

Task Force on the First Year College Mathematics Experience

General Description

- Committee is ad hoc
- Number of members is 8-12
- Terms vary ending on the same date

Mathematics departments whose mission places heavy emphasis on research and graduate education often face unique challenges in ensuring the quality of freshman mathematics instruction, especially in large state universities. In order to provide follow-up to the *Towards Excellence* report and to survey the current situation, AMS President Glimm recommended that there be a Task Force on the First Year Mathematics Experience.

Principal Activities

- Identify the most significant challenges departments face as they pursue excellence in freshman mathematics instruction;
- Determine what the AMS and other organizations and groups are doing to address this issue; and
- Formulate recommendations to the AMS.

Other Activities

Miscellaneous Information

The business of this committee can be done by mail, electronic mail, or telephone, expenses which may be reimbursed by the Society.

An explanation of travel expense reimbursement of volunteers for this committee is attached. This committee has been designated at **LEVEL F**.

Note to the Chair

Committee chairs should be informed, at the beginning of each fiscal period, the budget of their committees and cautioned to remain within the budget. Such items as travel reimbursement to, accommodations for, and meals for guests of any kind fall within these budgets.

Work done by committees on recurring problems may have value as precedent or work done may have historical interest. Because of this, the Council has requested that a central file system be maintained for the Society by the Secretary. Committees are reminded that a copy of every sheet of paper should be deposited (say once a year) in this central file. Confidential material should be noted, so that it can be handled in a confidential manner.

Authorization

Council Minutes of 21 April 2007, Item 6.4; *updated 8/09*

Past Members

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