composed. It is written in the language of mathematics...”

Galilei Galileo

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From the Editor: Rick Pal

Editor's Notes

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Faculty Spotlight

William Rickman was born and raised in Orlando and graduated from Boone High School where he played trumpet in the marching band. He did his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Central Florida, receiving a Bachelors degree in Mathematics in 1988 and a Masters in Mathematical Sciences in 1992. As a graduate student he did research in fractals and began his teaching career at UCF as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. Since coming to SCC he has taught almost every math course from Basic Algebra to Calculus II. Professor Rickman can be reached at:

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From the FTYCMA Conference Tallahassee, Fl. Feb. 2007

In the forefront Professor Ryan Kasha VCC, Professor Janette H. Campbell PBCC, in the background Professor Michael Jamieson CFCC and Professor Norma Agras

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National Association for Developmental Education
www.nade.net

Mathematical Association of America
http://www.maa.org/

TI Calculator Programs and much more (Not associated with Texas Instruments)
www.ticalc.org

Chronicle of Higher Education
http://chronicle.com/

National Council of Teacher of Mathematics (NCTM)
http://www.nctm.org/

History of Mathematics archive
http://www-groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk/~history/

Mathematics World Wide Web Virtual Library
http://www.math.fsu.edu/Virtual/

Mathematics Department Web servers from every university and college in the world that has web presence
http://www.math.psu.edu/MathLists/Contents.html

American Mathematical Society
http://e-math.ams.org/

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http://www.awm-math.org/

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International Association of Mathematical Physics
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Famous Mathematical Quotations
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Print Free Graph Paper – Cartesian, Polar, Logarithmic, etc
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Graphing Calculator Help for many model calculators
http://www.prenhall.com/divisions/esm/app/calc_v2/

Guide books for each TI calculator
http://education.ti.com/educationportal/appsdelivery/download/download_select_product.jsp?cid=us&displaymode=G

FTYCMA ongoing Goals:

- Discovering how officers can best meet members’ needs
- Increasing membership
- Increasing member involvement
- Promoting quality instruction for two-year college mathematics students
- Promoting communication among Florida Two Year College Math Faculty
- Cross promoting mathematics across other disciplines
- Implementing Crossroads AMATYC Standards

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The cost of a Lifetime Membership is currently $75 (fifteen times the price of the current annual membership which is $5). This is subject to increase in January 2008. See FTYCMA notes.
Benefits of the life membership include:
* A certificate of lifetime membership
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