

NATURAL SCIENCES CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT MEETING

Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2013

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Chemistry 134

Attendees: Amy Grant, Jean Shankweiler, Peter Doucette, Ryan Turner, Rob Shibao, Miguel Jimenez, Mohamad Abbani, Ana Tontcheva, Irv Drew, Soshanna Potter, Karla Coti, Mel Kantz, Tom Stewart, Irv Drew,

Notes by Amy Grant

1. Summer 2014 schedule
 - Review additions—possible approval for Chemistry 4, summer #1 and Chemistry 21A #2?
2. Technicians Report—none present
3. SLO assignments—statements will be reviewed by Jim and Jean by November 8, for being entered into TracDat training.
4. Program Review –
 - Final draft due November 1, Pete Doucette will complete revisions over the weekend
 - Pete already went over Program Review comments in the Brown Bag meeting.
 - Possibly change PLO statements to be broader.
5. Safety
 - Floors in Chem 153, 101 and 103 are on the list for the tiles to be replaced
6. Budget Allocations
 - We would like ChemDoodle instead of ChemDraw, that should save \$28,500.
 - All ceiling projectors will be replaced
 - A white EPSON projector is missing from room Chem 105, it might be in Jean's office.
 - New presentation systems will be replaced in the lecture rooms, faculty wanted consoles replaced in lab rooms as well.
 - We need tables for students, not tablet-chairs. The tables shouldn't be too large to fit.
 - We may get a file cabinet for the computer room.
7. Annual Plan
 - Mohamad Abbani has finished it and it will be inputted by Rob Shibao.
 - Program review recommendations need to be noted
8. Honors Classes

Soshanna Potter wants to discuss which classes will be honors. Only 30% of her students in the honors Chemistry 1A are honors. Many of her non-honors students have trouble with honors level material. Should the number of honors sections be one instead of two, should Chemistry 4 be offered rather than Chemistry 1B. We have time to decide before fall scheduling.

9. Consistency Project

- Students not doing well as they progress through the sequence. Faculty are commenting the students are unprepared for the courses. Jean wants to establish a task force to explore the issue (Mel, Soshanna, Pete, Ana, Ryan, Tom).

10. Other

- Karla Coti—Compton has a new full time position being advertised.
- Pete—Chemistry club has been very active. They participated at the California Science Center and sponsored a table at the Halloween carnival.