

Fine Arts Minutes 03/01/2016

Present: Carolyn Alexander, Thomas Butler, Craig Deines, Dirk Hagner, Melissa Macias, Kirk Pedersen, Shari Wasson

Absent: Ron Brown, Fatemeh Burnes, Susie Rubenstein

Call to Order: 4:30 pm

Discussion Items:

- The involvement of the Fine Arts Department in STEAM
 - Funding is available to support the development of STEAM
 - The majority of the department is in favor of supporting the movement towards STEAM
 - The department does not currently express interest in starting a new program in our area
 - The department is interested in raising awareness of classes in our area that would be beneficial for students in other areas of study.
 - Some other areas of study include, but are not limited to: engineering, architecture, landscape architecture, biological sciences, and mortuary arts.
 - The department is interested in promoting classes through a list of courses that can be shared with other disciplines.
 - The department discussed the possibility of visiting relevant classes in other areas of study to do small presentations about our courses.
 - It is suggested that students may respond better to other students presenting information or sharing work, rather than having members of the faculty present information.
 - Faculty members are encouraged to bring forward any ideas as to how Mt. SAC might become active/involved in STEAM
 - Faculty members are encouraged to research successful examples of STEAM including those from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Submitted: Melissa Macias