

Monthly Achievement Report

Dean of Instruction
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April 29, 2011

Accomplishments:

- Participation with Learning Services Program Review, Honors Program Review, and STEAM Academy

Business and Liberal Arts

Christina Hawkey

- Attended a conference on Orientation Implementation and Curriculum. This conference was in Long Beach, CA and will help implement ORI at AWC.
- We have hosted 2 CUL dinners. One was open to the public and the other was for the Honors Students. Both were great!
- I wrote 2 articles for the Yuma Sun
- Co-hosted an Advisory Committee Meeting for the Paralegal Program. Committee is made up of the public defender's office, the county attorney's office, and private attorneys in Yuma.
- Attended an AWC Foundation Board Meeting.
- Met with UA to design additional 2+2 program with AWC.

Melissa Behunin

- Wrote an article for the family focus
- The GSA4= club that I am the faculty advisor for had a successful Day of Silence event.
- I am scheduled to attend a LGBTQ statewide college meeting on the 29th of this month and present at the Foster Care Foundation Training on the 30th of this month.

David Burris

- This weekend I will attend the American Philosophical Association's annual conference in San Diego, Ca.
- On 4/15 I brought several classes of AWC Religious Studies students to the local Islamic Center for a presentation, Q and A, and a Middle Eastern dinner.

Christopher Barker

- Finished grading short (2,000+ word) essays from all six classes.
- Attended the Honor's Program SWOT Analysis.
- Facilitated and attended a field trip to the Islamic Center of Yuma with my REL 201 students and other AWC instructors & students. Thanks to David Burris for coordinating an excellent event!
- Facilitated the AWC Philosophical Society booth at the Sustainability Fair.

Mo Bahramzadeh

- I had interview with KAWC with respect to current political turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa.(March 18)
- Organize and moderated the Tea Party presentation(April 7)
- Acted as "Introductory scholar & Facilitator " for the author Charles Bowden on his new book "Murder city" (Main Library April 17)

ECE

Judy Watkinson

- Surveys have been distributed for program review. Next job is to analyze
- Judy Watkinson attended and presented at the Coalition for campus childcare conference from April 7th to April 9th in La Jolla
- Advisement for ECE for Fall 11 is underway and the office is busy with an average of two to three students each day!
- Judy, Alma and Luisa are out visiting students completing CDA modules and final CDA as well as students enrolled in "field experience" course.
- Judy attended Child and Family Resources Advisory meeting
- Judy attended The Week of the Young Child Celebration.

Karen Spencer

- I'm working with NAU/Yuma Commencement Speaker for graduation speech
- Attended and participated in SWOT analysis for Honors program review
- Currently serving on AWC graduation committee
- Currently serving on committee to select commencement speaker committee
- I will work with the selected commencement speaker on their graduation speech
- Met with Russ Prust to create a seamless 2 + 2 elementary education program
- Met with District #1 administration to discuss possibilities for future education practicum experiences
- Continue Meeting with Mary Schaal to discover grants that can be written for the Education program
- Hosted leadership dinner for Honors seminar : Team teaching with Liz Renaud (worked with culinary arts)
- Will serve as a debate judge: The Freedom Library Debate to be held on April 26 7-9 pm at Kofa High School auditorium.

BUSINESS AND CIS

Mary Sue Depuy

- In addition to faculty and lead faculty duties, I will be one of three judges at a debate between Kofa and Gila Ridge High School debate teams at the Freedom Library's Annual Recognition and Scholarship Award Ceremony on 26 April.

Distance Education

During the month of April, the Distance Education Department was very busy completing evaluations, preparing Camp Yuma training, developing the DE training brochures, presenting training to a variety of groups and developing rubrics for best practices for distance delivery. In addition, Jana was involved in several grant proposals, attended the CCRAA directors meeting in Washington DC and has been working on updating information for the DE website.

Carol Rinehart

- Collected results for faculty evaluation for over 90 online classes including using adaptive release to ensure good student response. The overall response rate for students was 56% up from last semester.
- Completed and distributed DE Advisory meeting minutes.
- ITN Grids for scheduling.

