

# MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction  
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May 26, 2011

## Accomplishments:

- Presented at Yuma/San Luis-area Youth Leadership Conference on the value of Community Leadership. Statements by student groups are that Community Leaders are:
- Group 1) "Leaders are the people who make the community a better place by helping community members; communicating valuable ideas and information to community members; and collaborating with others to help them succeed."
- Group 2) "Protectors who lead and advise people in the community".
- Participated in graduation events
- Collected final grades for Spring 2011 semester
- Facilitated Summer Faculty Meeting
- Began Summer 2011 classes

## Business and Liberal Arts

### SOCIAL SCIENCE

#### Melissa Behunin

- Wrote an article for the family focus
- This month I participated in the Safe Zone training (5/6) and I am scheduled to start filming the Happy Vegan Cooking Show on the 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Christina Hawkey

- I attended the CTE celebration and received the NISOD teaching award.
- I took a tour of the juvenile detention center and met with their staff in an effort to provide ORI for those students
- I attended a Foundation Board Meeting
- I will be attending NISOD in Austin, Texas later in the month

#### David Burris

- Chris Barker and I completed the Philosophy program promotional video

#### Chris Barker

- Completed 2010-2011 Assessments for Philosophy.
- Completed Philosophy Program promotional video; the video highlights student perspectives supporting the value of Philosophy.
- Participated in KAWC interview regarding teaching abroad and incorporating global experiences into classroom instruction; accompanied by Honor's student Diego Moya.

### BUSINESS AND CIS

#### David Godley

- On Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> the AWC SIFE Club prepared hot dogs, chips, and a soda for the Yuma County Science Fair Participants. The SIFE Club raised \$525.00 for next year's projects.
- On Friday April 30<sup>th</sup> the AWC SIFE Club visited the graduating seniors at Yuma Catholic High School in an effort to recruit new members for the 2011/2012 academic year.

### CDLL

## **Alison Keough**

### Accomplishments:

- Had a total of 368 visitors to the CDLL from March 22 – May, 11 Including
  - 50 Parents
  - 247 Students Including
    - EDU Students
    - ECE Students
    - Nursing Students
    - FCS Students
    - Leadership
  - 28 Community members
  - 8 Faculty: AWC/NAU
  - 35 students came in for advisement with faculty.
- Gloria Renteria presented 2 workshops 5 hours each on Infant Toddler Development for the Community Partnership for Professional Development with 15 participants from the local ECE community.
- Jane Parker and Alma Barrandey presented a 6 hour workshop on Science and Math in Early Childhood for the Community Partnership for Professional Development with 60 participants.
- Alma Barrandey presented with Donna Covarrubia on FECKERS, a home child rating system for 15 participants for the Community for Professional Development Partnership.
- Alison Keough, Alma Barrandey, and Judy Watkinson presented two workshops at the National Coalition for Campus Child Care conference in La Jolla CA. One showcased the new CDLL building and the process, and one discussed the NAEYC Accreditation Process.
- Officer Fell began reading weekly in the Toddler and Preschool Classrooms this month to create a friendly presence and familiarity for the children following a medical emergency with one of our toddlers that required the police and EMT response.
- Angel Luna from the Art Department brought in a guest speaker Mr. Glen Grishkoff, to show the preschool children some paintbrush making techniques and painting demonstrations.
- The CDLL created a display in the Library focusing on Math, Science and Agriculture in Early Childhood for the Month of the Young Child. It was displayed during the month of April.
- The CDLL hosted our annual Mothers Day Tea on May 8<sup>th</sup> with over 43 participating parents, and family members.
- The CDLL Preschool class led the opening Parade for the annual Sustainability Fair and hosted an activity during the event with Spin Art and recycled toys.
- The CDLL Preschool Room had their annual celebration for the children graduating and moving on to Kindergarten in the fall.
- The CDLL is being spotlighted on the <http://www.schoolchapters.com> website success stories.
- Nicole Sellers completed her Student teaching for NAU successfully in the Preschool Classroom under the supervision of Ben Behunin AWC and Dr. Susan Stutler NAU.
- Jennifer Madison completed her Internship in the Preschool room and will be graduating this Friday with her AA in ECE.
- The CDLL program participated in the Annual Week of the Young Child Celebration at

the Heritage Library Lawn on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

- We currently have 46 children registered for summer, billing has been completed.
- We have completed preliminary registration and billing for the Fall Semester. We anticipate being full for both sessions. We have 49 children registered at this time.
- The CDLL Teachers have completed Parent Teacher Conferences for the Spring Semester.
- Last Week, May 2-6 was teacher appreciation week, one of the CDLL parents created a circus themed celebration for the staff in the lounge for the week, providing lunch, breakfast, snacks, door prizes and individual surprises. It was greatly appreciated.
- Alma Barrantey attended a community outreach meeting for the CPLC Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program and the Child Care Resource and Referral Program to discuss a new grant that will provide home based child care opportunities for head start families with infants and toddlers in the San Luis, Somerton and Yuma Communities.

