

## **LIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT MEETING**

**April 30, 2009**

**Nats 123 1:00pm.**

**Attendees:** Jeanne Bellemin, Mike Stupy, Jane Oyama, Cynthia Hoover, Les Scharlin, Steve Leonelli, Ron LaFond, Leigh St John, Nancy Freeman, Jean Shankweiler, Linda Ohara, Margaret Steinberg and Arturo Hernandez.

Minutes were taken by Nancy Freeman and Jean Shankweiler.

### **Biotechnology and STEM Grant-Teresa**

Teresa has been attending conferences. Recently she attended the Amgen-Wallace workshop at West High School. It was 14hrs over a 2day period. The principles learned can be used in Biology 103L and the Biotech classes. She also attended an Animal Welfare workshop that had applications to cell cultures and stem cell research. We have been given 6 PAGE Gel electrophoresis apparatus. Part of the donation is that we share with the area high schools.

### **SLO's—Nancy**

The field classes need (12, 15, 17 and 18) still need SLO proposals. Jeanne will work on those. Nancy asked people to start getting the assessment for the program-level slo's ready. This is the microscope slo. Jeanne though this could also be used for some of the field classes. Anatomy/Micro/Physiology have a program-level slo already. They will get together to decide how to assess it.

### **FT Biology Hiring**

The full-time biology hiring process is almost complete. We offered the position to Bryan Carey and he has accepted. He will need a desk and office space. Jane agreed we can put a desk for him in her office. Jean will look for a desk, file cabinet, etc.

### **Winter 2010**

They want to try a physiology class for the winter session. Since Chemistry has decided not to offer Chem 20 this coming winter, we can try the physiology class. They and Jean agreed to evaluate the success at the end of the winter session to see if it should be offered again.

### **Spring 2010**

The schedule is not rolled over yet. Final schedule will be due July 27, when everyone is gone, so we need to look at the schedule for the next meeting. One decision is about offerings for AP 34A and AP34B.

### **Curriculum**

- Biology 15—Jeanne will work with Dr. Osanyinpeju to get the objectives clarified.
- Biology 10--- Nancy will work on this
- Physiology 31 – Margaret still wants to change the load for the class. Jean indicated she needs a justification to take to Dr. Arce.

The College Curriculum Committee will be meeting 4 times this summer. The Division Curriculum Committee has also agreed to meet over the summer to get our curriculum approved.

### **MESA—Arturo Hernandez**

Arturo visited to give an update on the MESA Program. Math will be relocated to the other side of campus once the new Business/Math/Health Science building is complete, around 2012. Mesa will be located in the Natural Sciences basement. Architects are looking at the space to house MESA and other components besides MESA—support to students interested in science, math engineering and assist local high schools.

### **Other**

- Hidehiko Kato, our Animal Technician, won the student worker of the year award. Yah Hide!
- Onizuka Space Science day had about 1260 attendees. Thank you to Jeanne Bellemin, Mike Stupy and Cynthia Hoover for giving presentations.
- Jessica is requesting medical leave for the fall semester.
- Steve Leonelli is on the Academic Awards committee. We need to meet on Monday to determine our awardee.

Adjourned at 1:55pm