

Monthly Report

**Dean of Instruction
Linda Elliott-Nelson
September 30, 2010**

Accomplishments:

- Semester startup – faculty load reports
- Reviewed county population trends and enrollment for South Yuma County and La Paz County with academic deans
- Began Curriculum Committee meetings
- Worked on Honors Code with Honors Council
- Began work on Fall 2011 Schedule
- Assessment Academy group work

Business and Liberal Arts

Mat Anderson

- The equated load reports for BLAD have been completed
- The spring 2011 schedule has been finalized
- Attended start up in La Paz and presented to the faculty
- Attended a LGS Conference in San Diego
- Set up dates to observe faculty for their faculty observations
- Gave the list of associate faculty needed to be appraised for the fall semester

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christina Hawkey

- I wrote for the Yuma Sun
- I attended the Celebration of Scholarship, sponsored by the AWC Foundation
- I did 2 live interviews with KYMA for Sunrise
- I did an interview for KSWT News

David Burris

- Created course syllabi for new courses in Philosophy of Science, Medieval Philosophy, New Testament, and Old Testament.
- Completed 2009-2010 Student Achievement Report Column Five for Religious Studies.
- Created a list of audio visual materials to purchase for philosophy and religious studies
- Created a list of corrections that need to be made to the website as it concerns philosophy and religious studies.
- Finished columns 1-3 for the 2010-2011 student achievement report for religious studies

Lindette Lent

- I had my first article published in the Yuma Sun!

Mohammad "Mo" Bahramzadeh

- I will be participating at the Historic Yuma Theatre The Freedom Library 15th Annual

Education Forum Gila Ridge and Yuma High School debate: THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30,2010

Melissa Behunin

- I wrote for the Yuma Sun Family Focus

Christopher Barker

- Attended interview at KAWC with Ana Corpus.
- Completed and submitted 2010-2011 matrices.
- Meet with Nick Hanhan to learn how to convert PowerPoints to a flash format via authorPOINT software and share them on Blackboard.
- Developed new, weekly Blackboard curriculum for online section of PHI 101.
- Assisted Manisha with creating a first-day handout for ORI 101.
- Contacted Rick Ogston to assist in coordinating his spring schedule.
- Contacted a potentially new associate faculty member to coordinate his schedule.
- Reviewed and submitted adjunct applications for the Philosophy pool.
- Attended ATF training with Elaine.
- Completed the schedule for Philosophy & Religious Studies classes with Christina for the Spring semester.
- Accepted Mo's invitation to speak as a panel member for a ground-zero mosque debate.
- Attended Despegue Training Day 3.
- Created a Camtasia presentation for an online section of Introduction to Philosophy.
- Interviewed for a Western Voice article with Cynthia Haros.
- Completed and submitted 2009-2010 Philosophy matrices.
- Assisted David Burris with completing 2009-2010 Comparative World Religions matrices.
- Revised and submitted changes for the Philosophy program description on the AWC website.
- Attended ORI 101 as a guest-speaker and presented on the importance of a college education, especially for student-athletes.
- Met with two different sets of students regarding the establishment of a Philosophy club and a Christian Theology club. Communicated with Shara Roberts regarding the creation of both clubs.
- Revised and updated PowerPoint and class activities for PHI 101 on Augustine.
- Added SafeAssign content for all PHI 101 students to submit their final short essay.
- Met and discussed future course additions with David Burris.
- Developed a new course syllabus for the History of Christianity. Reviewed the syllabus with Karen Spencer.
- Scheduled Karen Hardy, YRMC ICU Director, and Trina Clark, YRMC Palliative Care RN, and Todd Hirte, YRMC Director of Managed Care to guest speak for PHI 220.
- Attended Honors Council open house.
- Met with Mat and David regarding the PHI 101 textbook.
- Submitted a PHI 220 course outline for the Honors Council.

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Patty Powers and Karen Spencer

- Continue working with the TTTF – first meeting scheduled for 11/2/10
- Karen continues to write for the Yuma Sun

ECE

- Judy Watkinson presented at an early childhood training day at the 3C on campus on Saturday 25th September
- Alma Barrantey and Donna Covarubias were part of the planning committee for the training.

