

Earth Science Department Meeting
Minutes 9/29/09

Attendance: Sara Di Fiori, Jean Shankweiler, Chuck Herzig, Jim Noyes, Sim Yoe, Joe Holliday, Robin Bouse, Patti Neumann, Matt Ebiner, Gary Booher,

Notes taken by Sara Di Fiori

Item 1 Seepoint Presentation.

Visiting Seepoint was convenient and close by and a very personable positive experience. We selected the Nike pole . It is ADA accessible and we chose the 19" screen. We can limit the volume and provide a jack for earbuds. It's very robust and vandal- resistant. It's a community-based installation. We can later attach a bar code reader for students to check in for assignments. We want community and student based programs. It is as yet un-established what the role of ITS will be with the software or exactly where in the hallway it will be located.

Joe asked will Kioware provide multi-year contracts? Jean said the quote was not firm because it was unclear what the final costs would be. Kioware will install and provide tutorial for staff. Everyone should brainstorm what websites and movies they would like included, as well as placement. It needs to be near an existing outlet.

Item 2 Google earth software on department computers.

It's not on the computers and we don't have access. Jean will forward request to Donna Post. Gary has a google earth activity for his Geography courses.

Item 3 Science Club to Afton Canyon.

Joe proposed a trip within a trip, or moving the science club trip. We'll ask the Science Club what they think. The Culver City Mineral Club is leading a trip the same weekend.

Item 4 SLO's update from Jim.

What questions were most missed in Oceanography pre and post-assessments? Joe and Chuck need to submit this information to Jim. Chuck is running the Geo 2 SLO's this semester. Please continue to find articles for Assessment Purposes. Please send articles to Jim. Robin asked are there SLO's for Geology Lab? NO.

Item 5 Schedules – Winter and Spring 2010

Jean talked about cutting 10% of offerings from division. She is cutting in order of Faculty load. We are trying to protect Winter, because it works well to have to Geology 1 sections and Geography 2 and 5. Geology already agreed to cut the Saturday Oceanography 10. There was some discussion whether to cut unstaffed classes or under filled classes? Summer schedule is tentative, but same number of classes as 2004. There are no rumors of total cancellation of summer, but it is possible. It's Jean's understanding that its improbable. It depends on Sacramento. Probably more cuts are coming.

Joe asked us to share info on cuts with the Honors Transfer Office.

Item 6 Tutors

We need a Geology and a Geography tutor. Jim suggested rotating tutors. Joe will introduce me (Sara) to Lisa so I can be tutor liaison. It's too late for this semester. Most tutors put in four hours a week, 8 dollars an hour, a training seminar and CV building information. Recruiting for students to tutor should happen one month before end of semester, mid-May or mid-November. The Learning Resource Center provides tutor packets.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.