

## **Astronomy Department Meeting**

Meeting was held on May 14, 2009 from 1:00-1:50 pm in the Planetarium.

**Attendees:** Vincent Lloyd, Perry Hacking, Jean Shankweiler

Minutes were taken by J. Shankweiler

### **SLO's**

The department has slo's written for Astronomy 20 and 25. Jean can't find the assessments that Vincent sent, so he will resent them or put them onto the form himself. Dave will prepare a proposal and rubric for Astronomy 12 and Perry will take care of Astronomy 13. Vincent will work on the program level slo. These are needed by the end of the semester.

### **Curriculum**

Astronomy is current for now. All classes have been reviewed in the past 6 years. Vincent believes we may need to review 20 and 25 next year.

### **Foundation Proposal**

We are still waiting for the word on the foundation proposal. We haven't heard back from the Foundation and their donor yet. The proposal expands the video monitors to 8 and controls them all with a Mac Pro.

### **Fall 2009 Schedule**

The Fall 2009 schedule has 2 classes unstaffed, Astronomy 20 and 25 on Monday and Wednesday evening. Jean suggested we advertise over the summer. Dave and Vincent will be teaching and agreed this is the best course of action.

### **Spring 2010 Schedule**

Perry is interested in Physics 1 or 2b as well as his astronomy classes. He prefers no Monday night classes because they miss too many days. We talked about offering Astronomy 13 in the spring. Spring is the preferred semester if we can only have it once a year. Vincent can still do the morning classes. We are waiting on Dave a bit, since his senate release time makes his schedule variable.

### **Other**

Perry has sent his Astronomy 12 grades to Dave. He is organizing the NS awards.

Jen went to a facilities planning meeting for our division. She commented that all the infrastructure in the planetarium is original and that we are having some problems with lighting, water smelling and humidity. Bruce Hoerning needs the specs on the GOTO projector for the humidity in the room. The manual has no information. Perry suggested contacting Ken Miller at GOTO.