

Monthly Report

**Dean of Instruction
Linda Elliott-Nelson
October 31, 2010**

Accomplishments:

- Collected FTSE and Midterm performance grades
- Represented AWC at Arizona Academic Administrators annual meeting
- Represented AWC at General Education Articulation Task Force
- Began planning Fall 2011 Semester Schedule
- Met with faculty and administrative group on a college-wide internship process
- Met with a faculty group on potential activities involving the Critical Thinking General Education Student Learning Outcome
- Met with a faculty and administrative group on semester startup activities

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christina Hawkey

- I was a presenter at the Young Parent Seminar for Tech Prep
- I was a presenter for the CTE on Best Practices
- I attended the ATF Meeting
- I attended a Student Retention Workshop in Tucson
- I wrote for the Yuma Sun
- I was on KYMA twice

Christopher Barker

- Attended Despegue Day 4.
- Attended Religious Studies ATF with Burris in Phoenix, AZ.
- Met with several students and Burris complete an official club request form for the "AWC Philosophical Society."
- Attended Philosophy ATF in Tucson, AZ.
- Completed the class schedule for fall 2011 Philosophy courses with Hawkey.

Melissa Behunin

- This month I presented at dorms, "What does it mean to be sexually healthy" (10/17)
- I presented at the Early Childhood Conference at AWC on "Using yoga in the preschool classroom" (10/16)
- I just finished my Family Focus article for the Yuma Sun
- I am scheduled to be interviewed by KYMA next week on the topic of Cougars (not the animal, the older woman dating younger men...)

David Burris

- Attended the Religious Studies ATF
- Participated in the debate held on campus concerning the Ground Zero Mosque
- Attended a planning meeting with Linda Elliott and others to discuss how integrate Critical Thinking into the AWC curriculum
- Started meeting with the AWC students interested in starting a philosophy club on campus.

Lindette Lent

- We completed updating the Research Methods PSY 290 course requirements.
- We are currently assessing old course syllabi and resurrecting Abnormal Psychology

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES**Judy Watkinson**

- Judy Watkinson and Alma Barrandey attended ECE ATF in Glendale ASU West
- Early Childhood Conference October 16th Judy and Alma attended
- Judy attended First Things First Strategic Planning session
- Judy attended October FTF board meeting
- Alma and Luisa visited Parker to conduct CDA renewals for 6 students.
- Alma and Donna are participating in offering training to private daycare center staff under a grant for professional development from FTF
- Judy and Susie will be attending a meeting for the Pathways grant on October 29th in Casa Grande at CAC. This is a 10 year anniversary for the grant!

Patty Powers

- Karen met with Russell Prust to discuss the Teacher Training Task Force.
- Karen attended the ASU presentation to AWC Advisor's regarding the iTEACH program in Gadsden
- Patty attended to October 8th ATF meeting in Coolidge
- Karen and Patty met with Penny Cooper to discuss opportunities to build education cohort classes beginning with English 101.
- Karen and Patty were both nominated for Teacher of the Year (and Alma Barrandey)

BUSINESS AND CIS**Mary Sue DePuy**

- I substituted for Professor Holly Clements' Agricultural Management Course this month, covering some basic economic principles.

David Godley

- The Business Division hosted the CIS and Business ATF meetings this past month.

Distance Education**Carol Rinehart**

- Fall Evaluation for Online Faculty
- DE Advisory Meeting Minutes
- Label equipment purchased with CCRAA grant funds
- Assist students with questions regarding online classes
- Process part-time personnel requisitions
- Process travel for ITN, DE & math grant personnel
- Manage Time & Effort reports
- Order supplies for math grant, ITN & DE
- Substitute ITN operator

Zeke Torres-ITN

- This month we moved monitors to Wellton and should have the Duo video (two monitors; one for the video conference and the other to display graphics)) portion of ITN completed once we run tests to ensure all rooms District wide are functioning as designed.
- Melody worked with the Tandberg techs to ensure our settings are correct on the Codian

MCU/bridge. We were having challenges using the MCU (multi-point control unit) when ITN and VC rooms were used during the same connection.

Jaime Nolasco

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty.
- Assisted with Toro Account Activation for students and reset Webadvisor/Toro Account passwords as needed.
- Assist Francisco Valenzuela by providing assistance to ACCL patrons as well as the lab aide staff.
- Met with instructors in order to assist with issues they needed resolved.
- Responded to calls on the Blackboard Helpdesk line and assisted customers with their needs.

