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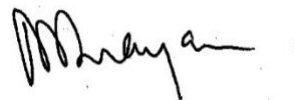
Re: Mathematics Placement

Dear colleagues,

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) has approved the enclosed report about mathematics placement at UC Santa Cruz. The responsibilities of the Committee on Preparatory Education, including the provision that the committee supervises the Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) and mathematics placement examinations, are being formally [transferred](#) to CEP from September 1, 2020. While the AWPE is governed by the systemwide Committee on Preparatory Education, mathematics placement is largely left to the Academic Senate on each campus. (Systemwide [bylaws](#) 192.B.3 and 192.B.4.)

As the parties primarily affected by changes to mathematics placement, CEP is inviting comments from you by October 31, 2020. This will enable the committee to finalize changes in time for 2021-22. Chairs of departments whose curricula include mathematics are copied on this letter, so that they can comment if they wish to.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Committee on Educational Policy

Encl. CEP re Math Placement and Instruction at UC Santa Cruz

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