

Monthly Achievement Report

Dean of Instruction

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Accomplishments:

- Working on annual objectives and Learning Services Program Review
- FTSE and Midterm performance grades

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christina Hawkey

- I attended an AWC Foundation Board Meeting.
- We hosted 4 Field to Feast lunches on campus.
- I attended the Yuma County Teacher of the Year Kick-Off BBQ.
- I was part of a cooking team for Doctor vs. Doctor.
- I participated with the Writing Committee in formalizing a document that will change the writing requirement at AWC.
- I was a presenter at the AWC Transfer Fair.
- I presented Family Studies information to visiting Kofa High School students.

Melissa Behunin

- Wrote an article for the family focus

Christopher Barker

- Had another successful public presentation on Buddhism and Confucianism at the San Luis Learning Center. There were over 50 high school (AP History) students in attendance and it received very positive feedback.
- Began producing an Introduction to Philosophy video with John Ringland and Philosophy Club members. The brief video will highlight positive remarks and comments from students regarding their interests in Philosophy.
- Evaluated Honor's Scholarships for next year

David Burris

- Flew to New York City to present my paper entitled "An Augustinian Critique of Kim's Causal Pairing Problem" at a philosophy conference at Fordham University

EDUCATION

Patty Powers/Karen Spencer

- Karen discussed the education cohort that we hope to have identified in fall 2011. The cohort will be advised to register for ENG 100/101, EDU 110, and ORI 101. Patty and Karen will be meeting with Antonio Carrillo and his staff on Wednesday to pass out the postcards that were made advertising this effort. Patty will be taking the cards to area high schools during the month of February.
- Karen discussed the proposal to have an application process to the education program. Patty and Karen are working on a way to incorporate the responsibilities into Patty's position without requiring release time. One idea is to develop a one-credit class that will be tied to each of the education classes which would allow Patty to advise, track, and support the cohort initiative. Once the idea is finalized, it will be reviewed again by Linda and Joann.

- Judy had a program review committee meeting this month. Holly Villaneuva, a parent and faculty member, was asked to become part of the committee. They have developed and in the process of sending out surveys to students and employers.

BUSINESS AND CIS

Dave Godley

- This past month found the SIFE club uniting with the Computer Club at Midnight at the Oasis (MATO) along with the Partners' Optimist Club selling hamburgers and cheese burgers. Profits from the event benefitted each organization.
- Spring business ATF meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

ECE

Our department has begun advisement for summer and fall.

Judy Watkinson

- Advisory meeting was held on February 25th at the lab school. We provided lunch and had a positive group of community members
- Judy Watkinson attended the HLC academy in Lisle Illinois
- Program Review committee formed and first meeting held March 11th. Meeting was spent developing questions for student and employer surveys. These are being distributed and should be collected by April 12th!
- Summer courses are up and these are mostly sections of the CDA 1 credit units. Patricia Powers will be teaching a section of Child Growth and Development.

Distance Education

The Distance Education Office has had a busy month providing support and training for online courses, ITN courses and traditional courses using Blackboard and other technology. In addition, we continue to work on the CCRAA grant. Here are some of the highlights:

- Distance Education continues to grow at a faster pace than overall growth. For online courses, Spring FTSE is up 26% and headcount is up 53%. Online courses account for nearly 20% of AWC's FTSE. With ITN courses included, DE courses account for over 20% of overall FTSE. As numbers increase we continue to work to train faculty, review courses for best practices, and increase quality.
- We do the evaluation for online faculty and during Spring, all part-time online faculty are evaluated. We built and deployed over 90 surveys (using the same questions and format as the traditional courses) using Adaptive Release in Blackboard to increase response rates.
- We completed an inventory of purchases for the CCRAA and began working on the final report to the Department of Education.
- In addition to the ITN courses, video conferencing has been installed in various locations across campus to facilitate meetings and save transportation costs. ITN staff has worked hard to install equipment and set up meetings.
- We developed a catalog of DE training available for both faculty and staff. The catalog lists topics and presentations available for scheduling by individuals or groups. Our hope is to increase technology capability and enhance student learning.
- DE is developing a rubric to evaluate alignment in online courses. The goal is to look at course objectives, content and learning activities, and assessment tools to make sure they are aligned.

