Chair’s Summary on College Level Online Courses

Overall, we have a high level of student satisfaction with our online classes. Our instructors work very hard at them and the students report that the instructors are very accessible. The students also generally feel that they would recommend the courses to other students. The success rates, in general are lower than live classes but there is definitely a market for online classes, as evidenced by the many online universities springing up.

Mat 101- The instructor has recommended that we discontinue this class, due to its low retention rate. We did this for Spring, 2011. We are trying it once more for Fall, 2011 and we will evaluate the future of the class from there.

Mat 102, 131, 116, 117, 170- Offering these classes fills a needed niche. All of these classes, while sometimes having a lower success rate than their live counterparts also sometimes have a higher success rate.

Mat 103- This is a class that was specifically developed for the DMS program but is increasingly being used by students to replace Mat 085 with a 3-credit course. We will be discussing this course in our department meetings this year.

Mat 110, 111- These courses have a lower success rate than the live classes. Mat 110 usually fills, so the students see it as a desirable alternative to a live class. Both of these classes might be good candidates for hybrid courses.