

Earth Science Department Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2013

1:00PM-1:50PM

Nats. 206

Attendees: Julienne Gard, Chuck Herzig, Sara Di Fiori, Jim Noyes, Joe Holliday, Matt Ebner, Patricia Neumann, Robin Bouse and Jean Shankweiler.

1. SLO

- a) TracDat training - Friday, November 22, 10-11am.
- b) What do you want done differently in the spring?
 - C. Herzig: visuals for assessment
 - Jim Noyes: non discipline specific articles, maybe as extra assignment
 - Science method—last time some thought article was too hard.
 - Chuck—mock up of Plate Tectonics
 - Scientific Method SLO. How much does reading comprehension affect assessment.
 - Map—give students questions to answer apart with map.
 - Jim—propose hypothesis?
 - Joe—or guided questions.
 - Chuck —place to start
 - Joe—work on ways to guide it—kind of like lab.
 - Sara —answers should be concrete.
 - Julienne—bisect the Pacific to get more of the Continents.
 - Sara—everyone can use in one way or another.
 - Joe—track our actions?
 - Jim—TracDat asks how you are affected by assessment and what changes. TracDat will have a place for actions, posts on what was done.
 - Matt--expressed concern that SciMethod was not necessary or appropriate for World Regional and Cultural.
 - Julienne—maybe for reading or spatial analysis.
 - Jim—start gathering questions and will continue to follow up to last time to see if there is improvement.

2. Hiring adjunct (geology) faculty—no need—spring is covered.

3. Department Plan

- a) Compared 2013-14 and 2014-15 plans.

- b) Decided to remove some items from 2014-15 plan.
- 4. Geology 30 series classes as variable week choice
 - a) Options—10 or 12 week classes.
 - b) Can schedule differently for each semester.
- 5. Curriculum/Course Reviews—reviewed where spring and Fall 13 are in curriculum process.
- 6. Other
 - a) Field class—don't let students bring cars to field trips.
 - b) Geology majors—math that should be taken 190, 191 not 160 or 161.

Fall 2013

Geog . 6 done October 2013
Geog. 7 done November 15, 2013
Geog. 8 done November 2013
Geog 20
Geol. 6 L7 November 15, 2013
Geol. 15 L5 changes requested November 20, 2013

Spring 2014

Geol. 1 done April 2013
Geol. 2 at DCC L3
Geol. 3 at DCC L3

Full Review November 26
Geog. 7, 20, Geol. 6