

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction
Linda Elliott-Nelson
September 30, 2009

Accomplishments:

- FTSE Input begun
- Fall 2009 load reports processed
- Fall 2010 schedule process organized and begun
- Emergency Preparedness Training
- Parker Faculty Meeting, 9/23/09. Several administrators traveled to Parker to meet with faculty and present on Assessment, Writing focus, and Instructional Operations.

Business and Liberal Arts

- BLAD BLOG: Presented BLAD BLOG to Learning Services.
- La Paz: Went to Parker for Orientation meeting.
San Luis: Met with Everardo Martinez and discussed a variety of issues.
- EDU Meeting: Met with EDU Faculty and Dr. Marc Nigliazzo.
- World Heritage Week: Worked with Ken Kuntzleman to get orientation students to attend World Heritage Week festivities.
- STU 210: Worked with Tanya Hodges and Martha Cordova on offering two STU 210 courses for the Spring 2010 semester.
- U of A: Went with Tanya Hodges to U of A to help with the STU 210 students. Met with the Director of the McGuire Institute.
- NAU: Worked with Eileen Knight on the AWC to NAU 2 + 2 programs. Eileen will be visiting the ORI classrooms to discuss the 2 + 2 programs with the students.
- Emergence Preparedness: Attended 4 hour workshop.
- BLAD Conference: Continue to work with faculty on offering conferences at AWC; four have been scheduled so far for this year.
- YPIC Scholarships: Continue to work with Daniel Barajas and Lynn LaBrie to get scholarships for our students.

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christina Hawkey and Melissa Behunin have been working to finalize specifics for their October workshop, "Sex, Gender and Communication: An Evening for Couples". Christina wrote several articles for the Yuma Sun as well as worked with the Honors Department as a Capstone Advisor for students. Christina worked with the University of Arizona to move forward with the articulation of a 2+2 Family Studies degree. FCS-220 students visited Christina's home so they could practice "real life family skills". Lastly, Christina reported that the FDC post 1-year program review process has been completed.

Peter Lhotka attended the Peace Expo where his Ethics students completed an assignment on how they can enhance peace within themselves and throughout the world. Peter reported that Dr. Carl Myers attended his REL 201 classes on September 15th where he spoke on Buddhism and meditation.

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Nancy Meister reported that Freeman Miller, Sanitarian from Yuma County Health Department, spoke to the Culinary Arts students enrolled in CUL-143. Nancy attended the Hospitality ATF meeting on September 18th at Scottsdale Community College.

Karen Spencer conducted a professional development workshop on August 28th for the Yuma Lutheran School faculty and staff regarding dealing with communication in the workplace/community. Karen met with the District One Superintendent on September 14th to discuss additional opportunities to support K-12 schools in our community. On September 22nd Karen met with a small group of the Teacher Training Task Force to discuss rigor and how they plan to coordinate and market the idea throughout the community. Karen met with the principals at Desert Mesa and Castle Dome Middle schools to coordinate students' observations in targeting key areas of excellence in education. Karen met with Educational Services Advisory, a county-wide group whose mission is to coordinate district support with communication, technology and other opportunities for consortium as well prepare for the county-wide "Professional Development" day.

Patty Powers attended the Arizona CTE Assessment Committee for the Education Professions Program on September 19th in Phoenix, Arizona. The committee reviewed test items developed last October. Patty and Karen Spencer are currently working with Ike Erb to develop a tool to be used for recruitment at high schools and during the October 17th ECE conference. Patty reported that Dr. Marc Nigliazzo, AWC President, met with the Education and Early Childhood Education faculty on September 28th. They discussed where they are and where they need to go as a teacher preparation program to meet the needs of Yuma County. Patty submitted a request to apply for a Federal Grant that could possibly provide the education program with a new certificate program, thus increasing FTSE. In collaboration with Maria Aguirre, Curriculum and Diversity Coordinator, Patty's diversity class host the Mighty Times: The Children's March presentation.

Judy Watkinson reported that First Things First of Yuma County awarded \$77,000.00 to the Pathways Grant. The grant assists ECE students taking courses in the CDA program at AWC. Judy reported that Susie O'Brien had an article published in Baja Del Sol on September 17th. Judy and Susie O'Brien attended the semiannual Pathways grant meeting at Central Arizona College on September 18th. A dedicated space and computer will be needed for Susie to input grant data. Judy held a CDA Advisor meeting on September 25th at the CDLL.

