

**Division of Natural Science
Earth Sciences Dept Meeting**

September 26, 2017 1-1:50pm Nats 2nd Floor

MINUTES

In attendance: C. Cha, T. Noyes, R. Donegan, S. DiFiori, C. Herzig, M. Ebiner, J. Holliday, A. Grant

- A. SLOs Progress: T. Noyes reminded everyone that follow-ups should be input. He will send a list of what instructors are responsible for. A brown bag SLO meeting will be held this semester.
- B. Program Planning/Review—Geochron maps, planning for the next cycle: J. Holliday will send the information on the maps to be ordered. J. Gard has collected information about the next planning cycle. Stereoscopes, compasses, and fossils will be requested.
- C. Plexiglass tank: J. Holliday will send the specs for a new plexiglass tank to be ordered, since the old tank is leaky.
- D. Textbooks: S. DiFiori has moved to an OER textbook for Natural Disasters, and students love it. She will continue to look for OER resources for students.
- E. Transportation budget: C. Cha reminded faculty to use department travel funds before they are re-allocated due to non-use. J. Holliday reminded the department to reserve vans very early.
- F. Announcements: T. Palos is working on getting spots for ECC Geology and Biology students to do research projects at USC's C-DEBI program.

Several faculty are interested in CSUDH's faculty development program for community college faculty.

C. Herzig will lead the Science Club field trip in October.

Last semester, there were zero geology graduates (even though there are many geology majors). The benefits of graduating with an AS degree (ability to apply for more awards/scholarships, having a degree if the student has to suspend their education before attaining a BS, a stated degree is more impressive to graduate programs, etc.) will be highlighted at the next geology majors' meeting.