Nicolas Hanhan

- Blackboard email tips
- Blackboard training for Faculty Dates:
- Faculty individual training & support
- Video conversion for CTE
- DE web pages and blog updates
- Online Courses Quality Check

Ernest Yates

- Teacher Training: Course banners
- Worked on Council meeting photos for President's office.
- Provided photo services to publications.
- Working Math and Writing center to create video.
- Provided President's office with visual imagery.
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Helped photo services with photography training.

John Ringland

- Working with faculty members to implement new streaming video service
- Assistance for Faculty in planning, producing, editing, packaging, and publishing audio and video instructional materials
- Individual Faculty Blackboard Assistance
- Documenting Specific Instructional events
- Available for engineering support for ITN
- Preparing to relocate Distance Education Video Studio
- Available to travel for training or assistance at any location in the District

Honors

Events

- Spring Advisement- October 12th- November 4th
- Honors/PTK/Art Club- Art show: 14th in the AS atrium
NAU Flagstaff Visitation: 14th-15th hosted by AWC Honors Alumni, Mary Zuniga. Nine students and the H-Director headed north in a van. Hiked Mt Humphrey Trail part of the way
- National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) Annual Meeting/Conference, 19th-24th in Kansas City, MO. Liz attended two-year college, western regional honors council and teaching and learning committee meetings. On subcommittee to revamp two year college Monograph.
- *Pilot Progress Reports*: October 26th-November 2nd

Honors Council

- Modifications to catalog front matter: discussion on eligibility criteria for entrance to H-program
- 3 year curriculum for honors designated GE courses: to begin fall 2011
- Identified as internal search committee for next H-Director fall 2011-spring 2014
- All USA Scholarship evaluation

Humanities

- Division won the FTSE award for the Fall semester.
- Division full time faculty attended travel presentation on October 6th. Goal of all full time faculty having an AdTrav profile was met.

FINE ARTS DEPT

- Professor Valentin Bogdan designed a new course for the spring semester entitled MUS 099 Intro to Music Business by creating and submitting a course syllabus.
- Professor Chip Straley and the AWC Theatre presented “Once Upon a Mattress” the weekends of October 8th and October 17th. The show also toured some of the Yuma’s middle and junior high schools. As usual no admission was charged, but donations for the food bank and Crossroads Missions were collected.
- Professor Darold Natseway presented the AWC Jazz II and Gila Ridge High School Jazz Band in a free concert on October 7th. Musicians from the college, three high schools and the adult community are part of the AWC Jazz II Band.
- Professor Beth Tibbs (who is on sabbatical) hosted with the Yuma Youth Choir, “Visions of Venice, Memories of Rome”, at the AWC Schoening Conference Center on October 3rd. The presentation was to express gratitude for the phenomenal community support the group has received.
- Professor Angel Luna and the Art Club had a display entitled “Day of the Dead/Dia de Los Muertos: Alter Competition and Display.
- Professor Janet Jones and Kathy Younkens, associate faculty for Music, presented Music under the Moonlight on October 22nd. Associate Dean Jill Loveless was the MC of this event.
- Professor Angel Luna and the AWC League of Artists had an interactive Day of the Dead Wall in the Eatery along with a small mobile altar competition.

MODERN LANGUAGES DEPT

- Professor Juanita Jusino ESL classes wrote “Diamante Poems” celebrating International Writing Day. This served a dual purpose of reviewing the parts of speech and expressing their feelings toward their loved ones. Juanita had Linda Elliott Nelson present the importance of learning English. The students will use the information to write paragraphs expressing reasons and examples as part of the skills to be developed in the course.
- Professor Michelle Faust presented as part of the AWC Hispanic Heritage Month on Main and South Yuma Campuses “Viva La Causa: The Story of Cesar Chavez and a Great Movement for Social Justice.”
- Professor Nancy Blitz and Professor Earl Smith attended the Higher Learning Commission Assessment Workshop in Chicago where the focus of the project was revamping exit assessment exams in technology, writing, and critical thinking for AWC graduates. Nancy also is on the selection committee for the Yuma Community Foundation’s Heart of Yuma awards.

