

Present: Mike Hood, Julie Bray-Ali, Micol Christopher, David Mrofka, Becca Walker, Mark Boryta, Hilary Lackey

ESA Dept. meeting June 8, 2015 4:30 p.m.

1. May meeting minutes approved
2. Schedules: Winter & Spring to be done soon. Please check your schedule (you can see your schedule on myportal)
3. Academic senate report (Becca)
Becca was not at the last meeting. The AA in Environmental Studies was approved. Geology 9 is required, other courses in our dept. are optional. This will impact our Geol 9 enrollment and is good news for our department.
4. FA report
 - Conflict of Interest policy passed, with changes
 - Proposal to delay contract voting until Fall failed (29-8), so expect to get a ballot and new contract in the mail at some point this summer, assuming an agreement is made.
 - New Putting On the Hits "Revitalization" task force starting in the summer
 - Proposed changes to Political Action Committee rules: Could give up to \$1000 (is now \$500), would be only for local election, would have to be approved by rep council
 - Negotiations:
 - New lab classroom evaluation, can be used at discretion of observer
 - Benefits increase \$200
 - District proposal: 2.7% raises (COLA + 1.7%)
5. The job ad for part time instructors was approved. We would like a rolling deadline.
6. Adjunct evaluation H8s – mostly complete. Be sure to get the faculty member's signature before their last day on campus.
6. PIE discussion of how to transition the older form to the new.
7. Outcomes mapping document shared with us from the division office.
8. Curriculum update
 - AA Earth Science – Discussed whether to resubmit.
 - Astr8 – level 5
 - Astr11 – level 6
 - Astr91&92 – level 1
 - Geol29 – level 1
 - Geol99 – level 1
 - Due next year – Astr5, Astr5H, Astr5L, