

**NATURAL SCIENCES  
DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING  
October 28, 2008**

**Present:**

*Faculty and Staff*

J. Bellemin, R. Bouse, T. Bui, C. Cowell, S. Di Fiori, L. Fielding, A. Grant, C. Herzig,  
S. Leonelli, V. Lloyd, T. Palos, S. Prieto, M. Santiago, L. Scharlin, J. Shankweiler, R. Shibus,  
L. St. John

**Senate Report – C. Cowell**

- There will be a 5% mid year budget cut
- The van policy does not ban students from driving; proposing to have a Class D license as a requirement.
- The accreditation team reported positive feedback. The final results will come in January, 2009
- There was a discussion regarding the need to offer an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree to students that are taking classes for a Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degree
- Under ED policy, Title 5 – proposed the 3 strike rule, it's a local policy not a state policy
- Faculty development – Six hours of flex time will be given to faculty for mentoring

**Area Council Report**

- No report; the area council meeting was cancelled

**SLO Report**

- Department timelines should be turned in to Lars Kjeseth and Jenny Simon
- Physics and Chemistry submitted SLOs
- The deadline is December, 2009
- A draft of the SLO committee list was distributed
- Combine curriculum with SLOs
- Informational SLO proposals review – submit views to Jean

**Bond Equipment Money**

- There is \$10, 000 left over from the bond of 2004
- In order to purchase equipment using the bond equipment money, the items need to be entered into “Plan Builder”
- A list of equipment has been submitted to F. Arce and he will submit the list to Cabinet

**Great ShakeOut**

- The Great Shake-Out will be held on November 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
- Rocky Bonura, from the Safety Office, will send an email with information and instructions will be placed in all of the mailboxes

### **STEM Grant**

- The Natural Sciences division will be participating in the 2 year STEM Grant funded for 1.7 million. T. Palos will take part in the STEM Grant
- The STEM Grant would involve Mesa component fund, Physics fund, Supplemental Instruction, Re-vamping life science labs, Biotechnology program.
- R. Shibao will work on specifics for Engineering Technology (Industry and Technology)

### **Facilities**

- Jean asked for a list of items needing repair so that one list could be sent to Facilities

### **Other**

- Friday, November 7, 2008, R. Shibao will have a speaker on campus to talk about Biological weapons in room Chem 101
- Bus pass contract with Metro for students was discussed (Metro and Rail line only). El Camino College will pick up the difference; ECC-60%, Students-40%. \$30.00 per year for a bus pass.
- Jean asked faculty to submit suggestions and thoughts regarding the comparison of state minimum qualifications versus local qualifications to J. Shankweiler