Carol Rinehart

- Faculty Evaluation for online classes, including contacting individual faculty, building

- over 90 evaluations and deploying them using Adaptive Release in Blackboard
- Inventory and spending report for CCRAA grant including locations for equipment and overall spending in budget categories for all years of the grant
 - Compiled and designed Distance Education training catalog for disseminating information on training options and encouraging scheduling
 - ITN Grids
 - Assist 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
 - ITN operator for courses when needed

Zeke Torres-ITN

- Completed District Services Training Room VC room
- Currently working with Yuma High School to price, order, and install new ITN room for the STEAM grant

Jaime Nolasco

- Manage all front-end Blackboard administrative functions
- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty
- Completed 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

Nicolas Hanhan

- Creation of mini-tutorials on Blackboard which were emailed to faculty to enhance online learning.
- Faculty individual training
- Video Conversion to Flash
- EditGrid Video Tutorial and training for staff and faculty
- DE web pages updates
- DE blog updates
- Instructional design support for all Blackboard courses

Ernest Yates

- Multimedia Media for Brian Doak and Athletics
- Provided photo services to publications
- Additional blog training for instructors
- Helped photo services with camera equipment and some training
- Imaging Presidents office 6. Leap committee posters

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
- Relocated Distance Education Video Studio for better access for faculty, an enhanced atmosphere for video production and more efficient use of studio space

Humanities

Communications:

- Associate Faculty, Eliana Osborn contributed to The Chronicle of Higher Education new community college blog. Her first piece can be seen at <http://chronicle.com/blogs/onhiring/watching-pablo-learn/28203>.
- Professor Donna Taylor holds weekly Bible studies with Athletes and transports them to church services on Sunday. Donna also was a guest speaker for Donna Lay's Orientation course. The presentation was on study skills/reading strategies.
- Professor Ellen Riek reported that The Writing Center and AWC Library partnered up once again and offered the "Developing Research Papers" workshop on Thursday, 3/24. The workshop was broadcasted to Parker & San Luis, as well.
- Professor Ric Jahna delivered the paper "Glorious Absence of Sophistication": Depictions of Rednecks, Hicks, and White Trash in the Comedy of Jeff Foxworthy at Louisiana Association for College Composition annual conference in Lafayette, Louisiana on March 18th.
- Professor Ed Davis blogs on his restaurant adventures around town. His most recent <http://mmm-yoso.typepad.com/mmm-yoso/yuma/>. The Yuma Visitors' Bureau links to the blog also at <http://www.visityuma.com/dining.html>.

MODERN LANGUAGES:

- Professor Ellen Cohen participated with "The Gypsy Gourmets" in Dr. vs. Dr. on March 19th.
- Professor Nancy Blitz continues to serve on the Yuma Education Foundation Board, representing AWC.
- Professors Liza Martinez and Kevin Mann attended the 45th Annual TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Convention and Exhibit in New Orleans from March 17-19, 2011. Liza was able to attend thanks to a professional development scholarship from the TESOL organization and the Cheryl Walsh scholarship from Arizona TESOL.

FINE ARTS:

- Associate Faculty, Joe Medina was featured in the Yuma Daily Sun on the photo program at Yuma High School and AWC. <http://www.azschoolsmakeadifference.org/yourstories.asp?ItemID=129&rcid=64&pcid=63&cid=64>
- The Department of Fine Arts started featuring student work in the display case outside the Division office.
- Professor Valentin Bogdan presented a piano recital on March 18 featuring the AWC Piano Students. It took place in the AWC Little Theatre. On March 19th, Valentin performed a concert with singer Jena Carpenter at the Yuma Historical Theatre.
- On March 25th, Valentin Bogdan judged the Alcorn State University Piano Competition, in Natchez, Mississippi.
- On March 29th, Valentin Bogdan performed a solo piano recital at Alcorn State University, in Lorman, Mississippi.
- Professor Angel Luna will be a guest at the College of the Desert, on March 28th and

29th. He will be teaching art workshops and presenting his “Love for the Laborer Lecture.”

- AWCTheatre students performed Keely and Du during March. The proceeds of twelve bags of food and twenty bags of clothing went the Food Bank and Crossroad Mission. The AWCTheatre Creative Drama class performed for 158 fourth grade students from Otondo Elementary School. AWCTheatre graduate and current NAU theatre major Woody Lotts spent an afternoon talking to AWCTheatre students about his Peruvian trip as an AWCTheatre director and the production of “Alice in Wonderland” he directed for the Lord Bynum Academy in Arequipa, Peru; and about his work in two production at NAU “Equus” and “The Last Days of Judas Iscariot”.
- The AWC Community Band held a performance on March 21st that featured the works of Debussy, Grainger, and Sousa.
- Professor Brad Pease and AWC Graphic students have an exhibition in the AWC Campus Gallery from March 21 through April 14.
- Professor Louis (Shawn) Pollard had guest performer Peter Sprague, guitarist and composer, present a clinic and performance for the AWC community on March 24th. Mr. Sprague was also part of the Yuma community “Village Jazz Series” that evening.
- Professors Shirley Ehler and Brent Rogers had a concert with the Youth Choir and Chamber Singers on March 5th. The Chamber Singers also performed at the Yuma County Music Educators Association choir festival on March 17th. Brent also served as a judge at this event.

