

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction area

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November 26, 2008

Accomplishments:

- Began planning Fall 2009 course schedule
- Attended Budget training and input budget for DOI areas
- Continued discussions with District 1 and YUHSD on tutor training courses for AVID grant program
- Participated in mock visit with Dr. Marian Gibney of Phoenix College in preparation for NCA team visit
- Compiled, edited, and wrote areas in NCA self study report to give to Vice Presidents for final content review
- Attended and presented on AWC Strategic Enrollment Management Model at AACRAO annual conference in Anaheim, California

Business and Liberal Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE

- Joe Vielbig attended the Sociology ATF meeting at Yavapai College in Prescott, AZ on Friday, November 7, 2008.
- Peter Lhotka reported that Dr. Natalie Hess visited his World Religions class to speak on Judaism. Natalie is a survivor of the Holocaust. Mizaba Abedi, English Professor, is scheduled to visit Peter's class on November 25th to speak about Islam.
- Susanne Goethals represented AWC at the annual Philosophy ATF meeting at the University of Arizona. Susanne has been invited to give a talk to the Philosophy Department at NAU Flagstaff. The topic has yet to be determined. Susanne is having discussions with a few of AWC's philosophy majors about the possibility of starting up a Philosophy Club here at AWC. Lastly, Susanne's Philosophy 101 classes are currently reading and discussing Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*.

EDUCATION, FAMILY, AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES

- Christina Hawkey continues to write articles for The Sun. Christina has been working with SIFE in Dave Godley's absence. She reported that SIFE participated in Family Night and is planning a "Skills for Success" day in conjunction with Tech Prep. Christina continues to work with the Family Development Credential cohort and currently has 19 students on track to receive both an AWC Certificate and a Cornell University Credential in May.
- Melissa Behunin continues to write articles for The Sun. Melissa invited the AWC/NAU Violence Prevention Program Coordinator to speak in two of her Human Development classes. Melissa had the Arizona Children's Association speak in her Marriage and Family class.

BUSINESS AND CIS

- Shane Turner met with Yuma High Small Business Ownership classes to discuss dual

enrollment. Shane reported that he and Daniel Barajas are in the final discussions with a provider of entrepreneurship training programs to be delivered on a non-credit basis to existing business owners.

- Charles Balch will be presenting at the Faculty In-Service Day in February. He will be presenting on how faculty can use Internet 2. Charles represented LEAP at the AWC Chili Cook-Off with an exceptionally spicy green chili.
- Linda Reeser reported that she is tweaking curriculum to fit the Office 2007 software. She is also re-learning intermediate/advanced Access. Lastly, Linda reported that her extra time is being spent on research and development of ways to embed critical thinking into her G.E. classes.
- Moses Diaz de Leon reported that he's a member of the Blue Ribbon Task Force Committee. Moses participated in the Family Night festivities and enrolled in an AWC basketball class. Moses reported that he is the advisor for Campus for Christ and participates at the Crossroads Mission once a month.
- Mary Sue reported that the Business and CIS Department had two meetings for the month of November. At the meetings they reviewed all courses being offered with ACC, BUA, CIS, ECN, ENT, MGT, MKT and QBA prefixes. They also reviewed enrollment trends and then based their Fall 2009 schedule grid off of those trends. Mary Sue reported that she and Michelle Sims, through the CTE, offered a Blackboard Basics workshop for associate faculty on Saturday, November 15th. Thirteen associate faculty and four full-time faculty members attended the session. Mary Sue reported that she was interviewed for KYMA regarding the economy. The interview aired on November 19th. Mary Sue reported that the Business and CIS Department organized a festive Karaoke booth for AWC's Family Night. Professors Moses Dias de Leon, Rick Keeling and Michelle Sims facilitated the fun.
- Michelle Sims promoted Business and CIS programs while visiting Yuma High twice during November. She met with three different business classes and a small group in the counseling/career center.
- Dave Godley reported that Bonnie Robinson was nominated as Associate Faculty of the Year. He reported that the SIFE club enjoyed a terrific Family Night selling Matador Dogs and Pepsi products.

Distance Education

- Continued work on final report for EXITO grant closing.
- Began work on CCRAA grant

Humanities

- **Judith Mattes** conducted a "Rock Your Textbook" reading seminar for the Student Success Center on September 18.
- **Scott McLean** helped coordinate and facilitate the AWC/NAU-Yuma visit of Martin Garate, President of Universidad Bolivariana on Oct. 27 – Nov. 2, who met with students and community members (e.g., Rotary and Honors, International, and Student Life Programs) as he explored the possibilities for partnership. He was featured on radio, television, and in print media. Ken Kuntzelman, Director, International Programs, traveled to Santiago, Chile, the following week to explore additional possibilities and the Global Awareness Committee continues to explore the connections between Yuma and the world.

