

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction

Linda Elliott-Nelson

August 31, 2011

Accomplishments:

- Orientation for full-time and associate faculty – presentations, meetings, debrief
- Articulation agreements
- STEAM Academy – grant, presentations, scheduling, processes
- Faculty meetings – Quartzsite, Parker, Main Campus

Business and Liberal Arts

Christina Hawkey

- Attended the CDLL Welcome Back Breakfast
- Attended the Camp Yuma Breakfast
- Finalized the dates for Field to Feast with the Yuma Visitor's Bureau
- Presented at New Faculty Orientation
- Presented at New Associate Faculty Orientation
- Hired a Logistics teacher for manage the LGS internships
- Attended a Student Services Luncheon
- Worked with the lead faculty and coordinators on which classes will become Writing Intensive for our division
- Presented at a meeting for the STEM Grant

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Melissa Behunin

- Wrote an article for the family focus

David Burris

- Presented at the faculty start up meeting.

Aryca Arizaga-Marron

- Sherri Bellefeuille, Marketing Director of Outreach and Global Initiatives at the University of Arizona is conducting a story on the 2+2 AWC / UA FSHD program. The story will be featured in a University of Arizona publication and/or website. She and the UA FSHD department are also interested in following the student's progress as case studies.
- The Family Development Credential is being offered this fall at AWC main campus.

Christopher Barker

- Attended New Faculty Orientation as a second-year panel member.
- Interviewed with KAWC regarding NCPACE (teaching on the USS BULKELEY) this past summer.
- Facilitated the Social Sciences Department Start-up Meeting.
- Completed the Social Sciences Spring '12 grids!
- Completed columns 1-3 for Philosophy in ACRES.
- Completed Datatel training.
- Classes are off to a great start!

CDLL

- Hosted our Parent Orientation for children attending the school for the fall. We had 26 parents attend.
- Conducted our annual pre-service for staff prior to the start of the school year. Staff completed training on Nutrition, Physical Activity, Curriculum, Assessment, Emergency Procedures, Blood Borne Pathogens, CPR/First Aid, Sun Safety, Team Building, Hand Washing, and Diaper Changing.
- Is fully enrolled; we currently have 6 infants, 10 one year olds, 12 two year olds and 21 preschoolers. The parents have turned in receipts for payment as part of our new procedures to ensure timely payments from all parents at the CDLL.
- The **Lead Teachers at the CDLL** attended joint training with the CPLC Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program teachers delivered by Teaching Strategies on the updated Creative Curriculum and Gold Assessment Series. This was at no cost to our program and great community building.
- Purchased the newly Updated Creative Curriculum sets and Gold Assessment sets for each classroom.
- Has one internship student completing her hours in the preschool room.
- Will host a student teacher from NAU during the second 8 weeks of the Fall semester in the preschool room.
 - Ben Behunin is teaching 5 CDA Modules
 - Gloria Renteria is teaching 6 CDA Modules
 - Alma Barrandey is teaching 9 credits in CDA and ECE

Alison Keough

- Had a total of 11 students this month completing classroom assignments and volunteering at the CDLL.
- We had two representatives from Easter Seals come to visit during the month of July to tour the facility and discuss Special Needs programs and possibilities in our community.

Alma Barrandey and **Judy Watkinson** attended the WACOG Head Start Pre service program conducted at AWC in the conference Center and presented the ECE program and provided advisement for the teachers and teacher assistants.

Vicki Lamott and 4 of her staff visited from Yavapai Community College Child Development Lab School, to tour the program and discuss classroom skills and curriculum with the CDLL staff.

Alison Keough met **Laurie Black** to discuss how we can utilize nutrition students and interns within the CDLL and enhance their learning through the early childhood connection.

