

# MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction  
Linda Elliott-Nelson  
October 31, 2011

## Accomplishments:

- Attended Arizona Academic Administrators annual conference – AWC will host this conference during Fall 2013.
- Met with accreditation visitors for NAU-Yuma.
- Met with NAU-Yuma to discuss Elementary Education program.
- Met to discuss processing of grants received.
- Processing curriculum.

## Business and Liberal Arts

### Christina Hawkey

- Met with NAU to discuss Education Program
- Finished classroom observations
- Hired an adjunct faculty for Native American Studies
- Participated in UA Presidential Search Forum
- Reviewed applications for new History Professor
- Worked with Student Service Deans on First Year Experience
- Participated in AWC Foundation Planning Session

## SOCIAL SCIENCE

### Melissa Behunin

- Wrote an article for the family focus
- As the Gay Straight Alliance for Equality Faculty Advisor, I was busy!
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, National Coming out Day. Partnered with GLSEN to hold two showings of “Prayers for Bobby” and facilitated discussions about the movie and LGBTQ issues
- October 12<sup>th</sup>, A Day to End Violence. Partnered with VPP at AWC to hold two events to speak out against hate crimes. Both events consisted of student and faculty participation, speeches, songs, and a monologue performed by a theatre student here on campus.
- October 17-18<sup>th</sup> booths were available with club information and support to celebrate National Ally Week

### Christopher Barker

- Attended Philosophy ATF
- Subbed for two POS-120-001 classes
- Facilitated monthly Social Science department meeting
- Attended the Academic Leaders meeting
- Began scheduling Social Science courses for Fall '12

### Lindette Lent

- I have 40 students creating presentations on a variety of unethical research experiments and presenting them. They are doing a bang up job of learning about and applying the Nuremberg and Belmont codes while also preparing to be able to present research at conferences..
- I recently attended the Christian Writers of America annual fall conference in San Diego. I took several classes and met with a publisher from Rival books.

#### **David Burris**

- Attended the Religious Studies ATF in Phoenix
- Continued to plan and promote our Science and Religion Debate
- Kasandra Lor came into my World Religions class and had the students do some Tai Chi
- Meet weekly with the philosophy club to discuss philosophical, ethical, and political issues as well as plan our booth at Family night

#### **Aryca Arizaga Marron**

- My FAS/PSY 238 Human Development courses observed children at the Child Development Learning Lab.
- My Arizona Western College/University of Arizona 2+2 students are conducting site visits in assisted living facilities and nursing homes to formulate discussion and a paper regarding the elderly/aging population.
- I attended the Family and Consumer Science ATF meeting.
- I attended the 'Campus Resources -- Day 4 of New Faculty Orientation' which included presentations from: Dr. Mary Schaal – AWC Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Research, and Grants; Laura Sandigo – Office of Student AccessABILITY; AWC Testing Center; and Angie Creel-Erb – the Academic Library.
- I served on two hiring committees for University of Arizona-Yuma.
- Melissa Behunin and I worked on submitting FAS 204 Gender Relations, PSY 238 Human Development, and FAS 238 Human Development as Writing Intensive Courses.

#### **Laurie Black**

- Right now we have many of our nutrition students spending time in the CDLL doing work for internships and getting field experience and providing feedback to the CDLL on current nutrition activities and food options for the kids. Additionally, there is honors student that will be working with the kids on healthy snack selection later this month. This has been a great on-campus collaboration to get our students working hands on with ideas for improving the health of our youth.
- I have received confirmation that an article I co-wrote with a professor of Nutrition at ASU on the *Effectiveness of weight training for weight loss in obese individuals* was accepted into the Obesity Journal but we do not have an anticipated Month in which it will be in print.

#### **WELLNESS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

##### **Jane Peabody**

- Lockers have arrived!! We have one set built, facilities will build the other two and mount them to the wall and then they will be usable.
- Taping and editing are complete for Fitness for Life orientation video. We will be using blackboard for orientation instead of closing the fitness center for orientation.

