

MONTHLY REPORT

Dean of Instruction

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Accomplishments:

Arts, Humanities, and Human Services

Fine Arts/PERS Community

- **Jason Smith** reported that Patty Paniagua was the ACCAC player of the week for the week of October 14th and Patty Paniagua was the National Junior College player of the week for the week of October 10th. For the week of October 7th, Patty Paniagua was the ACCAC player of the week, and for the week of September 30th, Ana Bauer ACCAC player of the week. Jason reported that the volleyball team is currently 14-1 in the ACCAC and is in first place with an overall record of 23-7.
- **Chuck Smalley** reported that the fall concert that took place on October 12th, at St. Paul's was a success and featured Laura Obeso, soprano and Kerry Lucero, violin. He reported that it was standing room only and the crowd heard the three choirs. Chuck reported that the evening ended with a standing ovation. He reported that donations for the Don Alspach Vocal Music Fund totaled \$1025.

English/Reading Community

- **Donna Taylor** and **Judith Mattes** were happy to report that the Reading Department held a book giveaway the first week of school in the LR Atrium. They also delivered books to Gila Vista Junior High and Carver Elementary School. In total, the Reading Department gave away over approximately 1000 books during the months of August and September. In September and October, Donna gave two presentations on College Survival Reading Skills to Maria Aguirre's Orientation class and Mel Parkers Orientation class.
- **Ed Schubert** reported that the Curriculum Committee is reviewing consideration of the ENG-220: Science Fiction class to a 200 level, transferrable course. He reported that he is distributing a "newsletter" to his classes 2 or 3 times a semester to keep them apprised of important deadlines, policies, etc.
- **Sam Metta-Bexar** reported that she wrote a chapter titled "Radical potentiality: Chicana Literature of Resistance on the Texas Border" in the book *Diasporic Ruptures: Globality, Migrancy, and Expressions of Identity; Volume II*, published by Sense Publishers. Attended Adobe Max conference in Chicago.
- **Steve Moore** reported that he attended a multitude of both demonstrations and hands on workshops on Adobe products. He attended two key note addresses on Adobe products and was privy to what is coming in the next year from Adobe. He reported that the conference was both useful and highly informative.
- **Joanne Krueger** reported that she is the chairman of the Assessment Committee; she has met with the new Assessment Coordinator, Bertha Avila, several times this month. Joanne helped plan and conduct two Assessment Committee (LEAP) meetings this month. She is the co-chair of Criterion 3; she planned and conducted two writing workshops for Criterion 3 team members. Many Criterion 3 team members are helping to write a document that will be submitted for the 2008 NCA accreditation visit. Joanne designed these two writing workshops to provide an opportunity for members to write, to ask questions, to encourage one another, and to share documents that can be used for the 2008 NCA accreditation visit. Joanne is currently compiling documents and information for the sections that she is writing for Criterion 3; these documents will be used for accreditation in the 2008 NCA visit. She and Ed Schubert worked on the matrices for Assessment and submitted them to Bertha Avila. Joanne and Ed Schubert are also writing the English Year-End Report for Assessment (LEAP) that is due this month. Joanne also participated in several English Community meetings; textbooks, syllabi, new courses, and associate faculty training are just a few of the topics that were discussed.
- **Penny Cooper** reported that she is working with James Thiesson who teaches criminal justice. They will combine their two classes on Monday evening so that they can watch a DVD of an incident and then write an incident report. Penny will be doing the teaching for both classes. Penny reported that two former honors students asked her to write recommendations for them for the All USA scholarship.
- **Ed Davis** reported that he is continuing with some of the articles in Midrash and Literature. He reported that he is re-reading the very significant translation and commentary on Genesis by the

outstanding scholar and critic, Robert Alter and expects to be finished by the end of the month. Ed has also begun re-reading Fernand Braudel's the Mediterranean and the Mediterranean World in the Age of Philip the Second. The introductory third of this two-volume masterpiece focuses on the geography, climate, and populations of the Mediterranean world, material relevant not only to the Renaissance timeframe dealt with in the narrative of the book, but relevant also to the entire history of Mediterranean civilization from the biblical era to the contemporary Middle East.

