

## LIFE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT MEETING

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Nats. 123

**Attendees:** Jean Shankweiler, Nancy Freeman, Adam Majewski, Margaret Steinberg, Teresa Palos, Steve Leonelli, Mike Stupy, Bryan Carey, Ron LaFond, Thanh-Thuy Bui, Jessica Padilla, Cynthia Hoover, Linda Ohara, Anne Valle, Simon Trench.

### Agenda

#### 1. Guest Speaker

Bryan Carey is hosting Anatomy/Physiology speaker from Brazil. He uses anatomical illustrations painted on the students' body to help teach.

- Discussed dates, times and rooms for presentation.
- Possibly November 18 at 11am in LS 113 for students and 1:00pm for faculty.

#### 2. Technician Report

- Cynthia Hoover—Nats.123 has wifi issues and not always able to get reception.
- Cynthia Hoover—Nats. 123 needs new microscopes for this room—put into plan builder. Simon Trench reported some of the new scopes already need repairs.
- Jessica Padilla—will work with Cynthia to add the request.

#### 3. Safety

- Christie Killduff submitted a report about the cords on the floor in LS 113.
- Ron LaFond—requested the landing outside Nats. 127/129 be cleaned. The dust is making the steps slippery. Cynthia Hoover will submit a work order.

#### 4. SLO's

- LS: Allied Health—no assessments in the fall. Spring all courses will be assess “Anatomical Structures and Physiology Explanations”. The PLO will also be assessed.
- LS: Biology—all course and programs will assess “Scientific Method” in spring. No assessments in the fall.

#### 5. Curriculum

- Report from Bryan Carey—Biology 18, submitted to DCC, Biology 17—in the process. There is some discussion about including a writing of the pre-requisites for the course. It lists substantial writing assignments for

primary methods of evaluation but no writing pre-requisites only eligibility for English 84.

- Meeting with Nurses, counselors and Compton faculty on Monday, October 21 at 3pm in Adm 131. Will be discussing the program review recommendation to remove Anatomy 30 as pre-requisites to Physiology 31. Jean Shankweiler will send a copy of the program review to everyone.

#### 6. Faculty Hiring

- Jean Shankweiler is submitting proposals to hire 2 new faculty members in Life Sciences—Biology and Microbiology to replace Jeanne Bellemin and Lester Scharlin.
- The positions need to be ranked for the submission. There was a discussion regarding which should be ranked first Biology or Microbiology. It was pointed out that a microbiologist will be able to teach biology 101 and 10, but the reverse may not be true. There was a general agreement with this point. A vote was unanimous to list Microbiology as first priority, Biology as second priority, with the hope that both would be approved.
- Faculty Position ID committee will meet on Tuesday, November 5 from 2-4:30pm. Several faculty members expressed interest in attending, but have conflict with their classes. Teresa Palos volunteered since she is not teaching at this time. Also, she teaches both Microbiology and Biology 101/102. Jean Shankweiler assured others that they can attend the meeting if they desired but only one person is a voting member. It was put to a vote and Teresa Palos was approved to attend the meeting as the voting member. (note from jms 10/18/13– TP may be unable to attend due to personal conflicts)

7. iPads—4 are available for use to departments. They are already loaded with some bird, plant, shrub and insect reference applications. More can be purchased. iTunes is on the Nats. 105 computers. The iPads will be stored in the stockroom Nats. 125. A sign out sheet will be placed with the iPads.

#### 8. Free Conferences

- Jessica Padilla recommended a free conference at Cerritos College about iFalcon software on November 1, 2013.
- Teresa Palos announced Dark Matter about microbial genetics. She will send information.

#### 9. Summer Additions

- Possible additions to summer schedule were discussed. Aphy. 34A is a possibility, along with another Biology 10 and Physiology 31 in the second 6 weeks. 2 Microbiology can be offered in 8 week session.

10. Other

- Ron LaFond is having trouble with computers and projectors in Phys. 109-112. Mouse in 109 is gone. Jean Shankweiler will check with Dan Wright.
- Jeanne Bellemin retirement party is October 26. Sign cards in the Division Office. Jean is collecting for a gift.
- Student Petition for course substitution—Jean needs Physiology/Microbiology teachers to review student petition.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55pm