- Posted ITN grids on Blackboard and Editgrid
- Monitored Blackboard Groups including enrolling users, checking on group statuses and developing content.
- Developed Camp Yuma participant lists.
- Sent emails to all students taking MAT 187 or above regarding the Engineering Celebration on May 6
- Assisted students with questions regarding online classes.
- Process part-time personnel requisitions; requisitions for purchases
- Process travel for ITN & DE personnel
- Order supplies for DE & ITN
- Substitute ITN operator

Zeke Torres-ITN

- We are currently in the process of completing the planning and purchase of the YHS ITN room. This is part of the STEAM project.
- We are also planning/budgeting the (2) VC rooms in the Math/tutoring center.

Jaime Nolasco

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty. This included receiving calls and emails on weekends and evenings and responding when necessary.
- 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.
- Resolve trouble tickets concerning Blackboard as well as help and assist customers with their needs.
- Updated materials for the AWC Distance Education Website.
- Developed training for Camp Yuma, including Basic Blackboard, gradebook, testing, etc.

Nicolas Hanhan

- Provide Blackboard Support for Faculty and Staff including troubleshooting of problems, instructional design support, help with video
- Individual faculty training for BB for faculty from many areas.
- BB student sample course shell developed to improve student orientation and support.
- DE Web pages update.
- DE blog updates
- BB email tips created and sent out to faculty.
- Monitoring of courses.

Ernest Yates

- Photographed for DE
- Working on videos for DE
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Brochure for DE
- Photos for Admin

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

Honors

Administration of services

- H-scholarship awardment for academic year 2011-2012, April 15th via email
 - Full scholarships (\$1050 resident tuition waiver/\$600 book voucher/\$400 meal voucher) fall 2011/spring 2012/fall 2012/ spring 2013: 5
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 - \$1050 Resident tuition waiver fall 2011/spring 2012: 6
- New member/Dean's Letter List: Recruitment and advisement
- Academic Advisement summer 2011/fall 2011: April 4th-May 5th Sign-up on Honors Message Board
- Honors Contract Meetings for summer and fall H-Contracts

Curriculum

- HON 285-001 Honors Capstone Project summer 2011, Prof. Renaud facilitating
- Fall Honors Curriculum
 - ENG 241-002H English Literature, Jane Williams
 - MAT 119-001H Math Across Cultures, Dan Russow

Events/Activities

- PTK club meetings: Wednesdays from 12:30-1:15pm in LR conference room
- PTK: Relay for Life Luminaria Sales April 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, across campus
- Honors Program SWOT analysis: Friday, April 8th in CD 403
- Honors Seminar Leadership Dinner: April 12th from 7-9:30pm at the LR Fountain
- Honors/PTK Leadership Award Nomination Process and evaluation: April 11th-28th. Leader will be recognized at Honors Convocation and will give the faculty address.
- Transitional Director Presentation by Prof. Ted Martinez: Monday, April 25th from 4:30-5pm in LR Conference Room
- PTK Relay for Life Team Meeting: April 27th from 4-4:30pm in Honors Program Office
- PTK: Spring 2011 Induction Ceremony from 12:15-1:30pm, grassy lawn east of LR building
- Honors/PTK Relay for Life: April 30th - May 1st at Desert Sun Stadium.

Administration of services

- H-scholarship application deadline for academic year 2011-2012, March 3rd, 4pm
 - High school: 17
 - AWC continuing H-members: 15
 - Current AWC students: 6
- H-scholarship evaluation by H-Council 3/14-3/24.
- New member/Dean's Letter List: Recruitment and advisement
- H-contract midterm progress reports via email
- H-members progress report wk 6-7
- H-faculty & mentor/advisor compensation

Curriculum

- HON 280-001 Honors Colloquium, Spring 2012: awarded to Prof. Burris and Prof. Villa "Science and Religion." Days, times and room assignment to be determined by faculty availability and processed through BLAD office.