ECE

Judy Watkinson

- ECE is booming! At least 6 sections of our core courses are full and on top of that the remainder are almost full!!
- The CDA program is also extremely active with sections populated from San Luis to Parker!
- Alma Judy and Susie completed advisement at the WACOG Head Start orientation day held here on campus
- Judy attended advisory committee meetings for Child and Family Resources and for The

Early Head Start Family childcare initiative spear-headed by Chicanos for La Causa

- We have a meeting on Monday to discuss making ECE 240 a writing intensive course.
- We have counseled 50 students from the end of July through this date. Many of these consultations can take at least an hour. We have also counseled students at meetings and at off sites that are not included in this count.
- We have a wonderful story to tell about “Full Circle” Judy has a student in her Child Growth and Development class who was a student with her in the pre- school back in 1993.

Distance Education

August is always an extremely busy month for the Distance Education department. We began the month with Camp Yuma for over thirty participants. We divided the groups into two tracks this year: beginners and advanced users. Our focus was quality and how to take our online courses and other Blackboard content to the next level. Feedback from the sessions shows a very positive response.

Our staff also participated in faculty start-up providing sessions on Blackboard, the gradebook, online attendance features and other areas as requested.

We compiled the results from our summer student satisfaction survey. We had nearly 300 responses and students are very pleased with our online programs and courses. We will use the pilot experience as we roll-out the survey for all online students every semester, giving them a chance to comment and let us know how we can improve.

We also geared up for Fall semester including updating materials, helping faculty and reviewing courses. Online course numbers and demand continue to grow – with 25% increase in FTSE this fall so our small staff needs to be creative in scheduling support and helping both faculty and students.

The draft of the rubric for self-evaluation of online courses was completed and presented to the deans. We will be taking this to the Distance Education Advisory Committee and then piloting the process later this semester.

Finally, we provided information and documentation to the auditor related to the CCRAA which will formally be completed the end of September. We are gearing up to write the reports to send to the Department of Education reporting on this grant.

Carol Rinehart

- Coordinated Camp Yuma August 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8, including developing materials, arranging rooms, food, and training and other logistics.
- Postsecondary Distance Education project-contacting all the states inquiring about each states rules and regulations on offering online courses...and it continues.
- Early Alert Program-contacted students that did not log into blackboard after the 1st week of class
- ITN Grids for scheduling
- Posted ITN grids on Blackboard and Edit Grid. Updated Edit Grid with ITN changes
- Monitored Blackboard Groups including enrolling users, checking on group statuses and developing content

- Assisted many students with questions regarding online classes
- Process part-time personnel requisitions; requisitions for purchases
- Process travel for DE & ITN personnel
- Order supplies for DE & ITN
- Substitute ITN operator

Zeke Torres-ITN

- Completed AS 110 Geology ITN room, and the conference room in SC 115.
- The Yuma High School ITN room is complete but we are waiting on the T1 connection to ensure connectivity between Main Campus and YHS.

Jaime Nolasco

- Created and delivered training to groups of faculty
- Assisted and participated in Camp Yuma.
- 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.
- Provided front-end blackboard support to DE offices and faculty.

Nicolas Hanhan

- Created training materials for Camp Yuma. Trained groups of faculty.
- Blackboard training session San Luis August 22
- Blackboard Training Parker August 25
- Provide Blackboard Support for Faculty and Staff
- Individual faculty training for BB
- Helped faculty with video conversion
- DE Web pages update.
- DE blog updates
- BB email tips

Ernest Yates

- Photography for Admin
- Developed STEAM project multimedia
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning
- Developed training and support material for Camp Yuma
- Solar Array imagery

John Ringland

- Developed workshops for Camp Yuma
- Travel to San Luis & Parker for Blackboard training
- Testing Adobe Connect software
- 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

Ted Martinez is the new Honors Program Director.

Humanities

Fine Arts Department

From Professor Chip Straley:

- Performed in and provided technical assistance for the Dancemaker's production of "Annie."
- Continued Rehearsal for the 2011 fall student production of "The Baby with the Bathwater."
- Began a College wide food drive.
- Began teaching stage combat on Thursday afternoons to Gila Ridge High School students.
- Auditioned for three AWCTheatre 2011 fall productions – "Matadors of Comedy," "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," and "Stand and Deliver."
- Performed in "Wyatt Earp Days" and continued to lead "The Yuma Vigilantes" wild-west reenactment group.

