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TO: All members of the UA Academic Advising Community

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RE: MATH Changes you (and your students) need to know for Summer and Fall, 2008

After consulting with the University-wide General Education Committee (UWGEC), the Undergraduate Council (UGC), the Chair of the Faculty, and the University Academic Advising Council (UAAC) - and acting on their recommendations and/or decisions - I now want to inform you about two changes in Mathematics coming into effect for this next Fall semester (and even earlier, in some areas). I ask that you make these matters known, when appropriate, to all the students you advise and all the fellow advisors you know before and during Summer Orientations and, where necessary, at the start of the coming Fall semester:

1. The current pilot program of allowing PimaMath 122 (or the equivalent) to be transferred to the UA for "General Elective" (not Math or Gen. Ed.) credit will continue through the Summer and Fall of 2008. There will also continue to be many sections of PimaMath 122 offered here on the UA campus, especially during the Fall term. Students will thus not lose full-time status nor financial aid if they take this course as (though technically a Pima course) part of their "load" as a UA student, provided the total units are involved are at least 12 or (better) 15 per semester.
2. Philosophy 110 will continue to meet the Gen. Ed./Foundations Math requirement for G-strand students, but it will no longer require a Math Readiness Test (MRT) score of at least 100 - indeed it will require no MRT score at all - either as a prerequisite or as a necessary part of meeting the G-strand Math requirement. The UWGEC may soon initiate a wider discussion of the entire University-wide Math requirement, given this recent change, but until the requirement is changed, PHIL 110 will count for it without an MRT score, and that is retroactive to all previous takings of that course (or its equivalent) where an MRT score of at least 100 was not achieved.

Thank you very much for 'getting the word out.'