ESA December 9, 2013 Meeting Agenda


1. Minutes from the November meeting – approved.

2. Summer and fall schedule: Please email Julie with your preferences. Mark pointed out that historically, in the summer we have offered the main Gen Ed classes, filled with people who failed earlier semesters and trying to get that credit. He suggested that we expand the offerings and use it as an opportunity to offer field courses and other newer or rarely offered ones.

3. The adjunct evaluations are due ASAP. Be sure to include a summary of the student comments and to speak with the faculty member about your comments.

4. Faculty Senate report (Becca)
   - Dec. 13 is the deadline for various coordinator positions (sent by email last month)
   - The four-year review with Curriculum and Instruction updates are due in May for the field courses (Geol 24, 25 and 29)
   - Geol 1 and Geol 7 are allegedly overdue for 4-year curriculum updates.
   - The AA-T degrees are now called ADT degrees. We are in the category that would potentially have one by 2015. The submission deadline is in May.
   - Repeatability: there is a new document from the Chancellor’s office.

5. Faculty Association report (Mike Hood)
   - no vote yet on the Academic calendar
   - Eric Kalumagi is the new Faculty Association President

6. Planetarium and Observing update (Heather Jones):
   - A 10 inch reflecting telescope was donated. It has tracking capability but is not working now. Its optics are very good.
   - Battery cases replaced on all the Meades but they still don’t work.
   - “Cosmic Comets” is the new planetarium show.
   - The planetarium portion of Astronomy 99 will not be offered in spring.
   - Please tell students that the telescope course is highly recommended for students planning to major in astronomy.
   - Cost cutting! The Planetarium creates our own shows. Please let Heather know what shows you would like for your classroom.

7. February Flex day we will plan to do the outcomes and assessment discussion of SLO/GEO.

8. Update on Geology degree (Geol 8, Ocea10, Meto3L are not up to date as
of the beginning of spring semester), AA Natural Science. Department should discuss the Astronomy degree.

9. On Dec. 22 or 23, the Table Mountain observatory has spots for about 9 people to observe. Will need JPL clearance. We discussed the possibility of bringing a van.

10. On Friday, Craig attended a meteorology workshop in Santa Barbara. There will probably be a meeting in the spring. The group is a cohort of meteorology instructors at community colleges. Anyone teaching courses with a meteorology component is welcome.

11. There will be a Von Karman lecture during winter session.

12. Next meetings: Friday, February 21st, 2014 (flex day); Monday, March 10th, 2014.

Meeting adjourned 5:44

March 2014 Addendum to the December Minutes:

Some faculty members met on Flex Day, Feb. 21, 2014. We had a brainstorming session in the Redinger Science Exploration Center to come up with ideas for how to use the Center for classes and extra credit assignments. We reviewed how to use the digital projection globe and other A/V equipment. There was not enough of a quorum to review SLO/GEOs.