

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction

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June 30, 2011

Accomplishments:

- 580 students were sent the Dean's List letter for this spring. That represents an increase of 12% from the spring of 2010 (520). This represents students who completed at least 12 credits during Spring 2011 who maintained a 3.5 GPA.

Business and Liberal Arts

- Aryca Arizaga Marron was hired as a full time (1 year temporary) Professor of Family Studies. Aryca attended training to become certified to teach the classes for the Family Development Credential Program.
- Liz Renaud moved to the Child Development Learning Lab.
- Karen Spencer has moved to the AC Building in an effort to increase communication between AWC and NAU's Education Program.
- Hospitality dual credit articulations with Yuma Union High School District were revised.
- Discussion with Yuma Visitor's Bureau to plan 2012 Field to Feast Program.
- Kim Childs, our culinary student, competed at the National Skills USA Competition in Kansas City.
- Linda Reeser was hired as co-lead for BUS/CIS.
- Jane Peabody and Christina Hawkey toured the Parker Campus.
- Lynn LaBrie, Rick Keeling, and Christina Hawkey met to discuss the current status of Logistics.
- Travel Committee for BLAD was formed for 2011-2012 academic year.
- Classes for STEAM Academy were added to the Fall Schedule.
- Family Studies presentation at National Family and Consumer Science Conference in Phoenix.
- Presentation on Strength-Based Education at NISOD.
- Melissa Behunin taped four cooking segments for KAWC TV to promote Healthy Yuma.
- Laurie Black is working with Healthy Yuma to promote community nutrition.
- Fitness Center storage areas are being cleared for additional fitness equipment.

Humanities

The Division is in the process of hiring two full time instructors in the areas of Speech and English.

MODERN LANGUAGES:

- Professor Liza Martinez attended the TESOL academy conference in Falls Church, VA.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Professor Mizaba Abedi presented at the ALP (Accelerated Learning Program) conference in Baltimore, MD.
- Professor Stephen Moore attended the ADE (Association of Departments of English)

conference in Chicago, IL.

- Professor Penny Cooper attended NISOD conference in Austin, TX.
- Professor Sam Metta Bexar of Communications and Professor Michelle Faust of Modern Languages completed a proposal of Latina/o Literature in the US class to be cross-listed in English and Spanish. The class will be offered in Spring 2012.

FINE ARTS DEPT:

Professor Angel Luna was notified his work will be feature this fall in a book entitled "Modern Sculptors" by Schaffer Publishing, Nelabooks.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Math Professors Renee Macaluso and Anne Gallagher traveled to West Point, NY through an NSF grant funded project at the Mathematics Department of the Military Academy of West Point. The focus of the week-long workshop was to learn about innovative teaching strategies and to put together a plan for professional development for the math department. Teams of 2 from all over the United States attended the workshop.
- Subsequent to the workshop above, Anne and Renee put together a plan for beginning "Brown Bag" lunches once a month where the math faculty will share innovative teaching strategies and teaching activities. They will also meet with Nancy Blitz of the CTE in order to identify potential additional technology workshops designed specifically for the math faculty. In addition, they will enhance the Blackboard *Math in Action* shell to include posting of resources for all levels of math as a way to enhance collaboration and dissemination of materials.
- We have placed five agriculture students in local industry internships. Three students have shadowed industry members. One student left for an internship with Walt Disney World's Epcot Center. Several have received scholarship funds worth over \$1000.
- Professor Rakesh Pangasa attended a CAPSIM training seminar that focused on course design, student behavior, teaching methods, assignments and rubrics. Embedded in the learning experience were tools to assess and determine the assurance of the learning process for accreditation. Participants were organized into teams and worked through the simulation as both students and teachers.
- Professor Fred Croxen hosted a 6th grade class to on June 13, 2011 to view the geosciences lab, the PaleoLab, and expose them to Google Earth in AS-103.
- Professor Croxen will travel on June 22, 2011 with Jon Archuleta of KYMA to Imperial Valley to start filming a three-part series on earthquakes in the Yuma area.

South Yuma County

San Luis had student orientations and group advising on June 7, 9, 14, and 16. Approximately 30 students attended each session of 2-3 hours.

Future Activities

- Onboarding of new administrators
- Continued hiring of faculty for Fall 2011
- Planning for Fall 2011 semester and startup

Business and Liberal Arts

- Lynn LaBrie, Rick Keeling, and Christina Hawkey will travel to Pima Community College to discuss the LGS Program.
- Fitness Center Staff Training will be held in Parker.
- Continued discussion with NAU concerning articulation of EDU.
- Hire lead faculty for Social Science Department.
- Daniel Barajas and Carlos Figari will meet with Christina to explain the ENT Program.
- BLAD Leadership to tour South County Campus.
- Plan for BLAD Leadership Training to be held in August.
- Finalize Fall Schedule
- Discussion with SMAG and culinary students to plant herb garden.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

Continuing the coordination and initiatives regarding the STEAM academy with Yuma High and San Luis school districts. Professor Anne Gallagher will continue the effort of Mr. Billy Laguna as STEAM coordinator since his contract will expire June 30, 2011.

- Completing all aspects of Summer course offerings as well as planning for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.
- The Interim Associate Dean for Science, Mathematics and Agriculture, Dr. Cecilia Vigil, will assume division leadership responsibility from Anthony Bottone beginning July 1, 2011. Tony Bottone passed away on June 27, 2011.

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San Luis will be holding more student orientations and supporting main campus student orientation.