

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction

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Accomplishments:

- Successful beginning of Fall 2008 semester
- Training of lead faculty members and new associate deans
- Arizona Town Hall presentation at Yuma, Arizona Western College
- Meetings with NAU in Yuma and University of Arizona

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Lindette Baas is currently working on a novel and writing a research methods textbook.

EDUCATION, FAMILY, AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

- Christina Hawkey attended the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development conference in Austin, TX. She won this conference by being selected as Associate Faculty Teacher of the Year, 2007-08. In June, Christina went to Ithaca, NY where she attended training at Cornell University. This was continued training for the Family Development Credential Program. The training was necessary so that AWC could train teachers throughout the State of Arizona to be FDC instructors. Christina wrote family oriented articles for *The Yuma Sun* this summer. The articles can be found in the *Family Focus* section every Tuesday.
- Nancy Meister reported that she received approval in August through ACRES for a new certificate in Culinary Arts. Nancy attended the National Skills USA competition the week of June 23rd with state gold medal culinary arts winner Leyla Mendosa. She was installed as President of *Southwest Arizona District Dietary Association*. Nancy was also installed as a member of the *Arizona Dietetic Association Board* and a member of the State Public Policy Committee.
- Judy Watkinson reported that the Child Development Association advisors met before school to go through issues. Judy attended the First Things First board meeting. Judy reported that the new lab school successfully opened its doors on August 18th.
- Karen Spencer, in July, began writing for *The Yuma Sun*. *The Yuma Sun* has developed an online website for parents called *Yuma Moms* (www.yumamoms.com). Karen will be a regular contributor for the site. Her role is to provide tips for parents on how to help their children succeed in school, how to support teachers, and how to enhance their children's education. Karen along with Patty Powers redesigned the Associate of Arts in Elementary Education based on the feedback provided by the

Arizona Department of Education and NAU-Yuma. Karen and Patty Powers attended training July 19th through the 22nd in Las Vegas, NV on Differentiated Instruction which will be delivered to students in the education program. This is the current trend in the districts and this training will support those initiatives. Participation in this conference was paid for by District I. Karen attended a luncheon with the rotary club concerning *Arizona Town Hall* meeting “*Who Will Teach our Children*”. She also attended the *Educational Services Association* meeting on August 25th. Karen attended a discussion meeting on August 26th to look into the possibility of developing a *Grow Your Own* program in Yuma County. There is a possibility of state funding available for programs to get more teachers in Yuma County. An additional meeting was scheduled to get buy-in from the districts and other institutions, as well as set-up a time-line and goals.

- Patty was selected to participate on a committee to review the *Education Professions* Program for the Arizona CTE Assessment System. The first meeting was held in July to develop the assessment tool to be used throughout the state for any high school participation in the Education Profession Program.
- Alison Keough reported that the Child Development Learning Lab has had a busy month with the following accomplishments: completed licensing inspection with the Arizona Department of Health Services August 15th, completed enrollment and registration for new children attending the center, current enrollment 3 infants, 12 toddlers, 21 preschoolers, held initial parent orientation on August 15th, opened center to children on August 18th, hired new full time/part-time staff, total 18 : 6 full time, 6 part time and 6 work study students, completed staff training in CPR, First Aid, Child Abuse and Neglect, Creative Curriculum, and Staff Handbook, completed first week of full time care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, Alison Keough hosted a Directors Network luncheon and tour on August 7th.
- Melissa Behunin reported that she wrote several articles for the Family Focus section of *The Yuma Sun*. Melissa also presented at both Culture Camp and Technology Camp. At Culture Camp Melissa presented, “What Does It Mean To Be A Sexually Healthy Person: A U.S. Perspective”. At Technology Camp Melissa presented, “Using Discussion Board with Mixed Media”.

BUSINESS AND CIS

- Charles Balch presented on Web 2.0 at the AWC Technology Camp. He also hosted a workshop for AWC staff on institutional data.
- Michael Bowman is working on finishing the business survey for the development of two new certificate programs. Michael is continuing the partnership with the University of Arizona with having students enrolled in his MGT 250 and QBA 211 classes.
- Michelle Sims attended the monthly *Yuma County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors* meeting on August 19th.

