

**Dean of Instruction  
Linda Elliott-Nelson  
March 31, 2008**

**Accomplishments:**

**Arts, Humanities, and Human Services**

**Fine Arts/PERS Learning Community**

- **Chuck Smalley** reported that the March 7 Choral Concert was a success with a full house at St. Paul's. Chuck reported that they are now preparing for their final concert on May 9. He reported that he attended the ACDA Western Regional Convention in Anaheim where found new music, attended workshops, and heard new and interesting choirs.
- **Chip Straley** reported that the AWCTheatre presented Eric Coble's "In a Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories". He reported that the production was well received. Chip reported that the AWCTheatre faculty served as auctioneer's for the Yuma Art Educators Art Auction on March 15. AWCTheatre personnel are working with the Yuma Community Theatre Company to present YCT's next show.

**Human Services Learning Community**

- **Melissa Behunin** contributed to the Yuma Sun Family Focus column. She also invited the Foster Care Foundation to speak to her students about possible job opportunities.
- **Christina Hawkey** reported that she attended a meeting for state directors of the FDC Program in Ithaca, New York where she was able to talk, at length, to the Head Start Director for the state of California. California is in the process of offering the FDC Program through their community college system. They will use the AWC syllabi as a model for their proposed curriculum. Christina reported that Rutgers University will now follow the current AWC model, and attach class fees to their tuition to pay for the price of the credentialing from Cornell University.

**English/Reading Learning Community**

- **Donna Taylor** reported that she worked at the Midnight at the Oasis for the Optimist Club.
- **Michael Miller** published film review in city daily newspaper, *The Sun*: "Regarding 'Sabine,'" March 6. Introduced film, "Sabine," in Historic Yuma Theater as part of Sun Cinema Series, sponsored by *The Sun* and the Yuma Arts Center, March 6.
- **Edward Schubert** reported that his English 101-018 class visited the Yuma Territorial Prison on March 17. Ed had a guest speaker, Dr. Vega, in English 101-013 class. Ed reported that he's serving on the Institutional Objective Committee and the English Department Faculty Selection Committee.
- **Darren Dillman** won first place in the Washington Square Poetry Contest for his poem "Woodwind".
- **Joanne Krueger** reported that she graded Embedded Essays for the Assessment Committee then met with Linda Elliott-Nelson and Judy Watkinson to compare the scores. Joanne evaluated applications for the Professor of English position then met with the hiring committee to discuss the applications. Joanne has written several letter of recommendation for her students. On March 20, Joanne attended the Assessment Committee meeting.
- **Barbara Belobaba** attended the TAC committee meetings and helped with committee reviews of the current technology survey now being conducted. Barbara is also serving on a hiring committee for two English positions.

**Languages Learning Community**

- **Nancy Blitz** attended a Border College Consortium meeting in Chula Vista, CA on March 14-15. Nancy chaired a Workplace Climate Taskforce meeting. She also attended the Az- TESOL mini-conference on March 8.

- **Ellen Cohen** reported that she has had e-mail discussion regarding textbook changes in ESL and the refinement of Student Learning Outcomes 2007-2008 tool and 2006-07 final matrices. Ellen has been preparing Student Learning Outcome packets for ESL levels 1 and 2. She has been working with NCA Criterion co-chair and committee to make edits. She has continued to read about and give input to the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Ellen has been planning the ELL statewide panel discussion for National TESOL. She reviewed the final edits for essays to be published in the Modern Languages Association book.
- **Kevin Mann** was a guest speaker in Ed Schubert's English 101-018 class where he gave a lecture on social democratic political philosophy.
- **Bernadette Presloid** organized the AZ-TESOL mini-conference which took place on March 8 in the AC building. There were approximately 50 attendees.

### **Distance Education**

- Promoted Camp Yuma signup for Technology and Diversity Camps – great faculty response
- Gathered curricular design proposals
- Jana Moore attended Title V conference
- Signed up faculty for Blackboard Conference
- Working with CCRAA grant proposal

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

- Fred Croxen is working with a graduate student on his doctoral research
- Scott Donnelly was selected for NOAA Teacher at Sea program this summer
- All Classroom observations complete

### **South Yuma County**

- Hosted Congressman Raul Grijalva at San Luis Site for a tour and short dialogue with staff.
- Chaired Border Colleges Consortium Conference at Chula Vista California. Universities from Baja California, Sonora, California and Arizona participated.
- Presented to PPep High students from Youth Build.
- Hosted 3 hour High school assembly and goal setting workshop for 650 freshmen at San Luis High.
- FTSE grew by 23 % in San Luis over last spring semester.
- Participated with Yuma High School District Strategic Planning process through four day long workshops

### **Future Activities:**

#### Arts, Humanities, and Human Services

##### **Fine Arts/PERS Learning Community**

- **Angel Luna** reported that the Arizona Western Commission of the Arts is purchasing his *Gente Not Numbers: John Deere Man* to use as one of six awards during the 2008 Governors' Arts Awards on April 23. Angel was invited to present the award at the ceremony.

##### **English/Reading Learning Community**

- **Michael Miller** does a monthly film review and hosting Sun Cinema Series in Historic Yuma Theater downtown, in partnership with *The Sun* and the City of Yuma Arts and Culture Commission. Next date: April 10.
- **Edward Schubert** reported that he will be presenting a paper this July to the Science Fiction Research Association.

### **Distance Education**

- Plans for Technology and Diversity camps this summer

- Plans for finalization of Title V “EXITO” grant

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

Grant Applications underway

- Ted Martinez – Waste Reduction Assistance Grant (recycling)
- Ted Martinez – Sonoran Joint Venture – raising trees for planting in the wetlands so bird habitat is rebuilt.
- STEM Grant seeking money for remodel Science building and provide the technology for mathematics.
- Ian Watkinson will represent Agrowknowledge in Scottsdale in late April
- May 9-10 Science Fair on Campus

### **South Yuma County**

Will present a theatre performance from our new theatre class at the SYC Community Leadership Alliance dinner Friday March 28, 2008