- **Donna Taylor** has been working on the Reading Program libraries to cull some more books and make new purchases, which should be in the first of January.
- **Ellen Cohen** met with other Yuma area educators to plan the 2009 Peace Expo.
- **Ellen Cohen** served on AWC Teacher of the Year Selection Committee.
- **Ellen Cohen** served on Music Professor Consensus Committee.
- **Michael Miller** published a film review in the Yuma city daily newspaper, *The Sun*: “Days and Clouds Timely Message,” Nov. 6.
- **Judith Mattes** submitted a proposal for a session at the Yuma K-20 Professional Development Day in February.
- **AWC Theatre** produced “Look Homeward, Angel” at the AWC Theater. The second week especially had a fabulous turnout and mostly full houses. The production was able to donate over 530 pounds of food to the Yuma Food Bank and 38 bags of clothing to the Crossroad’s Mission.
- **Mizaba Abedi** and **Liza Martinez** co-taught a class on Bilingual Education at CETYS University in Mexicali, Mex. The course is for people who want to become certified TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) teachers

La Paz County

- November 8th - Upward Bound Community Service Activity, Yuma. Students did volunteer work at one of three places in Yuma. (Food Bank, Children’s Art Festival, Saddles of Joy) 13 UB students from Parker attended.
- November 18 - Activity for Juniors in Yuma at main campus. "Show Me The Money" (mock college registration activity) 5 UB juniors from Parker attended.
- Coordinated PHS AWC Career Fair activities
- Coordinated and facilitated communications between distance Ed students and faculty
- Attended and participated in CRIT First Things First committee for Early Childhood Development
- Provided Assistance to AWC Faculty who are using Blackboard for their ITN courses
- Conducted orientation for GED students at La Paz Career Center.
- Total number of students seen by Educational Talent Search in November was 263
- Other High School students seen at Ombudsman – 52
- Development of new classes at Parker, Salome & Quartzsite
- Represented AWC at the CRRC&D
- Attended Supervision Workshop
- Worked on development of the new Tech Survey
- Recruitment of new Associate Faculty
- Hosted meeting with representatives from NAU and toured La Paz with them

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Moved Associate Dean, support staff, and Science faculty to new Science and Agriculture building
- Dan Russow, Renee Macaluso, and Rita Brown attended a National Math Conference in Washington DC.

- Cody Hurlock, biology student, received scholarships from the National Audubon Society and the Yuma Audubon Society to attend a workshop in Maine. Early in November he presented to the local Audubon Society as well as a program on campus.
- Tim Whittier is working on a NSF grant to increase science majors that will be jointly shared with NAU –Yuma. The entire division is working to provide final details to the process.
- Agriculture advisory committee meeting held November 21
- Added BIO 100 and BIO 160 over ITN from Parker for Spring
- Kathy Watson continues to meet with Agriculture professionals around the community seeking input for our program
- Successfully identified a temporary math faculty for Theresa Tincher's position in the spring.
- Added new sections of Math and Science to meet the need for more courses in the district. Continue to find more.

South Yuma County

- Continue to make recruitment trips to local high schools and Jr highs.
- Inaugurated Rotoract fundraising efforts opening a snack cart in San Luis, which included a training session on food safety by Sharon Register.
- Initiated talks with Somerton Middle school for Academic Pathways for Advanced Studies Program in Math
- Held Inaugural dinner for the Education Access Council for Yuma Communities attendees included City of Yuma, San Luis and Somerton officials and public and Non-profit organizations including local churches, Gadsden, Somerton and AWC school districts were represented. The next step is to officially formalize the organization.
- Registration: early closing of many sections due to larger demand than courses offered in San Luis. In Somerton registration continues to progress slowly.
- Won the AWC chili contest
- Participated in Family Night.

Future Activities

- Collect final grades for Fall 2008 semester
- Plan for January semester-startup activities

Business and Liberal Arts

Shane Turner is scheduled to give a presentation to the Rotarians on December 11th regarding his ENT program.

Humanities

- **Michael Miller** writes monthly film review and hosts Sun Cinema Series in Historic Yuma Theater downtown, in partnership with *The Sun* and the City of Yuma Arts and Culture Commission. Next date: December 4.
- **Scott McLean** was asked at the annual speech communications ATF to participate in the development of a new introductory communication course at ASU focusing on the basics of speech communication applied to digital media.
- The **Music Dept.** will hold its Formal Recital for Music majors on Sat. Dec. 6.

- The *AWC Choir* will present its annual Choral Christmas Concert on Fri. Dec. 5 and on Sun. Dec. 7 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
- *Joanne Krueger* and *Ed Schubert* will give a presentation on student advisement at the Feb. 19 Professional Development Day along with Angelica Diaz De Leon

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
- Construction of New Buildings: Parker & Quartzsite
- Develop New Classes and Build Enrollment
- Develop new strategies for registration problems in Quartzsite & Salome
- There is another Saturday Activity scheduled in Yuma on Dec 6. There will be additional volunteer opportunities for those who attend.
- ETS activities: December 2 – "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?"
- February 20, 2009 - La Paz Career Fair

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Will participate in the transfer of funds donated by the community for the Ag Science building on December 9th.
- Complete the move of labs into the new facility for spring classes
- Science faculty are planning a Science Day of Celebration mid semester that will involve all Science and Ag folks in the community. This will be jointly planned with NAU and is in addition to the Ribbon Cutting planned early next semester.
- Work on the planning for the Ribbon Cutting for Ag Science Building.