### **Distance Education**

The Distance Education spent the month of May closing out Spring semester and preparing for Summer. We finished Spring semester with continued growth in both FTSE (up 26%) and headcount (up 53%) for online courses. ITN continues to be an important part of our offerings to students and their role has expanded to include videoconferencing all over campus.

May included many specific activities. For example, we piloted a student satisfaction survey for online students and after clearing the questions with the IR office we will implement a survey for online students in the summer to get valuable information about their experiences in online courses. We are also finalizing the Camp Yuma schedule and developing the content. We are piloting a two track program with an intense push toward high quality, assessment driven online courses. After rolling out our new training model, we offering several trainings to individuals and groups based on courses in our training brochure. These are just a few of the efforts of the DE office.

#### **Carol Rinehart**

- Coordinated Camp Yuma 2011 enrollment, supplies, scheduling and content.
- Posted in all the summer online classes a Welcome Announcement that includes a link to the FAQ page under Distance Education.
- Enrolled Associate Deans in summer online classes.
- 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 ITN & DE personnel
- Order supplies for DE & ITN
- Substitute ITN operator

#### **Zeke Torres-ITN**

- Beginning Summer Session I and working on drawings for the Wellton 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.
- Created training for faculty.
- Provided front-end blackboard support to DE offices and faculty.

#### **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**

- Designing layouts for Camp Yuma.
- Working on videos for DE.
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Created and developed new course designs.
- Created and developed new ways for instructors to develop course quickly.
- Designed efficiency tools for administrators to review online courses rapidly and make recommendations to faculty.
- Developed efficient and robust strategies for online students to review course content.
- Developed new ways for DE dept to review, help develop and process new and existing courses.
- Worked on new layouts for Fall 2011

#### **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**

- HON 285-001 Honors Capstone Project summer 2011, Prof. Renaud facilitating
  - Norma Vasquez
  - Sarah Siebel
  - Kristian Michael

- Teresa Reyes

#### Honors Regalia for Honors Convocation

- 26 stoles: PTK members (graduate paid \$25 each)
- 26 key pins: PTK members (gift from Sigma Beta Club)
- 10 medallions: PTK officers (gift from Sigma Beta Club)
- 36 double cords: Honors Program members (graduate paid \$10)
- 15 medallions: Honors degrees
  - 12 discretionary honors
  - 1 honors general studies
  - 2 honors liberal arts
- 81 silver single cord: academic distinction (graduate paid \$5)
- 84 blue single cord: high academic distinction (graduate paid \$5)
- 33 gold single cord: highest academic distinction (graduate paid \$5)
- 1 PTK mentor pin: Ken Kuntzelman (gift from Sigma Beta Club)

#### Events/Activities

- PTK club meetings: Wednesdays from 12:30-1:15pm in LR conference room
- Honors/PTK Relay for Life: April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 1<sup>st</sup> at Desert Sun Stadium.
- Honors/PTK Leadership Award Nomination Process and evaluation completed. Congratulations to Ken Kuntzelman.
- Lei making service-project: May 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 30 Honors members and volunteers made 140+ kupe`e for the Honors Convocation ceremony
  - Earned 2 service hours for lei making
- Commencement Committee contributed \$1,438.62 to Honors Convocation
  - One time contribution
- President's office
  - Printing costs (invitations and programs)
  - Postage costs (invitations)

## Humanities

### Fine Arts Dept:

- Professor Valentin Bogdan performed a recital in order to raise funds for the AWC Piano Scholarship Fund on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He was joined by Dr. Julia Mortyakova in a performance featuring repertoire from four-hands medium.
- Professor Brent Rogers held his final choral concert on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The AWC voice students held a formal recital on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Associate Professor Joe Medina, in collaboration with an instructor at South Western College, has created a blog of art students' works in progress.  
<http://proseandimage.blogspot.com/>
- Professor Chip Straley and AWCThearte students helped Dancemakers Dance Studio with a production of "Annie" and also assisted Harvest Preparatory Academy in Yuma with their production of "The Foreigner."

### Communications Dept:

- Professor Ed Schubert's English 101 class did a unit at the end of the semester entitled "Utopia on \$5 a Day." The students were engaged 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.

#### **Modern Languages Dept:**

- Professor Ellen Cohen was the AWC commencement announcer at graduation.