Events/Activities

- PTK club meetings: Wednesdays from 12:30-1:15pm in LR conference room
- PTK: Nacho sale fundraiser at AWC Transfer Fair, Thursday, March 8th
- Honors/PTK: Adopt a Highway Clean up. Friday, March 11th from 8:30am-12 noon, Fortuna Road
- Honors Family Fun Day BBQ, March 11th from 12 noon-3pm, LR fountain
- PTK: Hot dog and nacho sale fundraiser March 16th during lunch hour, LR atrium
- Honors/PTK: Barnes and Nobles Takeover, Saturday, March 19th all day. 10% of sales for the event funds Honors Seminar: Leadership Dinner
- Honors/PTK: Advocacy and Recruitment tables across campus, Tuesday, March 22nd from 12 noon – 1:30pm.

Humanities

Fine Arts Dept:

- Professors Angel Luna, Brad Pease, and Bill Blomquist took art students to San Diego to tour art museums.
- AWC art students participated in Art Beat in the Yuma community. The AWC art students held an on campus sale during the month.
- AWC Theatre presented Queen Lear and The Vagina Monologues during the month of April. Over 200 pounds of food were donated to the Yuma Food Bank and 33 bags of clothing to the Crossroads Mission.
- Auditions for fall 2011 "The Baby and the Bathwater" were held on April 19th and 20th. The AWCTheatre assisted in the Annual Sustainability Fair this month.
- Professor Chip Straley took 31 theatre students to San Diego to see a professional production. Professor Straley also reported that three of his AWC Theatre students were hired to perform in three commercials in the Yuma area. One of the commercials was a voice spot for the current AWC advertisement.
- Professor Angel Luna welcomed guest artist Glenn Grishkoff this past month, who did presentations with the art students and the children learning lab.

- Professor Angel Luna and Bill Blomquist presented at AWC Foundation discovery lunch. Angel, Bill, and associate faculty George Tomkins also worked on buckets for operation “Easter Bucket.”
- Professor Valentin Bogdan’s piano students preformed a recital at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in the Yuma community.

Communications Dept:

- Professor Ellen Riek co-sponsored the AWC Writing Center & NAU-Yuma Science Club “Student Showcase: Presentations, Performances, & Praxis.” This was with great support from Professor Brad Pease, Fine Arts Instructor and his graphic arts students.
- Associate Faculty Porchia Moore has been accepted into the doctoral program for Cultural Heritages and Information Leadership at the University of South Carolina. This is the first of its kind in the nation. Porchia was awarded a fellowship which will cover her tuition.
- Northern Arizona poet, Christopher Lane, was on campus April 27. He gave a reading and performance. This event was sponsor by the Creative Writing School.
- The Creative Writing School celebrated National Poetry Month by inviting former AWC professors David Coy and Porchia Moore to read selected poems.
- Professor Donna Taylor continues her Bible study group with students. She has accepted being the advisor for a new student club “The Polynesian Club.”
- Professor Ed Schubert has being experimenting with soft Mozart music playing in the background as students work independently in his English 100 class. Ed’s English 102 class did Shakespeare in the park and poetry readings at Starbucks.

Modern Languages Dept:

- Associate faculty Mark Fuhrmann was nominated as YUSD teacher of the year. Mark teaches ESL classes for AWC in South Yuma County.
- Professor Steven Lund was a presenter on ways for language teachers to get back in the shoes of beginning language students at the SWCOLT (Southwest Conference on Language Teaching) conference in Ft. Worth, Texas. He also represented Fulbright programs at the conference as a former Fulbright alum and current Fulbright Ambassador.

La Paz County

Upward Bound - Number of Student contacts during the month of April, 2011: 102

T.V. Services/Tech - TV Services produced 12 shows this month. We will be starting a new show this summer that is called “The Voices of the River” This will be put on by the tribes, which helps us keep our partnership healthy with them. For the most part ITN has run smoothly, we lost a day and night with Quartzsite classes which was resolved within 24 hours by APS.

Quartzsite - Zumba and Piano Keyboarding classes are going strong. The center received a \$335 donation from the local VFW (Post 769) and will be purchasing three more keyboards and five ear phone sets for the keyboarding class. Eileen has been helping new students get their FAFSA’s completed and prepare for registration. She also served on the selection committee for PUSD teacher of the year and attended the Dreams to Reality Meetings. Salome High School seniors are scheduled to meet next week at the Quartzsite Center for placement testing and

registration for fall semester. There will also be some career related workshops with local Jr. High students next week.

