

Monthly Report

Dean of Instruction
Linda Elliott-Nelson
January 29, 2010

Accomplishments:

Attended Community College Futures Assembly
Semester startup for Spring 2010 – 14% enrollment increase
Completed pilot of waitlist for Spring 2010 registration (4 courses)
STEM Academy/Middle College meeting at Yuma High School
Presented at Parker faculty meeting, 1/28/10

Business and Liberal Arts

Mat Anderson:

- Participated in Spring 2010 Faculty Start-up Day on January 9th
- Assisted faculty with conferences
- Presented “Quality Assurance and Latin America” at annual Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) conference on January 25th – 28th
- Processed load sheets for full-time and part-time faculty
- Co-chaired Prior Learning Assessment Committee meeting on January 20th

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Christine Hawkey:

- Interviewed by KYMA on New Year resolutions and goals, with Mat Anderson
- Christine did the Sunrise Show for KYMA and spoke on “Strong Communities/Strong Families”
- She was a presenter at Faculty start up meeting
- She wrote for the Yuma Sun
- Finalized plans for Adoption Conference in February
- Finalized plans for Relationship Conference in February

Peter Lhotka:

- Scheduled Dr. Carl Myers to speak at both REL 201 classes about Buddhism and meditation
- Competed in the Desert Tour Classic pocket billiards event at the Wild Horse Pass casino where I finished 7th
- Received Blackboard 9 training and converted all my classes over to the new version

Susanne C Goethals:

- Currently teaching PHI 233, Philosophy of Religion (This course is being offered here at AWC for the first time and is currently being delivered as a hybrid course. Because interesting 200-level courses like this one were developed, are being offered, and are making enrollment, the number of philosophy majors is increasing.)
- Developed Pre- and Post-Test assessment tool for PHI 103 (Introduction to Logic) with Associate Professor, Dan Taylor
 - The test was administered during week one of the term, and we are currently compiling the data. This assessment study will measure learning outcomes in our Intro to Logic course, a key site for the development of critical thinking at AWC

BUSINESS/CIS

Mary Sue DePuy:

- She met with two new associate faculty to begin the mentoring process.
- On January 9, a start up meeting, which had several breakout session alternatives for faculty to attend. She also co-presented two sessions of Embedded Writing in GE courses with Christine Hawkey
- As a member of Academic Appeals committee, she met and processes five appeals
- On January 15th, she met with The Writing Matters group from 9am to 12pm

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY

Patricia Powers:

- Participated in the first spring semester Teaching Training Task Force (TTTF) meeting on the 19th of January

Karen Spencer:

- Participated in the first spring semester TTTF meeting on the 19th of January
- Participated as a member of a panel for an Honors class to discuss Education and Social Change

Judith Watkinson:

- Twenty nine students enrolled in the Pathways grant taking 105 credits. Thanks to Susie O'Brien for spear-heading the recruitment effort
- Susie O'Brien is using the dedicated computer in the office to input the data for the grant. This procedure is arduous right now but should be easier by next semester. This is a new system required by CAC for the Pathways grant

Nancy Meister:

- Focus on Writing Committee Meeting on January 15th
- SkillsUSA Planning Meeting on January 27

Business and CIS

Charles Balch:

- He wrote an article for the Yuma Sun on "Identity Theft."
- He signed a contract with Cambridge Scholars Press to publish his book on "Internet Survey Design."
- Registered the <http://askclass.net> site (internet application for polling students), the site released to public domain under the Creative Commons license
- Wrote and submitted a case study on software development paper for refereed judging
- International TCC Conference: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow: Communication, Collaboration, Communities, Mobility and Best Choices (Charles wrote and submitted a case study on software development paper for refereed judging. Paper topic: Askclass.net: Development of Internet Collaboration Tool.)
- International WorldComp 10 Congress in Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Applied Computing (wrote and submitted a position paper for refereed judging. Paper topic: Understanding Quantum Networking: Where are we and what we can expect?)
- NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence (wrote and submitted a presentational proposal. Presentation Title: You Know What You Want to Do- Have You Asked Faculty if they are On Task?)
- Began writing his next book, tentatively titled, "The Myth of Rational Behavior."
- He is generating 372 student credit hours this Spring of 2010

Distance Education

John Ringland

- Traveled to Parker for Blackboard 9 Training, 1/7.
- Scheduled trip to San Luis for Blackboard 9 training, 1/29.
- Updated version of Student Services video with Milly Gomez.
- Produced Video introduction to Facebook with Nicholas Hanhan.
- Corrected version of Writing Matters.
- Advanced Camtasia Training-Michelle Faust.
- Advanced Blackboard Training-Nancy Meister.
- Training on transferring concepts from Blackboard to Vista for-Amalia Garzon.
- Classroom observation of Anne Gallagher (integration of Smartboard content into Blackboard) for future training sessions.
- Duplicating Ed Davis Telecourse DVDs to mail to students without cable access.
- Planning for CTE Workshop “Bringing Multimedia to Your Classroom” with Michelle Faust and Charles Balch.
- Received Application Training (Adobe Illustrator) from Ernest Yates.
- Distributing Tablet PCs with new image for selected NAU faculty.
- Videotape orientation for online Spanish class-Michelle Faust

Carol Rinehart

- Early Assist Program-27 instructors provided me with a list of their students to contact.
- Online Class Comparison report for Spring 09 & 10.
- Processed part-time personnel requisitions for SI leaders for math lab grant.
- Processed travel for ITN & DE personnel.
- Ordered supplies for math grant, ITN & DE.
- Substitute ITN operator.