##### **Angie Creel-Erb**

- AWC Belly dance class performed at Alcohol Awareness Day and will be performing on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> for Family Night.

## **EDUCATION**

No report

## **ECE**

### **Judy Watkinson**

- Judy Watkinson attended the Early Childhood ATF via software called "Elluminate". This worked well. There are no major changes to ECE across the state.
- Early Childhood Conference October 15<sup>th</sup> Alma attended
- Judy attended October FTF board meeting
- Susie O'Brien will attend the Pathways Collaborator meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>

## **HOSPITALITY SERVICES**

No report

## **BUSINESS AND CIS**

No report

## **CDLL**

### **Alison Keough**

- 304 students utilized the CDLL to complete classroom assignments and volunteer hours for classes. The students are enrolled in ECE, EDU, PSY, FAS, ORI, NTR, and NUR courses.
- 59 Parents visited the CDLL for observation, play or feeding
- 36 Nursing students utilized the CDLL to complete practice DDST's
- 5 Community members visited the CDLL
- 4 Classes toured the center with professors as part of their coursework.
- The CDLL is fully enrolled; we currently have 6 infants, 10 one year olds, 12 two year olds and 21 preschoolers. The waiting list is currently at the following numbers Infants: 30 Toddler Ones/twos: 140 92 Preschool: 307.
- The CDLL is hosting a student teacher from NAU for the next 8 weeks. We have been in contact with Vicki Artisana the student teaching coordinator at NAU and they are planning to place two student teachers at the CDLL for the Spring Semester.
- The CDLL Hosted Family Night for the School, we provided hands on activities for the families and their children to share together. We had 25 families in attendance.
- The CDLL in conjunction with the ECE program is working in the final draft of the program review.
- The CDLL had two interns from the Nutrition Program with Laurie Black. They each completed three weeks at the CDLL and worked on individual goal and objectives.
- Alison Keough attended the First Things First Stakeholders meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss strategies and priorities for the ECE Grant funding in the coming year.
- Alison Keough attended the Governor's Symposium on Education at the Dr Schoening Conference Room in the 3-C building on October 21.
- Alma Barrandey as part of the Professional Development Core Group hosted an ECE workshop on Humor in Education at the Dr Schoening conference center in the 3-C building at AWC. They had 125 participants from the ECE community, high schools, and EDU/ECE majors.
- Judy Watkinson and Alma Barrandey have been attending the CPLC Early Head Start Family

Childcare Pilot Project meetings as stakeholders in the process. Alma attended the awards dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup>, where Judy Watkinson was awarded a medal for appreciation. The pilot project selected 24 Family Child Care providers for the project funding and all 24 chosen were current and/or former students of the AWC ECE programs. Several of those chosen are currently attending Infant Toddler CDA Module courses taught by Gloria Renteria.

- Alma Barrandey, Benjamin Behunin and Patricia Powers worked with the Non Traditional Career Fair students on October 23. They had 15 male students who listened to information about teaching, AWC and then participated in hands on activities with the children at the CDLL.

## **Distance Education**

### **Carol Rinehart**

- Created Student Satisfaction Survey and deployed to all online fall courses
- Faculty appraisal for Fall online classes.
- HSI Title V Grant
- Postsecondary Distance Education project-contacting all the states regarding exemption policies
- Monitored Blackboard Groups including enrolling users, checking on group statuses and developing content
- ITN Grids for scheduling
- Posted ITN grids on Blackboard and Edit Grid. Updated Edit Grid with ITN changes
- Assisted many students with questions regarding online classes
- Process part-time personnel requisitions; requisitions for purchases
- Process travel for DE & ITN personnel
- Order supplies for DE & ITN
- Substitute ITN operator

### **Zeke Torres-ITN**

- We have updated the Main Campus ITN rooms to be fully digital. This is the first phase and the project should be completed in December when classes are out.

### **Jaime Nolasco**

- Created and delivered training to groups of faculty
- 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.
- Provided front-end blackboard support to DE offices and faculty.