- Dave Godley learned how to utilize blackboard during Camp Yuma. Dave reported that this semesters start-up seemed to go well with the implementation of a new academic advising model. He believes that this year will serve as a transition year benefiting AWC's students for years to come. In August, Dave attended the *Arizona District of Optimist International* annual convention in Prescott, AZ. Dave attended the event as part of AWC's community involvement endeavor. Dave serves the Arizona District as a past District Governor and as the incoming President of the *Partners Optimist Club* located at AWC.
- Moses Diaz de Leon reported that he participates in the Blue Ribbon Committee as well as the Crossroad Missions. He is an AWC Club Advisor for Campus for Christ and is involved in the Mentor Program.
- Rick Keeling reported that the Business and CIS Department gave awards to all associate faculty members present at the fall start-up meeting. Rick reported that the Business and CIS Department held their first meeting last Monday. He also reported that five Business/CIS faculty attended Camp Yuma.
- Mary Sue Depuy reported that the Business and CIS Department hired two new full-time faculty members this semester: Paul Bruce, Professor of CIS and Michelle Sims, Interim Professor of Business. Mary reported that two associate faculty members were added to the Business and CIS Department: Harold Kroemer, CIS and Richard Martin, Economics. She reported that they are actively recruiting for a permanent full-time business faculty member to report for Spring 2009. Mary reported that she presented two sections of Blackboard training for Camp Yuma.

Distance Education

- Held a successful Camp Yuma during August for full- and part-time faculty including studies in online learning technology and diversity

Humanities

- **Nancy Blitz** led and survived her first Despegue while juggling her other institutional responsibilities.
- **Ellen Cohen** prepared and conducted Despegue Seminar: Strategies for Teaching Non-native Speakers.
- **Steven Lund** is teaching ESL 94L – Language Workshop 4: Cultural Communication as a hybrid course for the first time this semester.
- **Steven Lund** has been appointed for a three-year term to the Board of Directors of the National Danish Immigrant Museum located outside Des Moines, Iowa.
- **Chuck Smalley** has concluded recruiting of singers and instrumentalists for the Fall. Every new singer, except one arrived and is involved in the choral groups. Chamber Singers has almost settled in at a very strong 35 singers.
- **Ed Schubert**: After three years of planning and effort by numerous people on campus and in the community, ENG 220: Science Fiction has

come to life, like Frankenstein's monster, and is now lurching forward with 15 students. Villagers beware!

- In July **Ed Schubert** attended the annual conference of the Science Fiction Research Association at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, presenting a paper on "A Voyage to Dystopia: Gulliver in Houyhnhnmland."
- **Michael Miller** published a film review in the Yuma city daily newspaper, *The Sun*: "Grocer's Son' Celebrates the Simple Life," August 7.

La Paz County

- Margaret Dewey attended the Salome High School Open House and promoted College Preparedness
- Barry Holloway worked extensively on Camp Yuma
- Barry represented AWC at the "First Things First" organizational meeting
- Registration was completed and classes began
- ETS conducted 6th grade recruiting at Le Pera & Wallace Elementary Schools
- La Paz TV Services Produced 12 new TV shows and 2 Telecourses
- Managed 20 ITN classes originating from Parker
- 10 La Paz Instructors attended the Yuma Faculty Meeting on Aug. 16th
- Met with the Quartzsite Senior Citizens Center Board & began offering classes for the seniors
- Dr. Schoening made his vision presentation to the La Paz staff
- Worked on Parker Pool Project

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- *Successfully moved in and using the Agriculture Lab (AL) building for classes
- *Five Students are working at YPG through the SCEP program in Engineering
- *Six - \$500.00 scholarships for Engineering students awarded through an NSF Grant with ASU as the fiscal agent.
- *Successful meeting with Dr. David Cox of the U of A and first Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting
- Ted Martinez is administering a new grant that is growing seedlings for future planting in the Wetlands. Students are doing the work as part of their class assignments

South Yuma County

- Filled one section of Math 187 with the Gadsden District cohort, now in 9th and 10th grade.
- Opened more classes to record numbers, anticipating a 25%+ increase in FTSE in San Luis.
- Parking lot filled to capacity on regular basis, students now park on dirt shoulder outside the fence.
- Made many presentations to parents in SYC. Community outreach

continues to grow.

