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Successes and Challenges of Creating a Community of Best Practices for Math Faculty.*

Over the last decade the faculty members of the math department of Florida SouthWestern State College have explored methods to foster a collaborative community for investigating the best techniques for teaching mathematics. This talk will look at the process of establishing a formal community of best practices in our department. We will also look at the challenges of incorporating the community within the professional development activities of the college, the challenges of keeping it “fresh,” and the challenges of incorporating the entire full-time faculty & adjuncts across multiple campuses. Finally, we will share our philosophies of scheduling topics and the “highs and lows” of our past meetings. (Received September 26, 2017)