### **Nicolas Hanhan**

- Blackboard training
- Provide Blackboard Support for Faculty and Staff
- Individual faculty training for BB
- Helped faculty with video conversion
- DE Web pages update.
- DE blog updates

- BB email tips
- Parker Blackboard Training
- CTE nomination forms

#### **Ernest Yates**

- Photographed for Facilities
- Developed Solar Presentation
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Web layout for DE site
- Photos for DGB
- Developed Training for English Dept.

#### **John Ringland**

- Parker for Blackboard training
- Testing Adobe Connect software
- 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**

- Honors has announced the following scholarships:
  - USA Today and Coca-Cola Academic All American Scholarship
  - Honors Spring Scholarships

#### **Humanities**

Jill Loveless was the Master of Ceremony at the annual Classics under the Moonlight concert. All three classified employees in the division Volunteered for College Wide Objective on Alcohol Awareness Day.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Jane Williams's dissertation proposal was accepted and circulated to the rest of the committee. Jane hopes to defend the dissertation in Feb 2013.
- Donna Taylor attended webinars through Jossey Bass-Department Chair Leadership Institute, to help in her role as lead of communications. Polynesian students and she were invited to attend the *Young Life* Banquet where the Polynesian students performed the *haka*, a warrior chant.
- Sam Metta Bexar participated in the state PARCC meeting on October 17th. PARCC is a multistate consortium developing assessments based on the Common Core Standards. She participated in the Common Core Standards writing meeting on October 26th-27th."
- Ed Schubert has incorporated the following ideas in his classes: Halloween Festivities for ENG 100 include students dressing as their favorite punctuation mark and explaining how it is used. ENG 220, Sci-Fi, has been practicing "radio-dramas" of sci-fi stories that lend themselves to that format: "There Will Come Soft Rains" by Ray Bradbury, "The Heat Death of the Universe" by Paula Zoline, and "Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut. Sci-Fi students had their annual costume competition and candlelit lecture on "The Frankenstein Theme in Literature." English 100 classes reenacted the "The Lottery" using paper wads in place of stones.

## **FINE ARTS**

- Angel Luna was part of the Hispanic heritage lectures series for the Office of Diversity on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The Art Club had an interactive day of the Dead Altar in the 3C building from October 24<sup>th</sup>-November 1<sup>st</sup>. A small altar competition was held October 31-November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Piano Students of Valentin Bogdan performed a recital in the community at First United Methodist Church of Yuma. Valentin Bogdan was chosen by Oxford University Press to review a new class piano manual, *Contemporary Class Piano*, by Elise Mach.
- AWC Theatre performed six performances of Christopher Durang's "Baby with the Bathwater" which was directed by AWCTheatre student Amanda Carreno. Theatre student Laura Page Duppsadt produced two performances of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Students lead by student Jake Griener participated in the AWC Alcohol Awareness Program as drunken driving victims. Theatre donated 268 pounds of food to the Yuma Food Bank and 47 bags of clothing to the Crossroad's Mission.

## **MODERN LANGUAGES**

- Steven Lund received a plaque commemorating his service on the Board of Directors of the National Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa at the museum's annual board meeting on October 15th. An engraved brick was also placed in Steven's honor in the museum's new Jens Jensen Prairie Landscape Garden. During his three-year term, Steven served on standing committees charged with providing direction for the Family History and Genealogy Center and the Museum Shop. He recently served on ad hoc committees organized to revise policies and procedures and write a new vision statement for the museum.
- Nancy Blitz served on the Yuma Community Foundation's selection committee for the 2011 "Heart of Yuma" recipients. She also served on the Yuma Education Foundation Board and helped with preparations for the annual Teacher of the Year Kick-off BBQ and the Teach of the Year Banquet which will be held in April.

