

Earth Science & Geography Department Meeting

El Camino College

2013 May 2, 1:00 to 1:50 p.m., Natural Sciences 205

Present: Sara Di Fiori, Matt Ebner, Julienne Gard, Chuck Herzig, Joe Holliday, Jim Noyes, Changwoo Cha, Jean Shankweiler, Rebecca Donegan, Charles Dong

Curriculum Update

Degrees

New Geology AS degree: has been approved but is listed as an AA degree in CurricUNET. Dean Jean Shankweiler will investigate how to correct this.

Old AS Geology degree inactivation: awaiting final approval by the College Curriculum Committee.

New AA-T Geography degree: approved and complete.

Old AS Geography degree: needs to be inactivated in the fall 2013 semester.

Spring 2013

Geology 30: Waiting for final approval by the Division Curriculum Committee.

Geology 32: Waiting for final approval by the College Curriculum Committee.

Geology 36: Waiting for final approval by the College Curriculum Committee.

Fall 2013 Curriculum Review Leaders

GEOG 7 - J. Gard

GEOG 20 - M. Ebner

GEOL 2 - S. DiFiori

GEOL 6 - C. Herzig

GEOL 15 - S. DiFiori

Scheduling

Winter 2014 Session

There will not be a winter session in 2014. The spring 2014 semester will begin in mid-January and end in mid-May. There will be two 6-week summer sessions.

Spring 2014 Semester

Submit your requests by May 3. In the future, two sections of Geology 3 will be offered each semester instead of 3 in the fall and 1 in the spring. Chuck Herzig suggested that geology 6 be offered every other year because fewer students are trying to become teachers. (There has been a decline in the teacher education program.)

Geography 20

Dean Jean Shankweiler said that geography 20 needs to be offered. It can be difficult to offer field classes like geography 20 because they require additional funding and resources. She suggested offering it alongside a geology field class and combining resources. Matt Ebner said that he wanted to offer it in summer 2014 instead. It is easier to use ECC vans during the summer because we are not competing with sports teams for their use. Using ECC vans greatly reduces the cost of field classes.

Fall 2013 Semester

A geology 1 section still needs to be staffed.

Robin Bouse has expressed an interest in the unstaffed geology 3 section.

Program Review

A new draft template is available.

The data from institutional research is now available.

Send drafts of sections of the program review to Julienne Gard by May 24.

SLOs

A new software system will be used to manage SLOs in fall 2013 instead of CurricUNET. Continue to submit information in CurricUNET in spring 2013.

Dean Jean Shankweiler and Jim Noyes have tried to exact all the information currently in CurricUNET. In addition to submitting reports in CurricUNET, send all final reports to Jean and Jim, and save your own copies as well.

The fall 2012 SLO reports for geology 30 and the PLO need some minor tweaks but should be complete soon.

Safety

Some floor tiles are loose and broken.

The radioactive rocks have been removed.

Dean Jean Shankweiler instructed faculty to reject new donations.

Alternate Site Activities (ASAs)

Dean Jean Shankweiler reminded everyone that an ASA must take place during regular class time: an ASA is a class meeting that is held outside the classroom. Faculty can hold meetings at other times, but students should not be required to attend. Waivers should be given to Changwoo Cha at least one week before the ASA.

Geology Majors Workshop

Chuck Herzig said that Becca from CSU Long Beach will be leading the geology majors workshop. Joe Holliday requested that the workshop be held on a Thursday.

Science Club

Chuck Herzig will be leading the Science Club's summer trip.

Joe Holliday and Chuck Herzig are writing a checklist with step-by-step instructions for conducting a field trip at ECC. They encouraged everyone to spread the word to faculty in other areas.

Career Information for Students

Joe Holliday shared information about the Eureka software program in the Career Center (which is also the Transfer Center). The program has data on careers and jobs related to degrees including salaries, forecasts of the number of positions available, and education requirements.

Textbooks on Reserve

The library needs two copies of each book we use, and the tutoring center needs 1 copy. Faculty need to physically bring the books to the library and tutoring center.

Tutors

Faculty need to begin identify and recruit new tutors for the fall 2013 semester. We are still not sure whether the present tutors will give up their positions, but we need to be ready should they do so.

Awards Ceremonies

Dean Jean Shankweiler encouraged faculty to attend the Academic Achievement and Presidential Awards on May 15. Few faculty have attended in the past and we need to bring up the division's representation at the event.

The Math and Science Division Awards Ceremony will take place on May 31. The names of presenting faculty need to be submitted by May 13. Dean Jean Shankweiler encouraged faculty to donate to help support the event via the ECC Foundation.

Minutes submitted by Jim Noyes