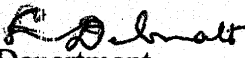


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Date: May 27, 2011
To: All Mathematics Faculty, TA's & Staff
From: Lokenath Debnath 
Chair, Mathematics Department
Subject: Thank you note

As you may know, I will complete my job as your Department Chair on May 31, 2011 which is my last day in the position. I would like to express my grateful thanks to all mathematics faculty, staff and students for providing me a wonderful opportunity to serve in this position for a long period of ten years. During this period, there have been many changes in teaching research and service, and in terms of faculty, GTA's, secretarial staff, students, courses and programs, budgets, research, grants, publications, seminars, colloquiums, and Distinguished Lecture Series, policy documents approved by mathematics faculty and Administration. From my perspective, I can see many accomplishments and many positive changes that have occurred in the last ten years and most of these changes and accomplishments are entirely due to hard work and dedication of the faculty, GTA's and staff. All these activities and accomplishments are recorded in the last ten Departmental Annual Reports.

Special thanks to our secretarial staff including Lisa, Tess, Veronica and Rosie who helped me and the department in daily operations and management of departmental activities.

I would also like to express my grateful thanks to many Departmental Committee Chairs, coordinators, and to Dr's. Andras Balogh, Paul Bracken, Bill Heller, Mau Nguyen, Roger Knobel and Monty Taylor who helped me in many different ways. It would not have been possible for me to handle all different activities for this big and diverse department during the last many years.

When I became the Department Chair on September 1, 2001, the department had no reserve or emergency or Rainy Day funds. My conservative spending policy helped create some modest special funds for this big department: (i) \$20,000, the Department of Excellence Award in 2004 and (ii) another \$20,000, the Board of Regents funds in 2003. I did not spend these special funds that will remain in the budget under the new Chair's discretion.

Finally, I am delighted that Dr. Andras Balogh was selected by the Department and recommended by the Dean to serve as Interim Chair effective June 1, 2011. I will be very happy to support and help him during the transition and thereafter so that he may not find any major problems as Interim Chair. He also needs your support, help and cooperation, especially in these days of high student enrollments and big budget problems. Congratulations and Good Luck Andras!!

Thank you for your support, help and cooperation during the last ten years. I have enjoyed my difficult administrative job in addition to my easy teaching, research and professional service activities.

Good Bye!! Good Luck!

Have a nice and productive summer!!