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Summary of communications among the IMPAC Steering Committee and IMPAC Lead Discipline Faculty

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Hi All.

Since January, I have been in discussion with Eric Taggart, director of the ASSIST project, about designing a new feature for ASSIST that would provide users the key contact information for all the mathematics departments at the CSU and UC's.

Eric has placed this topic on the agenda for the May 24 ASSIST Board of Directors meeting.

Eric was at IMPAC on April 30 and attended the Math Discipline group on Friday morning specifically to participate in the discussion of this recommendation about the contact pages. The math group considered and adopted a recommendation on this topic, as follows:

Recommendation: A web page should be developed containing information and links for all university mathematics departments. The information on this web page will be maintained as current by each department in cooperation with the campus articulation officer. This web page will be developed in cooperation with ASSIST and placed in an easily found location on the ASSIST web site and possibly mirrored elsewhere at the CSU and UC system transfer information web sites. The web page will include the following information for each University Campus: A Contact Person / Advisor with E-mail Address and Phone; A link to the Mathematics Department Web Page and a Recommended Phone Contact Number; A link to Any Mathematics Department Transfer Information Web Page.

During the discussion Eric suggested that the recommendation would be considered even stronger if it were supported by other groups involved in IMPAC or by the IMPAC Steering committee as a group.

I have discussed this with the coordinators and Julie and would like to have this discussed further either over the internet or at the upcoming steering committee meeting in view of adding support to the proposal at the ASSIST board meeting.

As a starter I have attached a sample of the web page that was discussed at the Math IMPAC sessions. Suggestions at the math sessions on how this sample would be improved included giving a contact phone number for the department offices.

If you support this kind of contact information being available through ASSIST for your own discipline or you favor IMPAC supporting the development of these pages for all IMPAC disciplines, please respond to me by May 16th. I will collect the names of the supporting disciplines along with relevant comments, and report back to you all on the results by May 17th.

Cordially - from sunny Humboldt County,

Martin

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Eric Taggart
Director
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Hi Everyone,

I'd just like to echo the information Martin provided and offer a bit more detail.

This feature would be most useful if the information were available for all popular disciplines. ASSIST could implement this by augmenting the relational ASSIST database with the desired data elements, provide an entry window for the university articulation officers who already maintain the data in ASSIST each year, and develop various reports where the current information would be displayed for students. This would provide the most flexibility over the long term. We have not yet discussed full implementation details, costs, or possible funding sources - these would be important next steps if the proposed concept is approved.

I understand that some IMPAC Lead Discipline Faculty may want to hold off on supporting this idea until they've had a chance collect feedback from their colleagues via email or in regional meetings next year. To help advance the discussion at the May 24 ASSIST Board meeting it would be helpful if you could reply to Martin with your individual take on the proposed concept and with information about whether or not you would like to seek further input from your colleagues.

Thanks, and please let me know if you have any questions or comments that I could help address.

Eric

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A day or three late... here is a summary of the responses I received about the recommendation from Mathematics for ASSIST to set up discipline based contact pages.

"Snowwhite, Mark" <msnowhit@sbccd.cc.ca.us>

Martin,

As I indicated at the IMPAC meeting on May 1, I think this is an excellent idea and support the concept. Of course, there may be implementation problems that we'll need to address before we can get these pages developed and up and running, but they would be very helpful for all disciplines. Thanks for sharing your mathematics model with us. Mark

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"Herbert Strauss" <hls@cchem.berkeley.edu>

Looks good to me. I particularly like the easy links to specific campuses - I think it shouldn't be too difficult to maintain. Herb Strauss

"Julie Adams" <asccc@ix.netcom.com>

Martin, I think this would be a valuable tool for us to support. It will provide IMPAC with the updated contacts for all UC/CSU chairs, which could then be used for sending out CAN descriptors for discussion. Thank you for pulling this together. Please be sure to put this idea in your annual report. If this comes together, it would be an "outcome" of the IMPAC project. Thanks. Julie

"Pasternack, Barry" <bpasternack@Exchange.FULLERTON.EDU>

Martin et al, This is a very good idea. I do have the following two concerns which should be easy to address: 1) As advisement of students may happen outside the department I think that there should be phone numbers listed for the person responsible for advising as well as for the department office and this should be clearly delineated. For example, in my college, we have centralized advising done out of our dean's office.

This office would be the contact point for articulation information. On the other hand, students or advisors who have general curricular questions should be directed to the department. 2) There should be a process developed for keeping the information current with a clear understanding as to who is responsible for keeping the database up to date. There should also be an assignment of responsibility for getting the list together for those disciplines that do not already have such information collected. Barry

"Mary Nolan-Riegle" <Mnolanriegle@fullcoll.edu>

Martin - I think this would be fabulous! This would be a very powerful tool for transfer students in biology. It would also make my job of contacting the UC and CSU for IMPAC feedback easier and much more efficient! I have several concerns. I am not sure the biology departments would be motivated to keep up the contact information. If they do not, it would add more frustration to students, not less. Also, with this information available to students, would the contact person/department representative be willing to reply to any and all student questions? If any student didn't get a reply the frustration level would be increased not decreased. I would be willing to try it at any rate. I think it would do more good than harm. Mary Nolan-Riegle

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Martin, I think it's a great idea. As an advisor, I would certainly find such a page helpful in any GE discipline that chose to create one. However, the issue of maintenance would definitely need to be addressed; if the information is not accurate, both usability and validity would suffer, and direct student use would result in frustration. Marlene Bumgarner Child Development/Education

"Kara Caldwell-Freeman" <kcaldwellfreeman@csupomona.edu>

I also agree that having this contact page is a good idea. But I also agree with the problems in keeping it up-to-date. If that can be managed, then this would be a tremendous asset for the students. It would be especially helpful in my discipline, where there are so many prerequisites. Kara Caldwell-Freeman, DrPH, RD

CSU and UC Mathematics Departments
IMPAC Sample Contact Page
Up to date information for transfer purposes.
DRAFT VERSION- Not for public use. 4-15-04
[ASSIST Link](#)

Clicking on the department web page links below will take you to the corresponding page.

University	Contact Person	E-mail Address	Phone	Mathematics Department Web Page	Transfer Information Web Page
University of California					
Berkeley	Paul Vojta, Vice Chair, Undergraduate Affairs Barbara Peavy	vojta@math.berkeley.edu peavy@math	642-3457	Berkeley	
Davis	Gravner, Janko Vice Chair for Undergraduate Matters	gravner@math.ucdavis.edu	(530) 752-0825	Davis	
Irvine	Prof. Paul Eklof Vice Chair for Undergraduate Studies	peklof@math.uci.edu	(949) 824-6595	Irvine	
Los Angeles	Ronald MIECH Professor/Vice Chair	rjm@math.ucla.edu	825-1049	Los Angeles	
Riverside	Bun Wong, Chair	wong@math.ucr.edu	(909)787-4757	Riverside	
San Diego	Jan Bitmead. Undergrad Advising Officer.	jbitmead@ucsd.edu	(858) 534-6009	San Diego	UCSD:transfer equivalencies table
Santa Barbara	Adil Yaqub (Vice Chair) Sheryl Reimer	yaqub@math.ucsb.edu sheryl@math.ucsb.edu	805-893-3365 805-893-4079	Santa Barbara	UCSB: major requirements & advice
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