

LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT MEETING

May 28, 2009

Nats 123 1:00pm.

Attendees: Mike Stupy, Jane Oyama, Cynthia Hoover, Les Scharlin, Steve Leonelli, Ron LaFond, Leigh St John, Nancy Freeman, Jean Shankweiler, Linda Ohara, Margaret Steinberg, Teresa Palos, Simon Trench, Rajinder Sidhu, Thuy Bui,

Minutes were taken by Jean Shankweiler.

SLO's—Nancy

Nancy reminded everyone to assess the SLO's for the assigned classes and in the fall we can look at the data.

FT Biology Position

Bryan needs a full time schedule and the classes available overlap. Jan e agreed to teach a different section of Biology 10 so that we could Bryan a schedule. He will be attending the NS Awards on June 5.

Spring 2010

The Biology 101, 102 and 103 sections are scheduled. Steve still needs a Biology 10 and Nancy will do Bio 10's. The AMP faculty discussed the number of AP34A and AP34B's to offer for the spring. Jean will contact Jessica to see her preference. Mike and Les are good with their regular schedules.

Curriculum

- Biology 15—Jeanne and Dr. Peju from Compton have been revising the objectives. The course will be ready for the Division Curriculum committee soon.
- Biology 10- The revision has been approved by the division curriculum committee and will be submitted for the June 15 CCC date.
- Physiology 31 – Margaret is working on this.

Turnitin.com – Teresa

Teresa discussed her use of Turnitin.com for her Biology 103 reports. She described the kind of reports you get from the company and how she plans to use it. She also talked about the schools license and what faculty need to do to use the service.

PETA Letters

PETA has sent Jane a letter objecting to her use of earthworm dissections in Biology 10. They have sent Jean 2 letters. It was discussed whether or not we should respond. The department thought maybe this was for our legal department. Jean will contact Dr. Arce. Steve noted that California law prohibits us from requiring students to dissect. Jane indicated the students have other options to the dissections.

Other

- Jean reminded instructors that we are not to use body fluids in the laboratories. Our staff and the students are not trained in the proper procedures for the use of such. Everyone agreed they do not allow students to use saliva, urine or blood in class experiments, but use synthetic materials.
- Everyone was given information on the time and place for Jane's retirement party.

Adjourned at 1:55pm