Modern Languages Department

- Professor Steven Lund has been selected as the Humanities Division Advisor.

Communications Department

- Professor Ellen Riek reports that the Writing Center and CTE co-hosted a writing workshop for faculty, "Designing & Assessing Writing Assignments" in August.
- Professor Joanne Krueger has begun her new role as Chair of the Curriculum Committee. Joanne also has been an advisor for a new campus club called, "AWC Classic Book Club."
- *Professor Michael Miller* published a film review on Aug. 18 in the city daily newspaper, *The Yuma Sun*, titled "Peaks and Valleys: Soccer symbolic of South American strife," as well as on its web site at <http://www.yumasun.com/entertainment/manuel-72272-soccer-one.html>.
- Professor Ed Davis blogged about the following local eateries: Pollos El Correteado, Rossy's, El Buen Taquito, Taqueria Reyes, Asian Star (2 posts), Tudor's Beanery, and (at the very end of April) El Zarape. <http://mmm-yoso.typepad.com/mmm-yoso/yuma/>.

La Paz County

Talent Search

Set up a booth at the PUSD Faculty meeting and gave out literature and information regarding our program. I've also presented to the Faculty at PHS, WJH and LePera. I have also done brief introductions/presentations of our program at the open houses for WJH and WES.

We have begun our 6th grade recruiting for the new year.

Our first activity for the Fall, for seniors, is at AWC Yuma on September 27.

Upward Bound :

- Number of Student contacts during the month of August 2011: 47
- Upcoming events, activities and important dates:
 - Services provided by Upward Bound This Month (Parker High School students)

SERVICE	STUDENT NAME(S)	PROVIDED BY:
Tutoring/Homework	5	PHS athletics
Supplemental Instruction	9	Andy
Personal Counseling	5	Andy
Study Skills	10	Andy
Career planning		
Test Prep		
College/visitation		
Financial Aid		
Teacher/Parent Contact	2	Andy
essays, scholarships,		

14: Parent /Teacher Conferences, PHS

24: UB Saturday Activity, AWC Main Campus, Yuma

T.V. Services/Tech

- We are still experiencing outages with Quartzsite which affected all connectivity.
- TV services have produced 6 shows this month and the new video conference room is being booked on a regular basis.

La Paz Learning Services:

Quartzsite:

- Participated in the district wide Advising Services meeting the morning of 8/10 and our associate faculty participated in the faculty start up meeting with Linda E. Nelson on the same day. Attended Dreams to Reality Planning Committee meetings on 8/3 & 8/25 and both Kimberly and Eileen attended the Academic Services meeting with Linda E. Nelson on the afternoon of 8/25. Eileen presented a presentation on “Why go to college – why attend AWC?” for a freshman career exploration class at Salome High School on 8/24 and will be returning to do a follow up presentation “preparing for college” on 9/7. We have two S.H.S. students taking online classes with us and Eileen met with them today at the high school to review some items like using online tutoring/library services, student policies on academic standards, etc. The plan is to continue meeting with them (at least on a monthly basis) to give them assistance and to make sure they are being successful in their courses.
- **Quartzsite FTSE is up by 27.8%!**

Parker:

- Started classes and from the numbers coming in it appears enrollment is down. I believe by FTSE it will be up due to late start classes and number not yet factored in such as our Fire

Academy.

- On August 5th Daniel Barajas and Larry Lebsock came up and we met with Betsey Parker from our J-Ted and representatives from PUSD on dual credit.
- On August 10 we had our facility start up meeting and Linda Elliott-Nelson and Dr. Soulsby attended.
- Attended the main campus facility start up on August 12th.
- Work on the Red Ribbon Campaign for La Paz

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Renee Macaluso..... PARCC statewide higher education faculty network Representative
- Anne Gallagher and Dahwei Chang will represent us at part of the AZ Adult Education Mathematics Alignment Team (AZ Department of Education)..... as part of the national effort to increase the successful transition of postsecondary education for increasing numbers of adults, the focus of Arizona Adult Education's Standards development work during FY 2012 will be to ensure alignment between Arizona's world class adult education standards and the Common Core State Standards for College and Career Readiness (CCSS)
- Dr. Rakesh Pangasa STEAM Engineering Summers Institute