Human Services Community

- **Joe Vielbig** attended the Psychology ATF meeting in Thatcher, AZ on Friday, September 28, 2007.
- **Kathy Watson** reported that she attended the YRMC Board Meeting, the YRMC Governance Committee Meeting, and the AWC Board Meeting for a total of 7.5 hours. She met with Graham Smart and Dr. Schoening for a total of 4 hours regarding establishing the Blue Ribbon Task Force. Kathy wrote a *Family Focus* article for the Yuma Sun.
- **Kate Turpin** reported that the Massage Therapy Program has completed the move over to Cottage 1 and is completely set-up. She reported that she attended the Learning Community Meeting and she submitted two Asian bodywork courses for curriculum approval. On October 3rd Kate attended web training with Sue Jevning where she learned how to maintain and update the Massage Therapy pages on AWC web site. On October 10th Kate attended the U.S. Oncology Center event. She reported that the Massage Therapy Club was featured at an in-service event for Dr. Michael Shea. The event was an introduction to the doctor to review the quality of the MT program and students for the possibility of him supporting the externship program currently being developed for possible implementation Summer 2008. On October 12th students provided chair massage for AWC theatre attendees prior to the show and during intermission. On October 16th LMT 114 students held class at the diabetes support group at YRMC, led by Jane Luchene, YRMC diabetic education coordinator). Kate gave the lecture on what is diabetes to the class and then they all went to the meeting at the corporate center and she lectured on "Massage: can it help diabetic conditions?" The students all demonstrated hand massage to all of the support group participants. Kate reported that the activity combined class with public education and service to the YRMC program. On October 17th the Massage Therapy Program held an Open House from noon to 6:00p.m. Refreshments and chair massages were offered. On October 18th LMT 114 students met with the AWC Theater class for visiting experts on Renaissance Fair costuming. Appropriate dress is required for the February event which provides a historically accurate experience that includes medieval massage practices. The LMT students will be actively predicating in this event by performing the massage of the time. On October 21st students provided chair massage for AWC theatre attendees prior to the show and during intermission. October 23rd was the "Take a break Tuesday" program. On October 27th there was a Metaphysical Fair chair event where Massage Therapy Club students set up their chairs for tip donations. On October 30th the "Take A break Tuesday" program featured Sit & Be Fit with Jane Peabody. On October 31st Kate attended the Advisory Committee Meeting from 7:00a.m. to 8:00a.m.

Languages Community

- **Michelle Faust** attended the Language ATF meeting on September 28th. On October 5th and 6th she attended the AZLA conference in Tucson where she was elected to the Arizona American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese state board as the Western Representative. On October 11th, Michelle wrote and submitted the Spanish Proficiency Certification program on acres as well as a new course, SPA 251, to go with the program.
- **Ellen Cohen** reported that she is on the NCA Steering Committee and is the NCA Criterion 1 Co-Chair. She reported that she is the Co-Chair for the ESL Arizona ATF Exploratory Committee. Ellen coordinated assignments for ESL students for the AWC Job Fair. She also recruited Head Start mothers to ESL classes in coordination with Lupe Lomeli and Adriana Valladares. Ellen reported that she is the Curriculum Committee representative for the Languages Learning Community. She is also the Vice President of the Curriculum Committee.
- **Steven Lund** recently submitted a proposal to transform ESL 94L - Language Workshop 4: Cultural Communication from a traditional class to a hybrid one. He also completed the following teaching methods course: SLT 192 - Sheltered English Immersion.
- **Nancy Blitz** attended the County Adult Education Providers' meeting on Friday, October 5th where she represented the Main Campus and gave updates on Main Campus ESL as well as networking with other ESL and Adult Ed providers who are members. On Wednesday, October 3rd, she attended a meeting for the AWC/NAU administrators connected with the Border College Consortium to give an update on the conference. On October 5th, 6th, and 7th, Nancy participated in interviews of AWC graduates and soon-to-be graduates for NAU's new teacher training grant, PRISE (Preparing Rural Inclusive Special Educators). On Thursday, October 11th, she attended the Criterion 3 Committee meeting for the upcoming NCA visit. Nancy will serve as co-chair of this committee starting in