CDLL Dr Kathryn A Watson Child Development Learning Lab

- Two teachers from the CDLL Staff are now teaching CDA modules for the ECE Program at AWC. Gloria Renteria is teaching Infant Toddler Modules and Benjamin Behunin is teaching Pre-school Modules.
- Had a total of 273 visitors to the CDLL during August and September Including
 - Nursing Students completing DDST's
 - Parents
 - ECE Students
 - EDU Students
 - FCS Students
 - Community Foundation Members
 - Visiting Architects to view building design/ Photograph
 - Community members
- Hosted one parent meeting (coffee Klutch) presented information on Toilet
- Hosted the Polynesian dance Troop Kilalis who performed for the children/ Shara Roberts.
- The Preschool classroom took a field trip to the Gym where they exercised with Simon Says Aerobics /Jane Peabody and talked about being healthy.
- Completed Billing for the Fall Semester: fully enrolled as of today minus one infant who dropped. We are working on filling the space.
- Alma Barrantey as part of the Professional Development Core Group has presented and hosted 3 workshops for ECE Teachers and providers to a total of about 500 participants.
- 8 CDLL staff attended a full day workshop "A Day of Special Needs" on Saturday Sept. 25.
- Alison Keough is the Chair of the annual Fall conference committee in conjunction with Yuma County AEYC and the Colorado School Age Coalition which is planning for the conference on Saturday October 16th in the Dr Schoening Conference Room with an expected attendance of 150 – 200 participants.

BUSINESS AND CIS

Linda Reeser

- Working to get syllabi changes to curriculum committee to meet October 15th deadline.
- Evaluating beginning programming languages to enhance the programming logic class.

Mary Sue DePuy

- Presented a Saturday session, hosted by CTE, on How to Prepare an Exam. The session was broadcast via ITN to Parker as well as having a good number of full-time and associate faculty in attendance on campus.

Distance Education

Carol Rinehart

- Fall 09-10 comparison reports

- Early Assist Program for online classes (late start classes)
- Minutes for DE Advisory Committee Meeting
- ITN Grids
- Assist students with questions regarding 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

Zeke Torres-ITN

- This month we facilitated 11 video conferences from SC 206. In addition we are in the process of bringing the encoders for ITN online.

Jaime Nolasco

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty.
- 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.
- Responded to calls on the Blackboard Helpdesk line and assisted customers with their needs.

Nicolas Hanhan

- Blackboard email tips
- Blackboard training for Faculty Dates:
- Faculty individual training
- Video Training
- DE web pages and blog updates
- ORI 102 Sample course for Faculty
- Online Courses Quality Check

Ernest Yates

- Teacher Training: Advanced Blogs
- Worked on Presentation for President's office (Postponed until next year).
- Provided photo services to publications.
- Working with Web services to build media content for AWC new website
- Provided President's office with visual imagery.
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Helped photo services with camera equipment and some training.

John Ringland

- 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
- Preparing to relocate Distance Education Video Studio

- Working with TANS on testing implementation of streaming video services
- Available to travel for training or assistance at any location in the District

Honors

New Staff: *preference to Honors Program membership*

- College Workstudy- Alec Saunders (sophomore)
- Volunteers- Diego Moya & Baby Dubay (both freshman)

New Honors/PTK Student Center Hours: M-Th 8am – 4:30pm

H-Curriculum, spring 2011

- ENG 102-002H (3) Freshman Comp., S. Moore
- THE 102-003H (3) History of Contemporary Theater, C. Straley
- ENG 170-00*H (3) Literature of the Bible, E. Davis
- POS 120-001H (3) World Politics, M. Bahramzadeh
- *Negotiating* GEO 105 (3) World Regional Geography, K. Dale
- ENV 101-002H (4) Environmental Science, T. Martinez
- Option category: H-contracts or blended section (4-6)
 - CIS 120 (3) Intro to Computer Information Systems, R. Keeling
 - SPC 215 (3) Public Speaking, K. Spencer
- HON 180-001/-002 (1) Honors Seminar: Professional Portfolio, E. Renaud
- HON 180-003 (1) Honors Seminar: Leadership, K. Spencer & E. Renaud
- HON 280-001 (3) Honors Colloquium: Environmental Ethics, T. Martinez & P. Lhotka
- HON 285-001 (3) Honors Capstone Project, E. Renaud
- *Service Learning Projects* HON 299-001 (1) Honors Independent Study, E. Renaud
- *Research Projects* HON 299-002 (3) Honors Independent Study, E. Renaud

