

Earth Science Department Meeting

March 28, 2013

Attendance

Joe Holliday, Matt Ebner, Chuck Herzig, Jim Noyes, Sara Di Fiori, Changwoo Cha, Julianne Gard, Jean Shankweiler

1. SLOs

The department is doing well with SLOs. Geology 34 is the only course that must do SLOs this semester. SLOs must be done on Curriconet, but a copy should also be sent to J. Noyes and J. Shankweiler.

2. Curriculum

Geology 1 has been reviewed and approved by the College Curriculum Committee. Geology 30, 32, and 36 were sent back to the originator because they need changes. A common, necessary change is to have an assessment for each objective. Also, lab classes are supposed to have 0 hours of work outside of class. Pre-requisites must be justified.

3. Program Review

J. Gard went to Program Review training and is heading this up for the department. J. Holliday will assist with "Future Direction". S. Di Fiori will help with the Curriculum section. J. Noyes will do SLOs. M. Ebner will handle the Staffing section. We should include Leonard Clark in the process.

4. AV/Computer Equipment

Classrooms in the department need new projectors, but it isn't likely that we could get them from the recently closed MCS building. Computers in the classrooms have been recently re-imaged and will likely be updated every few months, so personal files should be stored there as they get erased with each update.

5. Scholarships Update

There will be 3 recipients of the Wally Ford Earth Science Scholarship this year, each in the amount of \$500. There will be 1 recipient of the Geography Scholarship, Devin Darling. Applicants should apply by the end of October and the selection should be done by March 1.

Unexpected funds were discovered which will fund a new scholarship for a future teacher.

The Division awards ceremony will be May 31.

6. Onizuka Space Science Day

Will take place April 20

7. Mineral Show Update

There were 20 Geology majors that volunteered at the annual Mineral Show hosted by the South Bay Lapidary Society. The Society said that they cannot do the show without the support of ECC students. South Bay Lapidary Society helps fund the Wally Ford scholarship.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Minutes submitted by M. Ebner