Zeke Torres-ITN

- Working with the VP of Instructional Technology on planning the installation of the Video Conference room in the new Math Lab.
- Installed a newer codec, computer, and new document camera in Wellton.
- Installed new codecs in the ITN control rooms on main campus.

Jaime Nolasco

- Provided Blackboard support to both students and faculty.
- Assisted with Toro Account Activation for students and reset their 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

- Instructor help pages (Tutorial PDF and Videos added)
- Student blackboard help page (FAQ, quick start guide, tutorials and video added, in process)
- Blackboard Training Sessions:
 - Wednesday, Jan 7 (Parker)
 - Saturday, Jan 9
 - Tuesday, Jan 19

Saturday, Jan 23
Tuesday, Jan 26
Friday, Jan 29 (San Luis scheduled)

- Individual Faculty training
- Blackboard Weekend Faculty support (Sunday, Jan 12)
- Faculty email support (Friday, Jan 18)

Ernest Yates

- Provided photo services to publications.
- Worked with Michael to establish login page and banner art for BB9.
- Supported instructors with various hands-on training related to online learning.
- Helped photo services.
- Creating BB9 training for faculty.
- Provided photo services to President's office.

Honors

Administration of services

H-scholarships

New member: Recruitment and advisement

H-contract mtgs.

H-Capstone initial team mtgs.

H-faculty & mentor/advisor compensation

HON 180-002 independent study standing mtgs.

Search for new part time senior secretary and campus work study

Scheduling H-Center volunteer (points of contact)

Curriculum

HON 180-001/-002 Honors Seminar (L. Renaud)

Create a professional portfolio

HON 180-003 Honors Seminar (K. Spencer & L. Renaud)

Leadership: Public Speaking

Class projects: formal dinner (AWC culinary arts program) with AWC
VIPs & application process for commencement speaker

HON 285 Honors Capstone Projects (mentor/advisors)

- Team Fry: Relay for Life (C. Hawkey)
- Team Lozada: Beauty through mathematics (D. Russow & B. Blomquist)
- Team Mullennix & Newhard: Desert Hiking Guidebook (B. Belobaba, M. Miller, G. Montopoli & I. Erb)
- Team Mulligan: Curation of moose bones (F. Croxen)
- Team Vega: Campus recycling (T. Martinez & L. Renaud)

HON 297-001 Honors Desert Hiking (L. Renaud)

Outdoor activities: Raven Butte, Barry M. Goldwater Range, Picacho Loop,
Picacho State Park (CA) and Muggins Loop, Muggins Wilderness Area

Events/Activities

Rearrangement of the physical learning environment

Farewell potluck lunch for Andrea Schalker

Rescheduling of ASU University visitation

Western Regional Honors Conference, Proposals submitted

Capstone teams: Mullennix/Newhard & Mulligan

HON 280 Honors Colloquium Ecology Field Experience: National Parks:

L.Renaud

Press Conference: All USA Academic Team Members (1/25)

- Suyana Lozada, All Arizona 1st Team
- Mary Zuniga, All Arizona 2nd Team

PTK

Nikki Wade steps down as club President

New honors topics

Club submitting documentation for “3” stars

Humanities

COMMUNICATIONS

- Porchia Moore has been invited to give a talk as a part of the Yuma Library lecture series on creative writing. The talk is scheduled for March 4, 2010.
- Michael Miller published a film review in the city daily newspaper, *The Yuma Sun*: “‘For My Father’ a Palestinian-Israeli Olive Branch,” January 7.
- Ed Schubert’s ENG 102 class had a Bogart festival using scenes from some of his films to demonstrate basic literary concepts: *Key Largo* (conflict), *Casablanca* (plot) and *The Big Sleep* (dialogue). ENG 100 students are working on descriptive essays. Students observed tea-candles and described the flame. Students were also sent out of the classroom to write non-visual descriptions, e.g., get a cup of coffee and describe the taste, smell, and how the cup feels.
ENG 101 students are working on the question: What, if anything, is so certain that it cannot be doubted?
- Penny Cooper’s Eng 110 (tech writing) has written letters of application to Tom Minnick for the position of quarterback coach. They were allowed to make up their own credentials, and believe it or not, we have in class a young man who has played with Bret Favre. English 185 (world mythology) created versions of Greek mythical beasts. One student cut up three plastic play animals belonging to her children to create a chimera (part lion, goat, dragon)

FINE ARTS

- Angel Luna has a show in Northwest College in Montana.
- The Pep Band played for the Lettuce Festival on January 23.
- Chuck Smalley is taking a new direction in his Music Appreciation class trying to get them involved in their own learning process.

