The calculus committee met on October 1, 2004 at 1:30 PM in CH3190.

Members present:  Ray Collings, Jessica Craig, Ming Her, Gloria Hitchcock, Kouok Law, Larry Powell, Barrett Walls, Robby Williams.

Members absent:   Margie Lewkowicz, Alice Pierce

The committee discussed redoing the Calculus II Credit-by-exam. Committee members will look over the exam, but final revisions will take place after the book search.

Committee co-chair Jessica Craig has notified text reps to have books sent to committee members. Books will be coming late in the fall and early in winter. The time-line was discussed. A book search topic check form was distributed. Members will determine whether topics should be added or deleted from the form and will let Jessica know.

The results of the Calculus I and Calculus II assessments were distributed to the committee members. Both assessment results showed that the students did not meet the criteria of success determined by the committee prior to the test. Various reasons were suggested. The committee discussed whether the introduction of on-line resources might improve the success of students in calculus. Discussion followed, but no conclusion was made. Members will continue to ponder this option. Other suggestions (requiring homework, including a WebCT portion of the course, addressing prerequisite skills, workshops on background material, introducing a recitation hour into the course) were given. Whatever is decided should be something that all Calculus instructors would be able to adopt in their courses. Again, no conclusion was made. The results of the Calculus III assessment at will be discussed at the next meeting.

The committee members will examine the Teaching Guides and the Common Course Outlines and make any updates or corrections via email to the rest of the committee. The Teaching Guides and CCO's will be discussed the next meeting.

The next meeting will be December 3, 1004.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
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Committee Co-Chair