Business and CIS

Charlie Balch reported that he became a Lieutenant in the Toms Hardware forums. Charlie was invited to be a columnist with the Yuma Sun.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

JANA MOORE

- Blackboard Version 9 Training
- Online Faculty Evaluations

JAIME NOLASCO

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty
- Created Toro Accounts 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

JOHN RINGLAND

- Student Services Introduction Video for inclusion in all Blackboard Classes.
- Video produced in English and in Spanish and with ASL interpreter added.
- Camtasia training and office set-up for Karen Spencer
- PowerPoint Training for Yuma County Code Enforcement Program
- PowerPoint assistance for Kevin Mann
- Video Update for EDU 249
- Coordination with Helpdesk on Camtasia installation in areas for associate faculty use including new computers in CTE.
- Training scheduled for Oct. 5th in CTE. RSVP to Nancy Blitz

CAROL RINEHART

- Continued with early assist for Fall 09 start-up
- Prepared for faculty evaluations for Fall 2009 online classes
- Minutes for DE Advisory Meeting
- Researched and compiled report for Arizona Community Colleges online class capacity
- Prepared the AWC Teach Act checklist
- Coordinated Spring 2010 and Fall 2010 ITN grids
- Comparison report for Fall 08 & 09 online classes
- Compiled list of Fall 09 & Spring 10 ITN classes w/master list
- Compiled report showing percentages of ITN classes offered by departments (Fall 09/Spring 10 [tentative])
- Compiled report of online classes and number of students in each course for Spring, Summer and Fall 2009
- Contacted faculty teaching traditional courses about individualized BB training.
- Managed the monthly Time & Effort reports
- Processed part-time requisitions and purchase orders
- Processed travel requests & expense claim forms
- Handled the incoming and outgoing ITN mail
- Substitute ITN operator

ERNEST YATES

- Provided photo services to publications
- Working with Web services to build media content for AWC Foundation website
- 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

HONORS

Honors Open House, Thursday, 9/17, 9am-3pm. Semester fellowship event gathering Honors members/alumni, H-faculty, H-Council members, LS Admin, H-staff and potential H-members celebrating Honors education. H-membership marketed event with service announcements in classes and posted flyers across main campus. Over 75 members and visitors graced the Honors Student Center, LR 52. Members and guests signed our board of fame.



Group photo taken by Craig Ramage, Western Voice

Spring 2010 H-Curriculum

- Honors Seminar: HON 180-001 & -002, Liz Renaud
- Honors Colloquium: HON 280-001, Linda Elliott-Nelson & Ken Kuntzelman
- Honors Capstone: HON 285-001 & -002, Liz Renaud
- Freshman Comp: ENG 102-002H, Steve Moore
- Mathematics: potential MAT 142 (negotiating with faculty and dept)
- Arts: THE 102-001H, Chip Straley
- Humanities: REL 210-001H, Pete Lhotka
- Social & Behavioral Sciences: HIS 230-001H online Sheri Cole & GEO 105-001H Kenny Dale
- Physical & Biological Sciences: ENV 101-002H Ted Martinez
- Options: CIS 120-014H Ricky Keeling

H-Council Mtg overview

- H-Curriculum:
 - Fall: three 1-credit 297 H-special topics modular courses. Common theme with three interdisciplinary faculty providing perspectives from their discipline of study.
 - Spring: colloquium (traditional)
 - Summer: colloquium, field experience
- Create a faculty proposal process for H-colloquium & H-special topics
- Formulate a H-faculty handbook

Humanities:

- Several members of the division participated in the Peace Expo, which was a huge success on our campus.
- Angel Luna's art was featured at an art show in Las Cruces, New Mexico
- Bill Blomquist served as a judge in the Bisbee Plein Air Painting Competition Sept. 12th.
- Yuma area Art Teachers show opened in the gallery and includes a reception Oct. 1st.
- The Jazz band directed by Shawn Pollard has been performing at the home football games.
- ESL continues in the hiring process for the full-time faculty.
- Charles Smalley: The AWC Chamber Singers and the Yuma Chorale are in preparation for an Early Fall Choral Concert on Oct. 9, 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16th St and 14th Ave. The choirs are working on a variety of classical and folk related pieces.