MODERN LANGUAGES

- Michelle Faust is creating the online SPA 102 from scratch. Michelle is also working with a student Ambassador to Spain to create at least two cultural events this semester.

La Paz County

- Opened the Quartzsite Learning Center for classes
- Held Parker faculty meeting on 1/28/10. Presenters included Dr. Joann Linville, Linda Elliott-Nelson, Mary Kay Harton, Marcus Johnson, Jill Loveless, and Margaret Dewey.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Worked on Lead Faculty Feedback process through iSalient and Lead Faculty
- Developed Feedback Surveys for Deans, and Associate Deans with iSalient.
- Participated in Start Up activities for the semester.
- Presented at the New Faculty Orientation session on expectations and demographics of AWC student population.
- Met with Sandra Cooke and Mary Schaal on science partnership grant offerings in Geosciences in La Paz this summer for teachers. Fred Croxen and Kelly Esslinger with deliver the content and continue to work to finalize plans for those offerings.
- Finalized the articulated BS in Systems Engineering with the UofA to begin fall of 2010.
- Attended meeting with YUHS and School District #1 on the development of a STEM Academy/Middle College at Yuma High.
- Participated in the La Paz Start Up meeting.
- Participated on the CAMP Grant Committee seeking funding for students from Migrant families.
- Attended Foundation Luncheon focusing on Agriculture.
- Participated in the Waitlist process successfully.
- Began working with the CTE Program Review committee.
- Participate as the Learning Services representative on the Student Services Council.
- The two ALL USA Academic Team members this year are Science majors.
- Preliminary results from the Regional Math Competition rate AWC students very high. Second round exam process is scheduled and will determine final rankings.
- Continue to communicate with faculty using NETMA (newsletter).

South Yuma County

- Everardo Martinez received the prestigious Ohtli award from the Mexican government for the assistance and support he has provided.

Future Activities

Business and Liberal Arts

Mat Anderson:

- Next Prior Learning Assessment Committee meeting will be February 10th

EDUCATION AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

Patricia Powers:

- Continue working with the TTTF
- Attending the AVID meetings being held on February 4th
- Attending ESA meeting in February to hear the discussion regarding a program run by ASU titles Beat the Odds. This program is a partnership that ASU has with local schools that are underperforming
- Patty will be present at a meeting hosted by Mary Schaal to discuss the need for focus on Disability studies. More information regarding the specifics of the meeting to follow
- If approved, she will attend the Board of Director's meeting for the Arizona K-12 center

Karen Spencer:

- Continue working with the TTTF
- Attending the AVID meetings being held on February 4th
- Will attend future ESA meetings

Judith Watkinson:

- We will be holding an informative meeting for T.E.A.C.H. (Professional Development through First Things First) on February 5th

Nancy Meister:

- SkillsUSA Competition on February 5th
- Meet with High School Seniors on February 10th
- February 12th, Focus on Writing Committee Meeting
- With Bill Pike, they will do a breakout session for Faculty In-service

Honors

High School recruitment
UA University visitation 2/12

Humanities**COMMUNICATIONS**

- **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. *Next date: February 4.*
- **Michael Miller** along with Lori Stofft, will present a session entitled "Exploring the Baja Peninsula" at the AWC 2010 Faculty In-Service on Thursday, Feb. 18.

FINE ARTS

- The choirs are preparing for the Early Spring Choral Concert on March 5, 2010.
- The Music Department is going to combine the two choirs and perform the final piece on the AWC Band Concert on Feb. 28.
- Chuck Smalley will be conducting the band and choirs in a full arrangement of *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*.
- Jazz I & II will play for the Village Jazz Series (Yuma Palms Mall) on Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 pm. The Community Band will present its first concert on Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at the Gila Ridge HS Auditorium. We will be joined by the AWC Combined Choirs for the final number.

MODERN LANGUAGES

- Michelle Faust is helping to run and present at the Arizona-AATSP Share Day on Feb 28th. She will do a presentation for the CTE in March with John Ringland and Charlie Balch. She will also be a presenter on February 18th Faculty Development Day, with associate faculty member Amalia Garzon. Amalia and Michelle have also submitted to present this summer at the national AATSP conference in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Finalize the feedback survey process for Instructional Administrators
- Complete the development and submission of additional engineering courses to be articulated with UofA in the Systems Engineering program.
- Continue to participate in the development of the Stem Academy/Middle College process.
- Engineering Advisory Committee meets in February. Focus on Scholarships, Systems Engineering, ASU Grant completion.
- Agriculture Advisory Committee meeting in April