La Paz Learning Services:

March 24th – Hosted the STEAM meeting for La Paz County

April 5th – Met with BUA department on BUA program in La Paz

April 6th – Jill Loveless visited faculty in La Paz

April 6th – Met with APS representatives concerning solar energy programs in La Paz

April 13th – Meeting with Denise Perez from the Women’s Crisis Center

April 15th – Fire Academy Graduation – Marcus Johnson was in attendance

April 19th – Interview for La Paz Math position

April 20th – AWC was represented at the Local Workforce Development Board meeting

Science, Math, and Agriculture

The AWC Sustainability fair was a major on-campus event held April 21, 2011. The event promoted recycling, green energy, sustainability and good environmental practice. The attendance was at least doubled from last year. Professor Ted Martinez was instrumental in setting up this very successful event.

- AWC Agricultural Department donated 8,298 lbs of citrus to the Yuma Community food bank.
- Professor Holly Clements hosted the Yuma District FFA Career Development day on April 15, 2011.
- Our land laboratory (field) was utilized by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension to conduct research on bird repellent.
- Professor Holly Clements coached a local Envirothon Team on soil science topics.
- Professor Rakesh Pangasa received a trophy representing a quality award for his organization and fostering of the AWC entry in the Arizona regional robotics competition.
- The AWC AMATYC mathematics competition awards ceremony was held on April 27, 2011. Of 3000 student participants nationwide, the AWC team achieved the 4th best team score in Arizona and the 9th best score in the Southwest region. Individual student winners are at AWC are Daniel Lopez (1st place), Vinh Duong (2nd place), and Ashley Montague (3rd place).
- Professors Holly Clements and James Williams participated in the Semester Agricultural Advisory meeting held at AWC on April 26, 2011.
- Professor Paul Koblas set up a telescope at Otondo School for the District-wide Star Party on April 19, 2011. He helped hundreds of people of all ages view Saturn through the telescope. Everyone who looked through the telescope was amazed to see Saturn and its beautiful rings. The event was well attended by local students, citizens and representatives of the Science Foundation of Arizona.
- Environmental Science students have taken a two day canoe trip through Black Canyon on the Colorado River, toured the Hoover dam facility and examined human impacts on the environment.
- An ornithology student field trip to Madera Canyon was conducted.

South Yuma County

No report

Future Activities

- Complete Spring 2011 Semester
- Graduation Events and Activities
- Collection of Final Grades for Spring 2011
- Summer Semester Begins

Humanities

Fine Arts Dept:

- Professor Valentin Bogdan will perform a recital in order to raise funds for the AWC Piano Scholarship Fund in May. He will be joined by Dr. Julia Mortyakova, in a performance featuring repertoire from four-hands medium.

Modern Languages:

- Professor Liza Martinez will be attending the TESOL academy conference in Falls Church VA in June.

Communications:

- Professor Ed Schubert English 101 will be doing a unit at the end of the semester entitled "Utopia on \$5 a Day." The students will engage in a proposed utopian society with one basic ground rule: they may not assume unlimited prosperity (e.g., unlimited free health care for everyone), but must distribute limited resources fairly.

La Paz County

- Represent AWC's interest on the La Paz Economic Development Project, Town of Parker projects, Workforce Development, and the Lower Colorado River RC&D
- Improve Student Services in La Paz
- Continue efforts to develop ways to extend the college's offering into the outlying areas of La Paz
- Facilitate new growth at Parker & Quartzsite
- Develop New Classes and Build Enrollment
- Develop new strategies for registration problems in Quartzsite & Salome

Science, Math, and Agriculture

Continuing the coordination and initiatives with the STEAM academy initiative with Yuma High and San Luis school districts.

- Implementation of an international field trip to the country of Belize for a cadre of AWC and NAU science students.
- Final review and submission of the HIS STEM grant submission.
- Wrap-up of this Spring semester and plan/implement actions for the Summer session and Fall semester.