

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction
Linda Elliott-Nelson
March 25, 2010

Accomplishments:

- Facilitated input of FTSE (13% increase from Spring 2009)
- Facilitated input of Midterm grades
- Facilitated four year degree checklists for AWC to NAU-Yuma plans
- Interviewed candidates for Associate Dean for Science, Math & Ag Division
- Submitted Summer 2010 Schedule
- Began planning for Spring 2011 Schedule
- Discussed plan for yearly objectives 2010-2011
- Panel facilitator for pre-conference: *The Border: From Barrier to Bridge*

Business and Liberal Arts

Mathew Anderson

Finalized and wrote recommendation for Prior learning assessment to Dr. Linville. Completed midterm grades. Class observation of Peter Lhotka. Finalized summer 2010 schedule.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Peter Lhotka

- 1) Served on a panel discussion concerning vegetarianism organized by an Honors Colloquium student, Zuzana Tenkratova. We were joined by Mo and Dr. Carl Myers for a stimulating discussion about lifestyle, diet, environmental and political concerns.
- 2) Completed the Billiards class with a trick shot exhibition and a magic show by one of the students in the class.

Christina Hawkey

Wrote for the Yuma Sun. Was a presenter at the Transfer Fair. Completed the FCS Program Review. Was a presenter for the CTE Associate Faculty Seminar.

WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Jane Peabody

Discover lunch with foundation. To raise awareness of our department and needs. We have also discussed future events with the foundation and look forward to working more with them on several events in the summer and fall. Wellness fair Be Fit Yuma to be held in the gym on March 27th. The fair is to promote total wellness, body, mind and soul. We will be having our massage therapy students doing chair massages. Our student nurses will be checking blood pressures. We have approx. 18 vendors setting up tables. Our students will be doing demos of our classes. Those that visit the fair and bring in non-perishable food items for Crossroads Mission will be entered into a raffle for prizes such as massage sessions, skin care, exercise equipment, and gift cards. All items donated by members of the community. I have appeared on KYMA and KTTI to promote our event and department. We have also been featured in the Yuma Sun. We have also ordered two more pieces of equipment for the fitness center.

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Nancy Meister

- March 11 Provided premium (two tickets to Culinary Arts Dinner) for the KAWC Spring Pledge Drive
- March 12 Focus on Writing Committee Meeting
- March 19 nine young men from Cibola High School and one young man from Kofa learned how to make muffins in a Session for Non-Traditional Career Fair
- March 20 Culinary Arts students made Desserts for Dr. vs. Dr. Event

BUSINESS AND CIS

Charles Balch

- Speaker, Future of the Future National Symposium co-sponsored by NAU and AWC
- Became a captain in Toms Hardware Forums. Tom's Hardware is one of the most respected websites for technical review of current consumer hardware.
- Panelist for AWC Transfer Day Student Planning Symposium
- Wrote "Hidden costs of owning a computer" and "Third Stage of the Industrial Revolution" articles for the Yuma Sun
- Organized a training session with lunch for CIS faculty to review new technology for delivering content.

Distance Education

Jana Moore

- Finalizing Title V proposal for resubmission
- Attended the International Technology & Persons w/Disabilities Conference in San Diego 3/24-3/26. Idea is to introduce the technology information obtained at the conference in the Math Lab and the Writing Center.

John Ringland

- Presented **Bringing Multimedia to Your Classroom** in the new Math Building sponsored by the CTE – 15 Faculty participants
- Produced video segments for **How to Write an Essay** with Penelope Cooper, Barbara Belobaba, Steve Moore, and Ellen Riek
- Edited video for **Disaster Planning Conference Presentation** for Betsy Gottsponer
- Prepared video segments for classroom use for Mo Bahramzadeh
- Prepared student presentations for Blackboard review for Karen Spencer
- Deployed **Early Assistance Videos** across all Blackboard shells

Nicolas Hanhan

- Blackboard email tips
- Blackboard training for faculty
 - Dates: March 2, 9, 18, 20, 23 & 30
- Blackboard Training Yuma Medical Center with Jaime March 9
- Faculty individual training
- Blackboard Video Tutorials
- Video Conversion to Flash
- DE web pages updates
- DE blog updates
- Attended “Telling Ain’t Training” Conference March 15 -16

Carol Rinehart

- Compiled Spring 2010 online faculty evaluation information into database (for CTE)
- Assist students with questions about 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

Jaime Nolasco

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty
- Blackboard Training, Yuma Medical Center, with Nick on March 9
- Assisted with Toro Account Activation for students and reset their 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

Ernest Yates

- Provided photo services to publications
- Working with Facilities to build graphic support structures
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning
- Helped photo services with camera equipment and some training
- Creating BB9 training for faculty

Zeke Torres-ITN

- ITN is in the process of replacing the Broadcast Operations Technician (BOT) position.
- We are also in the planning process of installing a video conferencing room in AS 118. Shortly thereafter, we will install a VC room in the Parker Conference Room.