La Paz County

- March 2nd – Student Success Center and Library Workshops presented in Quartzsite and Parker by Vanessa Natseway and Tina Sibley
- March 10th – 13th – annual booth at the La Paz County Fair
- March 22nd – Paul Neuman, Llewellyn Young and Amy Pignatore visited the La Paz staff and updated them on the use of student emails, applications for admission, and the appointment of off-site designates
- March 23rd – NAU-Transfer Services and AccessAbility resources visited the La Paz/Parker Learning Center

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Successful organization of the February 2011 *Oceans Symposium*
- On March 7th, Professor Zoe Hawk and Associate Professor Lee Gibbs attended the Yuma County Teacher of the Year BBQ and were acknowledged before the area teacher community and business leaders as being exemplary in their fields of education.
- A field trip to the San Diego Zoo and its Ornithology sanctuary was conducted by Professors John King, Cecilia Vigil and Tim Whittier. There were 37 student participants, including the Science club.
- The robot entry sponsored by AWC under the guidance of Professor Rakesh Pangasa and with sponsorship by General Motors (YPG) and J.C. Penny did well at the state level final competition. Our entry placed 15th out of 42 statewide. Additionally, the entry won the top quality award. There was an article in the Yuma Daily Sun on Monday March 21, 2011 regarding this event.
- Our Division (Math Department) hosted the statewide ARIZMATYC meeting on campus Friday March 4th. The event was attended by approximately 60 attendees. Professor Dan

Russow played a major role in organizing and setting up this event. There was an article concerning this event in the Yuma Daily Sun on Monday March 21, 2011.

- The Mathematics Department has begun to develop guidelines, including Best Practices, for all web-based and hybrid math courses.
- AWC honors, the Sustainability Council and AWC Science Club hosted the Yuma Recycling Summit on Thursday March 24 from 12:00-1:30 in the Frances Morris Board Room. This meeting is the first of its kind in Yuma County and is a panel discussion of City administrators, the public and area recyclers. AWC students, faculty, staff and administrators have been encouraged to attend.
- The AWC AMATYC mathematics competition results are in, and this year's winners at AWC are Daniel Lopez (1st place), Vinh Duong (2nd place), and Ashley Montague (3rd place). Congratulations to them. They will be recognized in an award ceremony next month.
- Professor Dahwai Chang made a presentation at the March 4th ARIZMATYC meeting held at AWC. His topic was "Linear Correlation between Three Variables".
- Professor Holly Clements, through the iG2C program, taught 5th graders how to propagate tomatoes by utilizing cuttings. This event was reflected in an article in the Yuma Daily Sun.
- Ten AWC AG majors attended the Southwest Ag Summit and also marketed our AG programs with high school students.
- The PLS 240 Plant Propagation class took a tour of Greenheart Nursery in Somerton.
- Our PLS 100 students harvested their first hydroponic lettuce crop.
- We have identified three of the four Associate faculty needed for new Food Safety courses. Two courses will be offered this fall.
- Ten students earned engineering scholarships and were awarded \$600 each. They were sponsored by TRAX Corporation, the range support contractor at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground.
- Professors Holly Clements and James Williams participated in the Southwest Agriculture Summit held in Yuma. The event was attended by approximately 600 personnel.
- The "Education Tortoise Day" event was held on campus on March 17th. Professor Cecilia Vigil facilitated this event. Over 300 elementary students attended and a number of AWC cohort students participated. There was also a booth from the Arizona Game and Fish Dept. This event provided interesting educational and fun activities for all.
- Associate Professor Luis Martinez has volunteered to assist any AWC faculty with questions, initiatives or special topics that may be applied in their classes in order to promote this semester's "Math Matters" theme.
- The AWC seismograph operated by our Division, recorded and documented earthquake amplitude of the recent Japan earthquake within minutes after it occurred.
- Our Division was the first to complete FTSE input for the college this semester.

Future Activities

Humanities

- Plans for the annual AWCTheatre field trip to San Diego to see a professional production. The AWCTheatre has agreed to assist the Annual Sustainability Fair.
- Queen Lear will be performed at the AWC Theater starting the weekend of April 8th. Eve

- Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" will open in April.
- Auditions for "The Baby and the Bathwater" will take place on April 19th and April 20th. This performance will take place in the Fall of 2011.
 - The Creative Writing School is sponsoring two events in April, which is National Poetry Month. On Thursday April 6, at 12:15 p.m. former AWC professors David Coy and Porchia Moore will be reading selected poems. Ms. Moore will be joining us via webcast or telephone.
 - Northern Arizona poet, Christopher Lane, will be on campus April 27. He will give a reading and performance. The event will begin at 12:15 and will include an open-mic portion.
 - Professor Steven Lund will present 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 will also represent Fulbright programs at the conference as a former Fulbright alum and current Fulbright Ambassador.

La Paz County

Represent AWC's interest on the La Paz Economic Development Project, various Town of Parker projects, the Workforce Development Board, and the Lower Colorado River RCD.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

Three presentations at the spring 2011 American Chemical Society (ACS) national meeting in Anaheim, CA