- Attended Heritage Grant Workshop 8/25 – Ted Martinez, Cecilia Vigil, April Young in representation of Dr. Kevin Young
- Dr. George Montopoli and Dr. Cecilia Vigil – completed selection of 2nd NSF –Desert Cohort. Represented by 17 students majoring in Biology and Environmental Science
- Alyssa Haygood has completed application for permit from AZ Game and Fish Department, to hold pupfish at AWC and in conjunction with Prof. Ted Martinez, has ordered all the components needed to renovate fish tank – which will display endangered pupfish in main entrance at AS building.
- Professors Joseph Mitchell, Dahwei Chang, Lauryn Geritz worked during the summer and into the fall as part of the math screening committee for three math positions. Their diligent work and recommendation has led to the hiring of Dr. Amon Gabrielmichael and Prof. Bret Peterson at South County; and Prof. Robert Senzer at La Paz County
- Professors Joseph Mitchell, Zoe Hawk, Joann Chang, and Kevin Young where part of the screening committee that lead to the hiring of Dr. Blanca Simmons for the one-year Temporary full-time Biology Position
- Prof. Samuel Shearrow has been hired as a one-semester full-time mathematics professor for main campus
- Prof. Scott Donnelly – chemistry area hallway presentation.....
- Professors John Kink, Joann Chang, Sotero Alvarado, Fred Croxen, Miguel Sanchez, Charles

Godfrey, Theodore Martinez participating as mentors for new faculty hires



- Professor Miguel Sanchez was interviewed by local newspaper Bajo El Sol “Professor helps students conquer their fear of math”
- Dr. Kevin Young – has been performing horned lizard surveys and telemetry work to assist University of Arizona with a project they have on the Barry M. Goldwater Range associated with the Joint Strike Fighter project.
- Prof. Scott Donnelly attended National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) weeklong workshop on freshwater nautical archaeology in Alpena, MI on the west shores of upper Lake Huron.
- Dr. Francisco Villa and Dr. Joann Chang advising the AWC Science-Club
 - 8/13 - Organized and planned a Science Club booth for Welcome Night for new and returning AWC students (August, 13th). Had Science Club students demonstrate solar cells and the effects of dry ice in water.
 - First club meeting Monday 8/29
- Dr. Francisco Villa - Collaboration Study: Working with a professor at Monravian College in Pennsylvania for doing a comparison study of students at AWC with those in Pennsylvania. Got IRB approval for study and administered the first survey to my students. Planning on doing a live connection with students in Pennsylvania in November.
- Dr. Francisco Villa - Biology Education Study: Finished manuscript and submitted an original research article to CBE-Life Sciences Education for publication. Collaborating with researchers at San Diego State University, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and Westminster College in Pennsylvania.

South Yuma County

No Report this month

Future Activities

- Begin planning of Fall 2012 Schedule

Business and Liberal Arts

CDLL

Alison Keough

- The CDLL in conjunction with the ECE program will continue working on the Program Review. We are exploring some ideas to more firmly mesh the ECE program within the CDLL.
- The CDLL continues to work to open our final classroom and be able to provide 20 more spaces in the CDLL.
- We will be implementing the new Assessment system for Creative Curriculum during the

Fall Semester.

Honors

- Planning for Honors students activities and events, honors classes and honors student recognition

Humanities

- Professor Angel Luna art will be featured in the Social Justice juried show at the Baltimore Clayworks in October.
- Art Gallery Reception will take place on September 8th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.
- Professor Chip Straley is planning for the upcoming “Dr. Curall’s Original and Bona Fide medicine Show and Old West Extravaganza,” which will arrive in Yuma in early November. Chip’s acting students will be performing in Two River’s Renaissance Faire in February 2012.
- The Writing Center and CTE will offer the workshop entitled, “Designing and Assessing Writing Assignments in September for faculty that could not attend the August workshop.
- Professor Michael Miller writes a monthly film review for and introduces the screenings of 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: Sept. 1st.*