Honors**Administration of services**

- H-scholarship application deadline for academic year 2010-2011, March 11th, 12 noon
 - High school: 19
 - AWC continuing H-members: 18
 - Current AWC students: 1
- New member/Dean's Letter List: Recruitment and advisement
- H-contract midterm progress reports via email
- H-faculty & mentor/advisor compensation

Curriculum

- HON 280-001 Honors Colloquium, Spring 2011: awarded to Dr. Goethals and Prof. Martinez "Environmental Ethics in a Global Society." Days, times and room assignment to be determined by faculty availability and processed through BLAD office.
- Fall 2010
 - ENG 101-028H (3) Freshman Comp. MW 10:50am-12:05pm D. Fregozo
 - MAT 142-002H (3) College Math with Applications* MW 10:50am-

12:05pm N. Coulibaly (* day/time changed to integrate Illuminate and Smartboard)

- *Negotiating* ARH 141-001H (3) Survey of World Art 1 MW 8am-9:15am A. Luna
- PHI 220-001H (3) Medical Ethics T 5:55pm-8:35pm S. Goethals
- ANT 130-002H (3) Cultural Anthropology M 9:25am-12:05pm S. Gardner
- ENV 101-002H (4) Environmental Science TTh 9:25am-12:05pm I. Watkinson
- HON 180-001 (1) Honors Seminar T 12:15pm-1:30pm E. Renaud
- HON 180-002 (1) Honors Seminar independent study E. Renaud
- HON 285-001 (3) Honors Capstone Project independent study E. Renaud
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Events/Activities

- ASU Visitation: West, Polytech and Tempe: Barrett Honor College Campus, March 12th
- Academic Advisements (summer/fall 2010), March 22nd- April 22nd.
- Collaborations
 - With AWC/NAU Science Club: Here comes the sun! Energizing the future with electrons, photons, and innovation, Clemens Heske, PhD. March 18th
 - With Phi Theta Kappa and AWC Student Nursing Association: First Annual AWC Campus Blood Drive and National Cesar E. Chavez Donor Blood Drive Challenge. March 22nd, main campus and March 23rd, E-center. Student organizer: Mary Zuniga, Honors Program member & PTK officer. Cancelled Drive at E-Center due to Blood Mobile equipment malfunction (unhappy generator)

PTK

Eight new members due to Deans Letter student follow-ups

Humanities

Jill Loveless

- Attended the Preparate conference presented by Collegeboard in San Diego. The focus was on “Educating Latinos for the Future of America.”

Communications Dept:

- Porchia Moore’s English 291 class had local author DJ Christopherson, speak on the benefits of self-publishing through www.inuniverse.com. She is the author of Iowa in the Rearview Mirror.
- Ed Davis is updating and incorporating many new pieces of art, archeological finds and other visual aids for his English 170, which is a tele-course, entitled Literature of the Bible.

Fine Arts Dept:

- Bill Blomquist art will be featured on March 26th-April 4th “Icons of Experience: An Anniversary Show”, in Plaza Colonial. Bill has been featured in this show for the last

eighteen years.

- The choirs performed the Early Spring Choral Concert on March 5, 2010.
- Angel Luna organized a gallery solo show by Tate Rich, Ceramic professor of Cochise College, which is currently in the AWC Gallery. A new University of Washington press book has been published called *Ruben Trejo: Beyond Boundaries/Aztlan y Mas Alla* this month. Included in the selected exhibitions section under solo exhibitions is the *Border Crossings* show that was held in the Arizona Western College Gallery in 2008.
- Chip Straley's theatre students presented a student directed play entitled "And the Winner is..."
- Chip Straley's theatre students presented The Matadors of Comedy.

Modern Languages Dept:

- Michelle Faust presented for the CTE "Bringing Multimedia to your Class." She has also worked as a coach for the Hispanic College Quiz Show Team. She currently recording "La Voz de Yuma: mini Spanish lessons for survival in our bilingual community" for KAWC.
- Ellen Cohen served as a culinary team member for Dr. vs. Dr. AWC Foundation fundraiser and on the Yuma Youth Choir Board of Directors.

