Earth Science Department Meeting Minutes 3/2/10

Attendance: Sara Di Fiori, Jean Shankweiler, Chuck Herzig, Jim Noyes, Matt Ebiner, Gary Booher, Lyn Fielding, Jerry Brothen, Syntia Hadiningtias, Patti Neumann

Introduction

Syntia Hadiningtias was introduced as the newly employed lab technician for Earth Science, replacing Sim Yoe. She will work until the end of the semester or until a full-time permanent technician position is approved and hired. Syntia was welcomed by all present and was able to tell a little bit about her background.

Kiosk Update

The Earth Science kiosk has been installed. C. Herzig volunteered to be in charge of any web site updates that may be needed. The accessories (keyboard and cables, etc) are in the stockroom.

SLO Update

J. Noyes provided an update concerning SLO assessment deadlines. The Earth Science Department is on track and in compliance at this time. The Program SLO assessment is due in June 2010. The core competency mapping done on flex day was discussed. The

Summer/Fall 2010 Schedule

The Fall 2010 schedule was reviewed, but no more changes suggested at this time. It was noted that Geology 1 has an online addendum, and can be offered online. This is from Susie Alwash's time and was recently reviewed again. M. Ebiner will not be teaching summer geography classes. J. Shankweiler will contact current adjunct faculty members to make an offer.

Earth Science Scholarships

C. Herzig mentioned that Earth Sciences needs to maintain contact with the South Bay Lapidary Society. He has volunteered to be on the Foundation Committee to read the scholarship applications and identify potential awardees.

Earth Science Majors Workshops

S. Di Fiori updated the department about potential events that Earth Science students may be interested in attending. She also will promote 2 events off campus, the USGS conference in April at Caltech and the GSA conference in Anaheim.

Color Copies

Color copies can be made on the department printer, but the department needs to purchase the ink cartridges from the department supply budget. Since the supply money needs to be spent before June, faculty were asked to make a list of supplies to be purchased.

Computer Passwords

Faculty passwords will need to be changed on March 10. This request does come from ITS and is legitimate.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Notes taken by L. Fielding