Events

- Open House: 9/16/10, 9am-3pm in the Honors Program/PTK Office

Honors Council and Honors Program Member collaboration

Honors Code (draft 9/2010)

- Strive for extraordinary standards in life, academics and the community
- Personify unimpeachable integrity at all times
- Pursue the highest level of academic achievement and ethical conduct
- Advocate for making a difference in people's lives through one's self and others
- Respect the diversity and individuality of every human being

Humanities

FINE ARTS

- Music: Jazz Combo is performing 9/30 with Cibola HS & Yuma HS jazz bands at 7:00 pm at Cibola HS.
- On Saturday, September 4, 2010 Valentin Bogdan performed a Classical Piano Concert at the Remington Club in San Diego, CA.
- On Friday, September 21, 2010, Valentin Bogdan performed a Classical Piano Concert for the 5th graders at Desert Mesa Elementary School. This is part of a larger scale outreach project meant to introduce classical piano music to public school students across Yuma.

- AWC Theatre presented “Matadors of Comedy” on September 24th and 25th. Professor Chip Straley does not charge admission but ask for donations of food and clothing for the Crossroads Mission and Food Bank of Yuma.

MODERN LANGUAGES

- Michelle Faust held an event to promote the airing of AWC students at the competition in the Hispanic College Quiz Show.
- Michelle Faust has continued with the La Voz de Yuma radio program.
- Steven Lund gave the following workshop for the tutors of the Writing Center: Unraveling the Mystery of Gerunds and Infinitives.
- Liza Martinez taught a class entitled, Teaching English as Foreign Language to Children. The class was offered at CETYS University in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Stephen Moore was nominated for and served successfully as a participant in a national study conducted by the Educational Policy Improvement Center (EPIC) that was designed to evaluate the Common Core Standards, which have been recently adopted by over 30 states. Participants rated the importance of the Standards for student success in their courses and provided additional information helpful in determining the content and challenge level of their courses in relation to the Standards.
- Sam Metta-Bexar sent out the Writing Program Administrators Self-Study to the evaluators for the October visit.
- Judith Mattes designed & presented Student Success Center Seminar, Jazz Up Your Reading.
- Michael Miller writes a monthly film review and hosts 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. Michael also published a film review in the city daily newspaper, *The Yuma Sun*: “Alamar, an Eden by the Sea,” September 2.
- Abedi is teaching BME 420 for NAU-Yuma. The class is for Head Start Teachers from the organization, Chicanos por la Causa. Abedi also wrote the syllabus and rational for a proposed English course: Introduction to Linguistics.
- Ed Schubert has been studying Spanish, which is helping improve communication with some of his students.

La Paz County

- **Talent Search** had contact with 132 students in the Parker unified School district, and conducted recruiting presentations to 6th graders at Wallace Elementary and LePera, and received 35 applications thus far.
- September 28th, we are taking 6 of our seniors down to AWC for an activity we’re calling “College 101”. Students will have attended workshops on work study programs, scholarship and personal statement writing, and participate in a panel discussion with representatives from the major Arizona universities (ASU, NAU, U of A, & AWC). Interested students will also be taken AWC placement tests.
- On October 20th, there will be a 10th grade activity we’re calling “College LIFE: Your 1st Year”. Students will become familiar with the AWC campus as well as get a taste of what their expenses will be like the 1st year of college.
- On October 28th we will also be having an 8th grade activity a scavenger hunt time game to get students familiar with the AWC campus.