January. On Wednesday, October 17th, Nancy met with Louise and Mary Jo Smith from the Crane School District to discuss AWC delivery of a low intermediate level multi-skill ESL class beginning in January in the Crane District. On Thursday, September 27th and Thursday, October 18th, Nancy attended AWC's LEAP Committee meetings to address overall assessment on AWC's campus. On Friday, October 19th, Nancy attended the Teacher Training Task Force Meeting chaired by AWC's Karen Spencer as the chair for the English Language Learner sub-committee. Nancy reported that they are continuing to work toward overall improvement of teacher-training and general language and writing skills in AWC graduates.

- **Jason Malone** reported that he will be attending the Community Awareness Fair in Somerton at Tierra del Sol School on Wednesday, October 24th to promote AWC, specifically the ESL program in SYC.
- **Davene El-Khayyat** reported that she played fiddle and back-up guitar for the Yuma Chapter of the Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Association for the community on October 13th and 27th.

Distance Education

- Two Blackboard trainings held in San Luis, for a total of 10 faculty. Follow-up trainings are scheduled for November.
- Meetings with Yuma County were held to explore a partnership to offer an online certificate program in Code Enforcement and Land Management.
- Pilot of evaluation of online courses.
- In online courses, the FTSE grew over 50% from Fall 06 to 07.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Two Engineering Students have now been placed in Internships at the Bureau of Reclamation
- Theresa Tincher, Daniel Barajas and Graham Smart met with the leadership at YPG to further develop the AWC/YPG Partnership for the EGR Program
- The combined Science Faculty are leading a series of over a dozen field trips during the next couple of months for the various Biology, Environmental Sciences and Geology classes
- The Faculty and Students of the various Science Disciplines hosted an incredible noon adventure into the world of insects which included an amazing array of identified collections and lunch

South Yuma County

- Maintained over 20% growth over last Fall term in San Luis
- Begun America Reads tutorial program with Gadsden School District. Now serving San Luis Middle School
- SYC Rotary Club chapter for college and University students (Rotract) completed the AWC paperwork to become chartered.
- Met with local parents to expand our ESL program. Jason Malone participated
- Met with parents to prepare expanded Math coursework for San Luis Middle School

Future activities:

Arts, Humanities, and Human Services

Fine Arts/PERS Community

- **Chuck Smalley** reported that they are preparing for the Christmas Concerts in December. He reported that they are also preparing an arrangement in Finale for a traditional Mexican Christmas work.

English/Reading Community

- **Ed Schubert** has invited a social democrat, Kevin Mann, and a libertarian, Howard Blitz, to discuss political ideology with his English 101 classes. He reported that his English 101 students will be doing a couple oral presentations, including one on AWC landmarks which they'll need to research through personal interviews.
- **Penny Cooper** reported that she will be meeting with Karen Spencer and Patti Powers to plan a special section of English 102 for Spring semester. This section is designed to help students who are

teacher candidates. Penny reported that she has to incorporate methods for answering questions into the curriculum of 102.

Distance Education

- Proposals for online course development are due by November 10, 2007. DE will train and facilitate development of the courses that are approved for a stipend.
- The streaming video hardware and software have been purchased and are currently being tested. In the near future, we will pilot it with faculty developed video delivered to students.

Science, Math, and Agriculture

- Science, Math, and Agriculture is working with the Bureau of Reclamation to secure other internship opportunities

South Yuma County

- Will begin move-in process at the new center in San Luis
- Preparing for continued growth in South Yuma County by meeting with all feeder schools and local constituencies
- Scheduling day time classes for South Yuma County during Spring 2008

Priorities for Dean of Instruction – November 2007

- Sabbatical recommendations for next year
- Fulltime faculty position staffing for next year
- Registration and staffing for Spring 2008 semester