- Participated in new coordinating group in Yuma County, Education Access Council for Yuma County Communities.

Future Activities

- Further work on preparation for accreditation visit in March, 2009
- Begin interviews for open faculty positions

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Peter Lhotka invited Dr. Carl Myers, M.D., from Desert Sonoran Oncology to speak to REL 201 class on September 16th. Dr. Myers is a practicing Buddhist and meditation expert.
- Mohammad Bahramzadeh reported that the AWC Honors Program and Political Science Department will be hosting "Voice Your Vote" event.

EDUCATION, FAMILY, AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

- Nancy Meister is preparing to complete section 4 and 5 of the Assessment Matrices. She is actively recruiting associate faculty for HRM 220 for the Spring. Nancy invited YCHD Sanitarian to speak to her CUL 143 class. Judy will attend First Things First board meeting on September 18th. Participants will be analyzing a county needs and assets report on the status of young children in Yuma County.
- Patty Powers will continue to work with *Teachers Training Task Force*.
- Alison Keough reported the following upcoming projects and events at the Child Development Learning Lab (CDLL): Alison Keough will be presenting program information to the Optimist Club on Wednesday August 27, 2008 at 6:30pm, the CDLL will host a Community Foundation Spotlight Luncheon on September 10th at 9:30am, the CDLL will be collaborating with the Tech Prep program to offer parenting workshops and child care on September 9 and September 18 at 5:30pm, the CDLL will begin work on NAEYC accreditation to update information with the addition of infant and toddler care and the move to the new facility, we will continue to work through the transition to care in the new facility and to evaluate and improve our programs here at the CDLL, the CDLL in conjunction with the ECE Faculty will host an ATF meeting/tour on September 19th.

BUSINESS AND CIS

- Dave reported that for the first time in over ten years the AWC campus will be receiving a visit from a representative from the SIFE organization. In October, The AWC SIFE team will travel to Los Angeles, CA for their annual fall training. Also in October, Dave will be attending the statewide Business Articulation Task Force meeting to be held at ASU Polytechnic campus. Dave has served on this committee for over twenty years as a member and on occasion as the chairman.

Distance Education

- Continue activities to close out Title V grant

Humanities

- **Chuck Smalley**: Early Fall Concert and two performances of the AWC Choral Christmas Concert in December.
- AWC professors **Kevin Mann** and **Howard Blitz** will be visiting **Ed Schubert's** ENG 101 classes to present, respectively, the views of social democracy and libertarianism. Kevin was active in the Social Democratic Party in Canada, and Howard is the chairman of the Yuma County Libertarian Party.
- For the next SFRA conference, **Ed Schubert** is considering proposing a paper on "Precognition in *Macbeth*."
- **Michael Miller** submitted outdoor article, "Miles from nowhere: Three days canoeing on the Colorado," to be published in *The Sun 2008 Winter Guide*.
- **Michael Miller** writes monthly film review and hosts Sun Cinema Series in Historic Yuma Theater downtown, in partnership with *The Sun* and the City of Yuma Arts and Culture Commission. Next date: September 4.

La Paz County

- 09-10-08 - La Paz staff and faculty training
- 09-25-08 – "College Days" presentation at Salome and Wickenburg High Schools
- 09-25-08 – 7th Grade career Awareness Activity
- Represent AWC's interest on the La Paz Economic Development Project, Town Pool project and the Lower Colorado River RC&D
- Improve Student Services in the out lying areas of La Paz
- Continue efforts to develop ways to extend the college's offering into the out lying areas of La Paz
- Construction of New Buildings: Parker & Quartzsite
- Develop New Classes and Build Enrollment
- Develop new strategies for registration problems in Quartzsite & Salome

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Move and programming of the new building
- Publicity campaign on the Science and Ag building and offerings

South Yuma County