#### **La Paz County**

##### **Parker**

- Governing Board Meeting held May 10<sup>th</sup>. Annual "Celebration of Learning" held May 10<sup>th</sup> to honor 19 Fire Certificate earners, 9 Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate earners, 6 Associate Degree Candidates, 5 High School Seniors as Scholarship Recipients, and 1 student accepted into the Rad-Tech program.
- Excellent early registration for fall classes, filling and nearly filling several classes in Parker and Quartzsite already.

##### **Technology**

- The month of May included adding two new computers to the open access lab giving a grand total of 14 computers. We also added one more computer to the faculty room making that a total of 4 computers. May 10<sup>th</sup> was the DGB meeting and graduation which we provided equipment for the set-up and I did a presentation for the spotlight at the DGB meeting. The graduation was videotaped and pictures were taken for our web-site. Preparations were made for the new Summer classes that started on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and we started using the dual video which has worked out great. TV services produced 8 shows for the month of May.

##### **Quartzsite**

- -Place tested 15 juniors at Salome High School in order for them to participate in concurrent credit courses next year -Held a resume writing workshop with Jr. High Students at Quartzsite Elementary School. That was followed (a week later) with them coming to the college for a tour, discussion about college choices, and awards for the resumes they submitted.
- -Attended the RN to BSN workshop on main campus.

#### **Science, Math, and Agriculture**

- A celebration promoting accomplishments and awareness of Engineering was held on the AWC campus on Friday May 6, 2011. The event was attended by some 60 students, parents, faculty and public. Rakesh Pangasa set up and coordinated this event.
- A contractual effort began to repair and recalibrate approximately 125 microscopes for the Science Department. It has been a number of years since this was done and the microscope units needed rehabilitation from fair wear and tare. Professor Zoe Hawk and Lab technician Jennifer Bundy coordinated and implemented this effort.
- Additionally, a repair and calibration contract was initiated by Professor Scott Donnelly for two spectroscopy units in the chemistry laboratory.
- Professor Anne Gallagher was appointed to replace Mr. Billy Laguna as STEAM coordinator as his contract will expire June 30, 2011.
- Professors Gallagher and Pangasa as well as Associate Dean Tony Bottone attended the STEAM Advisory committee meeting on Tuesday May 17, 2011.
- An international field trip to study the flora and fauna of the country of Belize was conducted for a cohort of AWC and NAU students. Professors Fred Croxson, John King and Cecilia Vigil facilitated this very informative and worthwhile event.

- The Division completed all academic and reporting requirements relating to completing the Spring semester. Everything went well.
- The end of this Spring semester resulted in several of our faculty departing. Kelly Esslinger, Professor of Geosciences and Andrea Tumblin, Professor of Mathematics have relocated for other employment. Additionally, Cindy Johnson, Professor of Mathematics, has retired.

## **South Yuma County**

South Yuma County Celebration of Learning on May 5, 2011, at the Cesar Chavez Cultural Center was standing room only.

## **Future Activities**

- Staffing
- Summer 2011 semester facilitation
- Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 planning

## **Business and Liberal Arts**

### **Alison Keough (Child Development Learning Laboratory)**

- 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.
- Alma Barrandey and the Community Partnership for Professional Development are planning to present a Special Needs Conference on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> in the Dr. Schoening Conference Room.

We will be implementing the new Assessment system for Creative Curriculum over the summer to be ready for the Fall Semester. They have updated their tools and materials and we will be getting materials we need and training the staff in its use. We are partnering with the local WACOG and CPLC Head Start Programs who have invited us to send 2 representatives to attend their trainings at no cost to our program.

## **Humanities**

### **Modern Languages**

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

### **Communications**

- Professor Mizaba Abedi will be presenting at the ALP conference in Baltimore MD in June.

## **La Paz County**

- Various community agencies (University of Arizona Extension, La Paz Career Center) will be partnering with us for space/equipment for summer activities for youth in Parker and Quartzsite.
- We are offering several "mini courses" for 8-12 year old youth that have been very well

received, some are already full.

- Began working with JTED for next Spring C.N. A. course to include high school students.
- Quartzsite: We have scheduled Art & Jewelry Making classes for local school kids participating in the Town of Quartzsite Summer Recreation Program and are presently seeking student sponsors to help with their tuition.
- -We received 3 brand new piano keyboards and 5 headphone sets due to a donation from the local VFW (piano class is presently going strong).
- -Developing some new personal enrichment courses for next winter, along with a Life-Long Learning Course Catalog for distribution.

### **Science, Math, and Agriculture**

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

- Implementing all aspects of Summer course offerings as well as planning for the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters.
- Professor Anne Gallagher and Rene Macaluso will attend a faculty preparatory workshop at the United States Military Academy at West Point. The theme for this workshop will be to improve mathematics training through collegiate development.