## **La Paz County**

No report

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

- Ted Martinez has a new publication with his colleagues: Title: Rare drought-induced mortality of juniper is enhanced by edaphic stressors and influenced by stand density.
- Authors: Matthew A Bowker, Ph. D.; Axhel Muñoz; Theodore Martinez; Matthew Lau
- In Journal of Arid Environments.
- Megan Lahti is publishing a field guide to Yuma County in ENV-101 with assistance from the AWC Publications dept.
- AWC science is signing a contract with The Cocopah Indian Tribe to begin ecological monitoring on the Cocopah Reservation.
- 10/15/2011 – Prof. John King attended and provided his entomological expertise to the annual insect rodeo hosted a Cibola National Wildlife
- 10/17/2011 - Prof. Kevin Young participated in AWC BYOBB (bring your own brown bag) lunch, leading the discussion of the article *Creating a Lesson Plan that Works*.
- 10/17/2011 – Prof Scott Donnelly continues collaboration with Dave Brown from Southwestern College in Chula Vista, CA. In celebration of 2011 being the International Year of Chemistry

- 10/19 – SMAD Division participated in AWC’s Health Services Department hosted a National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Associate Dean was participant in dunking tank.
- 10/21/2011 to 10/22/2011 - Jenifer Bundy participated in the National Geographic Bio-Blitz, which took place in Tucson AZ. Jennifer was identifying moths.
- 10/22/2011 – Prof. Francisco Villa , through Science Club has supported the attendance of three of our students to the Highlands Gardening Conference
- 10/25/2011 – Cecilia Vigil and Science Students will be hosting a bat educational presentation for first grade students from Desert Mesa School.
- 10/27/2011 – Cecilia Vigil and Science Students judged the pet/owner Costume Contest at Desert Veterinary Clinic.
- 10/28/2011 – Professors Dahwei Chang and Anne Gallagher represented AWC at second meeting in Phoenix for the Adult Education Alignment Team for Mathematics
- 10/31/2011 – Prof. Zoe Hawk and her NAU Infectious Disease students hosted “Pestilence Fest” on Oct 31<sup>st</sup> at noon (main entrance AS building), demonstrating their posters describing different infectious diseases.
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### **South Yuma County**

- Hosted AWC Governing Board Meeting. Welcomed new Board members to their first visit to our center’s facilities. Visiting guests included local parents, students K-12 administrators and faculty members. Representatives from Universidad Tecnologica de Puerto Peñasco also attended as guests.
- Hosted College/Career day Hosted local high school and middle school children to join with our College students as they explored university transfer options and career opportunities
- Hosted Guest Speakers Angel Luna Professor of Art presented to our local students as exhibiting ceramicist/sculptor.
- Rotoract Student Organization participated in a Paintathon assisting to paint a local home of a low income family.

### **Future Activities**

#### **Business and Liberal Arts**

##### **CDLL**

##### **Alison Keough**

- The CDLL continues to work to open our final classroom and be able to provide 20 more spaces in the CDLL.
- The CDLL will hold our annual Storybook parade on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The CDLL will be hosting our annual Stone Soup Celebration on Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held for the children and families at the CDLL during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Distance Education**

No report

## **Honors**

- Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship will be announced
- Honors is planning a fall open house

## **Humanities**

- Nancy Blitz and Brian Beeles will be having a cross-language exchange with ESL and SPA 101 students. Spanish students will be conversing in Spanish and ESL students will be conversing in English. Students have been preparing a list of set questions in the target language. This will enable all students to practice their conversation skills with a native speaker.
- AWCT faculty, staff, and students are currently in rehearsal for “Stand and Deliver,” which will open on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Valentin Bogdan was invited to perform a classical piano recital at First United Methodist Church of El Centro, California on Sunday, Nov. 11th.

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No report

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- Prof. Megan Lahti is coordinating an environmental science student-produced field guide for Yuma County that includes plants and animals (invasive and native) from 3 main habitats: riparian, mountain, desert. The plan is to have it published by mid-November with the assistance of the AWC Publications dept.
- The Xerces Society is coming to AWC to develop a partnership with AWC Science and Agriculture to increase the seed production of Milk Weed Species.
- Pup-Fish Release Ceremony to take place 11/8, 3:00 PM, main entrance AS building

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Will attend Border Colleges Consortium representing AWC.