La Paz County

- Talent Search had contact with 178 students in the Parker Unified School District
- 9/23/09 - 9th gr. campus activity "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"
- 09/15/09 – Met with ADOT on the development of “Pre-Apprenticeship in Highway Construction” Program
- 09/22/09 – Along with Daniel Barajas and Larry Lebsock met with representatives from AWC, PUSD and Bicentennial School District on the Articulation of High School classes to AWC classes for the purpose of Dual Credit
- 09/23/09 – Hosted Deans and Associate Deans meeting for Parker Associate Faculty

- Meeting and reviewed several faculty related issues
- Margaret Dewey made “College Days” presentations to Lake Havasu High School and Salome High School
 - Margaret Dewey also did “Early Assistance” presentations to AWC students in Parker.
 - NAU and SSD visited the campus and met with students.
 - Advertising begun for Quartzsite Learning Center positions

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Anne Gallagher and Nada Washington traveled to Albuquerque, NM to participate in a workshop sponsored by NSF for Hispanic Serving Institutions. They were looking at Quality Education for Minorities and AWC was invited to participate.
- The WIRED online courses begin this next week aimed at teachers seeking content in science. Cecilia Vigil and Kelly Esslinger are offering courses this fall.
- Biology reports that 36 students participated in Science internships this last year as part of their coursework and grant activities at AWC.
- The Agriculture AA was rewritten and the new Crop Production AAS were approved through division, broadening the articulation opportunities for students seeking to remain in Yuma for their Bachelors.
- The NSF Grant Cohort for AWC and NAU had a fieldtrip to Brown Canyon as part of their out of class activities.
- September NETMA newsletter published.

South Yuma County

- Presented to parents in local schools plans to promote family participation in educational pathways for all family members. This includes Middle school math and English programs and Adult ESL programs. Integrated these plans into school based parent outreach teams.
- Participated in San Luis Chamber Of Commerce Expo.
- Participated in cooperative planning meetings with San Luis High School and Gadsden School District to create an articulated academic pathways plan to facilitate student progression through university placement.

Future Activities

- FTSE Collection completed
- Midterm input
- Spring 2011 text requisitions
- Arizona Academic Administrators Association Meeting
- Arizona Town Hall Yuma Presentation on Transportation, 10/13/09

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christina Hawkey will begin work for February workshop, “Understanding the Infant Adoption Process”.

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Nancy Meister reported that the Culinary Arts student will be producing 350 crepes for the Heart of Yuma event. The Culinary Arts students will also be writing reports and producing videos focusing on hunger and war for the Peace for a Day event.

Patty Powers will be working with Bertha Avila on the Writing Focus Group to look at writing across the AWC curriculum and to promote the importance throughout the Business and Liberal Arts Division. Patty will be attending the Education ATF meeting on October 16th as well as the ECE Conference on October 17th. Patty will be working with Larry Lebsock to distribute recruitment cards on the Education Program to the local high schools.

Judy Watkinson reported that she will have an article published in the Yuma Sun on October 14th. Alma Barrandey will also have an article published in October in Baja Del Sol. Judy reported that all of ECE is working on the ECE conference slated for October 17th. Judy will be advising during the lunch period. Lastly, the ECE faculty will be joining the ECE ATF meeting via ITN on October 16th.

Distance Education

HONORS

- All USA Academic Team Scholarship applications available 10/1
- HON 280 Honors Colloquium Ecology Field Experience: National Parks Student Presentation, 10/13/09 (Tuesday, 12:15-1:30pm, AWC Little Theater)
- Adopt a highway clean-up (Fortuna Road), HON 180 Honors Seminar, 11/3/09
- NAU-Flagstaff visitation, 11/2009

Humanities

English Dept will continue working on standards for each level of English offered.

Matadors of Comedy will be Friday, Oct 9th-11th and 16th-18th

Angel Luna and Michael Miller will attend the ATF meeting in Phoenix for Art and Media Arts.

AWC Fall Choral Concert *AWC Chamber Singers, The Yuma Chorale and The AWC Youth Choir* Dr. Charles Smalley and Dr. Beth Tibbs, directors.

Friday, October 9, 7:30 PM St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16th St. and 14th Ave.

Fall Band Concert AWC Community Band, Shawn Pollard, director

Monday, October 19, 7:00 PM Gila Ridge HS Auditorium

Classics by Moonlight The Yuma Civic Orchestra and The String Ambassadors

Janet Jones, director Friday, October 30, 7:00 PM

Margaret Page Amphitheater on the AWC campus, north end.

St. Paul's Concert Series Piano Recital Dimitry Kerichenko, piano

Sunday, October 25, 5:00 PM St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 16 St. at 14th Ave.

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

TALENT SEARCH:

- 10/02/09 to 10/09/09 - PUSD Fall Break
- 10/15/09 - 12th gr. campus activity "College Testing Day"
- 10/29/09 - 8th gr. campus activity

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Program Review in progress for Chemistry, Biology, and Physics/Astronomy
- Dr. Nigliazzo will attend a Science meeting and tour the AS building in October
- Dr. Nigliazzo will tour the Ag. Lab and Greenhouse facilities in October
- Classroom Observations are beginning for all probationary and continuing faculty scheduled for appraisal this semester.
- Will attend the AAAA Conference in October

South Yuma County

Working to enroll early grads from San Luis High