- **Upward Bound** had 35 student contacts this month. We have received four applications from new students this month.
- Senior Day will be held 9/28 in Yuma. This activity is sponsored by both ETS and UB.
- **T.V. Services/Tech** - We experienced 2 outages with La Paz and Quartzsite which affected all connectivity, both sites were back up and running within the day.
- We put 4 PC's in the ITN classroom in Quartzsite to eliminate the laptop issue.
- 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:** Met with Larry Lebsock & Daniel Barajas along with Betsy Parker to hammer out a new IGA with the WAVE JTED in La Paz resulting in an agreement that the JTED will pay tuition for Parker JTED students to attend AWC dual credit classes.
- Met with Betsy Parker the Superintendent of WAVE JTED to organize and plan a concurrent enrollment opportunity for Parker JTED students to attend the upcoming CNA course at AWC La Paz. The JTED will pick up all expenses of their students to attend the CNA program.
- Participated in the planning stages of the upcoming RED RIBBON WEEK activities in La Paz County.
- September 13th made a presentation to the "Deans' Meeting" on AWC in La Paz County.
- Held several meeting during the month on the soon to be offered American Indian Studies Degree and Certificate Programs at AWC La Paz
- Attended a 2 day grant writing workshop offered by Zocklien & Associates.
- September 29th we will host an articulation meeting for dual credit opportunities at Parker and Salome High Schools, where representatives from the high schools will meet with division representatives from AWC.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Met with Mr. Roberto Gonzales, U.S.Department of Agriculture (USDA) representative, concerning potential grant offerings. Discussed these issues collectively with Dr. Mayle and Dr. Mary Schaal. As a follow on, Holly Clements will be attending a USDA grants workshop during the week of Oct 4th.
- Continued planning input and documentation for AWC submittal of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility (SAFRA) grant.
- Hosted the Engineering Advisory Committee meeting with the local community engineering representatives on Friday Sept 24th. The meeting went very well.
- Evaluated a potential grant proposal on a ethanol bio fuel engine collectively with Dr. Mary Schaal, Director of Grants.
- A productive and successful field trip to the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge was held. This was a biology related event and was attended by a cadre of 10 NAU and 3 AWC students.

South Yuma County

- Have served the largest Fall student population to date.
- Hosted Deans' meeting at the San Luis facility
- Inaugurated our latest video/conferencing capacity from the San Luis Conference room
- Hosted Student Learning Workshops to improve student learning skills

- Hosted Diversity workshops and speakers coordinated by Maria Aguirre

Future Activities

- FTSE and Mid-semester performance collection
- Scheduling start for Fall 2011
- Begin priority registration for Spring 2011

Business and Liberal Arts

CDLL Dr Kathryn A Watson Child Development Learning Lab

- The prime goal for the CDLL right now is to open our final classroom and be able to provide 20 more spaces in the CDLL. This has been proposed to Joann Linville and Dan Hann and we are awaiting our final response. This classroom will also provide more opportunities for students to intern on a more individual basis and for more volunteers and classroom visits from the ECE and EDU students.
- Host our annual Stone Soup Celebration on November 24th
- Host our annual Storybook Parade on Thursday October 28th.
- Complete Parent Conferences during the first two weeks of November.
- We will conduct our “Family Play night” here at the CDLL
- We will participate in the Annual AWC Family Night in November

Humanities

Fine Arts

- Shawn Pollard will be giving a presentation on 10/21 at 7:00pm at the Yuma Main Library for the Arizona Native Plant Society on Noble Canyon in the Laguna Mountains of California. Botany is his hobby.
- AWCTheatre will present “Once Upon a Mattress” in October.

Modern Languages:

- Michelle Faust will present at the Arizona Language Association conference on Oct 2nd.
- Ellen Cohen will plan and implement “Return from Venice” a community-wide thank you to donors, celebration and sharing of Yuma Youth Choir Italy Tour October 3, 2010, 3C Building, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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
- Facilitate new construction at Parker & Quartzsite
- Develop New Classes and Build Enrollment
- Develop new strategies for registration problems in Quartzsite & Salome

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- To improve consistency and conformance of first day handouts of our Associate Faculty.
- To continue to provide input and documentation in support of AWC grant submittals.
- To host visit of U of A Provost and engineering personnel concerning AWC STEM related capabilities and curriculum.
- To continue to originate and update planning documents related to Solar Power project(s).
- To assist the other Divisions and college activities in any way we can.

South Yuma County

- Will host District Governing Board Meeting in October
- Will host a Citizen Application Workshop in October at the Somerton Facility