La Paz County

Talent Search had contact with 58 students in the Parker Unified School District

- Fire Academy Graduation (03/05/10).
- EMT academy began with approximately 20 students (03/11/10).
- Booth at the La Paz County Fair.
- 03/03/10 Financial Aid Workshops—Scholar's Academy—one for parents and one for students; Christ Church on the River College Prep Day—Parents and students.
- 03/25/10 - Booth at "Where to go after High School" fair at Lake Havasu City HS.
- Produced 16 new TV programs

Quartzsite:

- Recruited three new teachers: one for English, one for Computer and one for Math.
- Staff attended the employee in-service training on main campus (2/18).
- Attended Financial Aid Workshops at with Margaret Dewey at Salome High School (2/11) and Scholar's Academy (3/3).
- Proctored placement tests at Scholar's Academy (3/2) and Salome High School (2/17).
- Attended Blackboard training in Parker (2/25) and CTE training via ITN (2/27).
- Put on college prep workshop for Freshmen at Salome High School (3/24).
- Built ENG 95 class for students at Scholar's Academy and it begins this Friday, 3/26.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Math classes moved to the new Math Center..
- Faculty worked with Mary Schaal on the rewriting of the MRI Grant that was not funded last year for DNA sequencing equipment.
- Finalized with Student Services to plan Summer Bridge Math Courses.
- Agriculture department collaborated with UofA to present sessions at the Annual Agriculture Summit. Over 200 high school and college students participated.
- Agriculture Educational Forum held with area Ag Educators from high school through

university. The topic was common course standards and smooth transition for the students. Area administrators, City of Yuma and Agriculture Professionals also attended and participated in identifying needs.

- Met with newly established committee to work on the AS in Solar. Met with University of Arizona for possible collaboration on the curriculum and transition to a BS in a degree that will meet the needs of those students seeking solar expertise.
- Continue to work with YUHS on the potential of a STEM Academy for talented HS students interested in finishing HS coursework before graduating from HS.
- Ongoing- Faculty teaching observations are underway.
- Worked with faculty in identifying capital equipment needs for the science departments.
- Helped with the launch of the full circle feedback pilot on academic administrators at the Associate Dean level and higher.
- Participated in the Transfer Dinner and the High School Counseling Breakfast.
- Biology Program Review exit interview was successful
- Successful Symposium on the Future of the Future with keynote speaker on Solar Energy from UNLV in Las Vegas. Room AS 215 was full with standing room only

South Yuma County

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Future Activities

- Registration for Summer and Fall 2010

Business and Liberal Arts

Nancy Meister

- March 26 Presentation for AVID class at Kofa High School
- April 6 First Culinary Arts Gourmet Dinner: Honors Program Event
- April 20 Culinary Arts Gourmet Dinner
- April 27 Culinary Arts Gourmet Dinner
- Discuss a new certificate in Hospitality for Tribes

Humanities

Communications Dept:

- Porchia Moore will be organizing the Annual Poetry Reading Contest with the library. Schedule Poets are Lenard Moore and Christopher Lane.
- Mizaba Abedi will be presenting at NAES Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

Fine Arts Dept:

- Chip Straley's theatre students will perform "Steambath" in April.

Modern Languages Dept:

- Steven Lund will present "Have Fulbright, Will Travel: International Opportunities for Language Teachers" at the SWCOLT (Southwest Conference on Language Teaching) conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico on April 9.
- Michelle Faust will be traveling to Chicago along with five AWC students who will

compete in a televised quiz show about Hispanic history. This trip has been awarded AWC by the HACU.

La Paz County

- 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 outlying areas of La Paz
- Continue efforts to develop ways to extend the college's offering into the outlying areas of La Paz
- Develop New Classes and Build Enrollment
- Develop new strategies for registration problems in Quartzsite & Salome

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Submit the newly improved MRI Grant request
- Open the Math Lab in the new Math Center by early April.
- Continued work on the moving the STEM Academy initiative forward.
- Continue to participate on CTE Program Review process and the evaluation of the Lead Faculty position description.
- Continue the development of the curriculum for the Solar program as it related to transfer degrees.
- Exit Interview for the Geosciences Program Review.
- Finish observations and appraisals of full time and associate faculty.
- Hiring successfully two Biology, one Math, and one Geoscience faculty.
- Complete appraisal process for spring semester.

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