- Professor Kevin Mann presented as part of the AWC Hispanic Heritage Month on Main Campus “Margret Regan: The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona-Mexico Borderlands.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPT

- Professor Sam Metta Bexar presented as part of the AWC Hispanic Heritage Month on Main Campus “Latino Day of Letters: Poetry Reading.”
- Professors Barbara Belobaba and Penny Cooper have worked together combining English 102 classes for study and discussion sessions. The first session involved Steinbeck’s “Chrysanthemums”, the second session centered on Joyce Carol Oates’ “Where are you going, where have you been,” and in the last “together” class on Oedipus the King; Chip Straley joined us to talk about the history of Greek drama.
- Professor Michael Miller served as a panel moderator for the Paul Espinosa Border Film Festival at the Historic Yuma Theatre Saturday, October 2. This event, sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council, the Yuma Art Center, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts features three films produced by Paul Espinosa, a professor and filmmaker with ASU. Michael also published a film review in the city daily newspaper, *The Yuma Sun*: “1981 a Canadian Coming-of-Age Story,” October 7.
- Professor Barbara Belobaba took part in a symposium about Developmental Writing sponsored by McGraw Hill in Clearwater, FL, which provided an opportunity to discuss with college instructors from across the country common challenges and approaches to working with developmental writers. Barbara also participated in a CTE panel discussion about best teaching practices and ways to engage and retain students. This informal format allowed the four panelists to address questions and concerns about instruction identified by associate faculty.
- Professor Ed Schubert has incorporated the Creative Writing Department’s “100 Word Short Story Competition” into ENG 220: Science Fiction, using prose poems by Ron Padgett as a model. The science fiction class participated in “Frankenstein by Candlelight”, which traced back Frankenstein theme to biblical origins.
- Professor Joanne Kruger participated in an on line seminar “Do I teach Process or Punctuation?: Writing Lesson That Provides the Greatest Impact” with Cengage Learning.
- Professor Sam Metta Bexar completed the near-Wagnerian Ring cycle of the WPA self-study, including visit by evaluators. She also went to TYCA conference.
- Professor Donna Taylor’s reading classes in conjunction with Alcohol Awareness Day wrote ten facts that they learned from the presentations. The in class portion was to look up ten myths about alcohol and write a paragraph stating something they learned from the presentation and how they will deal with peer pressure.
- Professor Judith Mattes' students presented a paper based on a site--Idiotica.com. The article supposedly had "facts" about the Civil War including machine guns used by the Confederacy to conquer the Union Troops..that and 'balloon-guided missiles'. The students had to look up the article on idiotica, print it out, highlight the untruths, and then had a discussion as to the usefulness of the Internet. The moral of the story--"Don't believe everything you read."
- Professors Judith Mattes and Donna Taylor held an in-service training for associate faculty of the reading dept entitled “Jazz Up Your Teaching” on Saturday, October 2nd.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Interviewed and hired three new associate faculty for mathematics.

- Selection committee formed for two BIO position announcements (vice McGee and Watkinson). There were 41 applications. Review of applications is underway.
- Met with Dr. Meredith Hay, Provost and Executive Vice President of U of A. Conducted tour and briefing of the new AWC Science and Math facilities.
- Four engineering students have completed requirements for the \$600 TRAX engineering scholarships. Two additional applications are pending.
- Holly Clements attended United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant writing workshop on Oct. 4th 2010. Subsequently, we are pursuing a grant opportunity in the area of food safety.
- Dan Russow and Nene Coulibaly attended the ARIZMATIC conference in Tucson.
- Work continued on application materials for the HIS Cooperative STEM grant.

South Yuma County

- Hosted AWC District Governing Board Meeting
- Discussion on Mariachi classes

Future Activities

Business and Liberal Arts

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Patty Powers

- Continue working with the TTTF – first meeting scheduled for 11/2/10
- Patty to host the Upward Bound 6th graders in November

Honors

- Call for proposals: HON 280 Honors Colloquium spring 2012
- Family Night (November 17th): cultural hula presentation by HON 180 Honors Seminar students
- Adopt a Highway Clean-up: November 22nd and 29th Student Advocate, Megan Springer

Humanities

- Professor Kevin Mann's ESL students will be participating in Family Night with an interactive English writing skills booth entitled Spoke and Word. The students will be facilitating basic composition via low and nontraditional technology.
- Youth Choir will be performing on November 5th at the Phoenix Suns game under the direction of Shirley Ehler, associate faculty of Music.
- AWC Theatre will be performing "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged."
- Professor Ed Schubert will be submitting a proposal for faculty in service: The Bible and Science Fiction.
- *Professor Michael Miller* was one of 10 nominees for the 10th Annual Tribute for the Muses Award given by the City of Yuma Public Art Committee. The award ceremony was held Wed., October 13, at the Yuma Art Center. *He also* writes a monthly film review and hosts the AWC Foundation Film Series, "Thursdays at the Theatre," in the Historic Yuma Theater downtown, in partnership with the City of Yuma Arts and Culture Commission. *Next date: November 4.*

La Paz County

- Quartzsite will hold an open house on Friday, November 5th.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Completion of hiring process for two full time BIO positions mentioned above.
- Completion of final submission for HSI corporative STEM grant mentioned above.
- Continue with Solar Initiative project planning for the college.