

**NATURAL SCIENCES
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT MEETING**

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

1:00pm – 1:50pm

Physics 101

Attendees: S. Stolovy, E. Goldmann, S. Prieto, S. Kadakia, L. Hayashibara,
J. Shankweiler

Notes were taken by: J. Shankweiler

1. SLO's

The following assessments are due this semester: 3B –VanBiezen, 2B- Lindsay, Program – S. Prieto. Susana will send Jean the assessment to send to Van Biezen and R. Lindsay. Also, S. Prieto noted SLO's are getting rejected by the SLO coordinators. There needs to be thoughtful dialogue in the section labeled "Implications for Future".

2. Curriculum

Phys. 13 is at L5. This means the DCC has reviewed and now the curriculum advisor will review before sending it to the College Curriculum Committee. Phys. 2A and 2B are at L2.5, back to the originator for minor revisions. Eyal indicated he would work on those this week. Then, they can be moved out of the DCC by B.Carey. Physics 3A and 3B course revisions are approved by the CCC.

3. Honors Courses

There was some discussion about having an honors section of physics in Spring 2014. Suggested courses are Phys. 2A and/or 1A. Some suggestions for making a course honors was to have a research paper, introduce journal articles, incorporate more writing into the lab reports and/or introducing a programming experiment into the labs.

4. Problems with team websites through MyECC

S. Stolovy noted some difficulties using the MyECC team sites. She asked what others do for students. Some suggestions were Etudes shells, Wordpress, Google site and Nicenet. She will contact F. Vasilomanolakis in Staff Development.

5. Other

NetTutor

Students say it is confusing and annoying, tutors are like cheerleaders—"you almost have it", "you're the man." Tutors—tend to be disorganized on their boards. Jean will have the STEM facilitators survey the classes and/or contact NetTutor.

Facilities/Safety

The temperature in the Planetarium is often too hot or too cold. Jean instructed the faculty to call the office every time it is uncomfortable to report the situation. Also, keep a log

book on the desk. The more information we can give facilities, the more they will be able to assist us.

Program Review

S. Prieto doing fine for now, will ask Eyal if she needs help

Telescopes

S. Kadakia_ is looking for the telescope eyepieces.