

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT MEETING

Meeting was held on October 1, 2009 at 1:00pm.

Attendees: Jean Shankweiler, Chas Cowell, Amy Grant, Miguel Jimenez, Robert McLeod, Rob Shibao, Ana Tontcheva, Peter Doucette, Shanna Potter, Tom Stewart

Technician's Report

No technician attended the meeting

SLO Update – A. Grant

Each class has an SLO and the program assessment is scheduled for next semester. J. Shankweiler reported we should be working on a plan for a 6-year cycle and maybe there should be another SLO statement developed for each class.

Curriculum

All chemistry curriculum is up to date.

Facilities

Chem 133 has been too cold. A work order is in place. Chem 164 lab is making lots of noise. The sound seems to have moved. Another work order will be placed.

Spring 2010 Schedule

The Spring schedule needs to be cut 10% from last spring. After much discussion, it was decided to cut one section of Chem 21A, Chem 20 and Chem 4.

Summer 2010 Schedule

Summer offerings will need to be at least as low as Summer 2004. There was only 1 Chemistry 1B and no Chemistry 1A classes at that time. After some discussion about the late 8-week start, lack of time between summer and fall, it was decided that no 1A or 1B would be offered and a second 21A would be offered to help replace what was cut in spring. Also, a suggestion was made to teach one of the Chemistry 4 classes in 6 weeks. It has been done in the past and is hard on the students, but will give everyone a week rest before fall starts. The consensus was to offer one section at 8-weeks and one at 6-weeks.

Chemistry 1A Manual

T. Stewart presented several ideas for the Chemistry 1A lab manual, including a way to extend the BaSO₄ experiment to determine the molar mass of a heavy metal. He also had several other suggestions. He will bring copies of what he has to the next department meeting.

Senate Request – Department Chairs

D. Vakil asked each department to be polled – Do you support a department chair model and what are the duties of a department chair. The response was to read the program review. The department supports the department chair model and the duties would be schedules, budget, lab techs and communication.

Other

J. Shankweiler communicated that starting next semester, students will be dropped before classes begin for non-payment of fees.

Adjourned at 1:45pm