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We invite your department to send a three-member team to a statewide conference on the recently enacted law and policy on transfer articulation in mathematics on Friday, 8 February 2008 at Rutgers.

The conference is sponsored by three professional societies of mathematics faculty in New Jersey. The goals of the conference are

- \* to improve our understanding of the new law, the underlying policy, and authoritative interpretations of these documents;
- \* to discuss issues about implementing the new transfer policy;
- \* to share information about transfer patterns and practices; and
- \* to begin to formulate ideas on resolving concerns in ways that strengthen our ability as post-secondary mathematics faculty to serve the educational needs of our students, to serve the missions of our institutions, and to prepare our students responsibly for participation in work and society.

Note that Article 7 of the New State-wide Transfer Agreement (issued by the Presidents' Council of institutions of higher education in N.J. invites "faculty-to-faculty discussions across ... all sectors."

The conference will be held on the New Brunswick - Piscataway Campus of Rutgers University on Friday, 8 February 2008 from mid-morning till mid-afternoon. Rutgers, as host, will provide lunch and free parking. There will be no registration fee. More detail will follow soon, including information about the panel discussions and break-out sessions at the conference.

Ideally, your team members might include you as Chair, the director of your undergraduate program, your department's head adviser, and/or the person in working most closely with future K-12 teachers. A follow-up letter will ask for a reply including names of your team members and suggestions for questions for the panelists and topics for the break-outs.

Although the new law and policy directly affect only publicly supported institutions in New Jersey, the changes will inevitably have a broader impact as well, both for private institutions and for transfers across state lines. For this reason we hope that all post-secondary institutions will attend.

Sincerely yours,

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