

LIFE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT MEETING

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Nats. 123

Attendees: Jean Shankweiler, Mike Stupy, Thanh-Thuy Bui, Sanda Oswald, Teresa Palos, Margaret Steinberg, Steve Leonelli, Karla Villatoro, Jessica Padilla, Nancy Freeman, Simon Trench, Anne Valle, Bryan Carey and Cynthia Hoover.

Curriculum—T. Bui , Anatomy 30 is done.

- Microbiology 33—the requisite skills need to be standardized for all possible chemistry and biology prereqs.
- Horticulture will be reviewed in the spring.

SLO's

- M. Steinberg—1 or 2 people should assist in revising.
- N. Freeman—only 2 courses this semester. Biol 11 being assessed.
- A Norming session will be held on November 13 at 1pm in LS 108, practice reviewing SLO reports is an effective way to learn how to prepare the reports.

Technician Report

- Posters in Nats 123 rwere moved. Cynthia indicated they are in the northwest corner of Nat 123. Margaret noticed they were down.

Classroom – LS 108

- Clean up leftover and discarded items in the corner. Christie will take care of it.

Safety/Facilities

- HVAC system will be replaced over the semester break. Maybe no ventilation.
- The roof will be replaced also. Work should start as soon as the semester is over. The technicians may have no ventilation while the work is done.

Equipment

- Microscope Selection: Nats 127/129 - match objectives but get binocular eyepiece.
- Models will be selected from the list in the appendix of the annual plan.
- Slides: some for LS 109 and Nats. 123, There is also a separate list for LS 130.
- Computers and Biopacs—what are computer requirements and decide what need with Biopacs.

NSTA (National Science Teachers Association) Conference

- December 4-9 in Long Beach, the STEM grant can cover registration.

Speaker (Thursday)

- November 6 – Mike Garcia: Mega Drought. He is a member of the Horticulture Advisory Committee and owner of Enviroscap, a landscape company that provides sustainable landscaping.