

Physics Department Meeting
May 21, 2009

Present: Leon Leonardo, Norm Kadomoto, Eyal Goldmann, Susana Prieto, Dan Wright, Dave Wright, Jean Shankweiler, Dave Vakil, Lori Suekawa (guest)

Dave Wright demonstrated an elephant trebuchet he made for use as a demonstration.

AP Placement Tests

Lori Sueskawa gave a presentation on AP exams.

- Different CC's are giving credit differently for AP Exams
- Lori gave examples of problems this can create
- ASCCC has proposed a standardized template for awarding GE credit for AP classes
- Also allows for area credit where we don't have a course equivalent.
- Proposal is currently being considered by Academic Senate.

SLO

Jean reminded us that various SLO deadlines are coming up. Susana is working on the program SLO.

Curriculum

Jean updated us on curriculum reviews

- 2A—ready for review by DCC
- 2B—“ “ “ “ ‘
- Physics 11—official outline will be rewritten to be consistent with the catalog description. Gravity will be included in topics for Physics 11 along with energy, momentum and other mechanics topics. Other topics will be selected by the instructors.

Spring 2010 Schedule

We discussed which section to cut from the Spring 2010 schedule. Physics 13 and one section of Physics 11 will likely be cut. Perry asked if anyone would like to teach Astronomy 12, no Physics instructors were available for that.