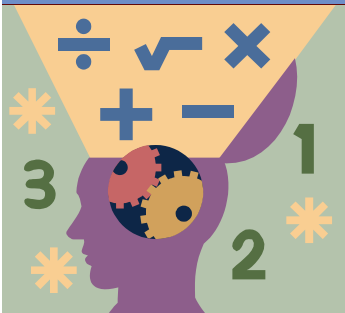


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## Editor's Notes

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The deadline for the November issue is November 20, 2007.

Visit our new Mathematics website (part of the BHCC website):

<http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/math>

## MAT090 Final Exam

The end of the semester is fast approaching, so it is time for you to remind your students that they will be expected to complete Part A of their Final Exam (a 30-question online test of computational skills for whole numbers, fractions, decimals, ratio, proportion and percent) sometime *before* Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, and Part B (a 20-question paper and pencil test on measurement, metric geometry, and word problems from all units) during the regularly scheduled Final Exam period.

If you have any questions contact either Shirley MacKenzie (X2287 or [smackenzie@bhcc.mass.edu](mailto:smackenzie@bhcc.mass.edu)) or Yvette Straughter (X2279 or [ystraughter@bhcc.mass.edu](mailto:ystraughter@bhcc.mass.edu)).

Regarding the MAT090 Final Exam (Part A), Dr. Venkat Rao, Mathematics Department Chairman sent an e-mail to all persons teaching the course. In the e-mail, he states:

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## Math Department Meeting Notes

### MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

**Time:** 1:00PM

**Room:** B 206A

**Conducted by:** Y. Venkat Rao

**Minutes Recorded by:** Kiruba Murugaiah

### **Agenda:**

1. Further Discussion on MAT 090, Mat 092 and MAT 095 Proposal
2. Review and Approve Minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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# MAT090 Final Exam (cont.)

“Starting in the spring 2008 semester, it is mandatory that all instructors (Full time as well as Adjunct Faculty) administer the online final exam for MAT 090.

Please modify your course policy with this requirement, so that everything will be ready for the students at the beginning of spring 08.

*Please note that if you have already included this requirement in your course policies for this semester, you must have your students complete the online exam as planned. The rest can administer the paper and pencil test.”*

**Note:** Beginning with the spring 2008 semester, we will no longer use the 40-question paper and pencil test as the Departmental Final Exam. All students *must* successfully complete Part A ( $\geq 70\%$  in no more than 2 attempts), and Part B (also with a score  $\geq 70\%$  in no more than 2 attempts).



## NEMATYC 2008

NEMATYC 2008

Springfield Technical Community College

Friday and Saturday, April 11-12, 2008

*“Keeping it Real in 08”*

NEMATYC is pleased to announce its annual call for presenters for our Spring Conference, this year to be held at Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield Massachusetts. Our focus will be on keeping mathematics relevant and effective in the classroom.

Presenters should send a 25-50 word abstract that will be included in the program. Include your technology requirements and preferred day (Friday afternoon, Saturday morning or Saturday afternoon, or no preference) and length of presentation (45 minutes, 90 minutes, or a 5 minute lightning talk). One presenter for each 45 or 90 minute session will receive a free registration to the conference.

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# Math Department Meeting Notes (cont.)

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Other Business

## Handouts:

Copy of Draft of Implementation Plan for Spring 2007 of the new 3 course sequence for developmental math

Copy of first issue of Math Newsletter

## Discussions:

Comment from Ted prior to meeting commencement: VMA wants more students to use the ruler but we don't do much in MAT 090 other than in Measurements. How can we improve on this?

**NOTE:** *A notice from Dean Mhlaba stating, "Dr. Abasa-Nyarko has decided to move the start of our new developmental math sequence to fall 2008."*

*At the Department Chairs Meeting yesterday, October 18, Chairs discussed the introduction of the new math sequence in spring 2008. The topic generated a good deal of discussion. It became clear that there were still several questions in the minds of Chairs." In light of Dean Mhlaba's notice, the discussion regarding the three course sequence that ensued is omitted.*

1. Review and Approve Minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting Add Barbara Ton Ferullo's name to list of people thanked for success of the Math department's Computer Lab.

## 2. Other Business

a. Math department is embarking on publishing a newsletter for the department. Deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>, confined to 4 pages. Newsletter will go to all adjuncts. Editor in Chief is **Irene Sancinoto** who has worked very hard in getting approval and publishing the first issue. There will be a message from Charles Abasa-Nyarko in the first issue. Adjuncts will be mailed initially; eventually it will probably be available online.

b. Rao – Congratulations to Joanne, Yvette, Christian, Shirley, and Ted for working so hard on this proposal for the new 3 course developmental math sequence.

c. Christian – Thanks to Kiruba for typing the minutes.

Don't forget to contact Shirley MacKenzie for scheduling use of the Computer Lab. (smackenzie@bhcc.mass.edu)

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# Mathematics Department



Standing (L to R): G. Presto, C. Watson, C. Agunwamba, S. Darwish, Vice President C. Abasa-Nyarko, Y. Straughter, J. Manville, A. Hamblett, C. Maziarz, Chair Y. V. Rao. Seated (L to R): K. Murugaiah, B. Ton Ferullo, I. Sancinito, S. MacKenzie, Dean S. L. Mhlaba, R. T. Carlson. Missing from the photo: A. Hernandez-Folch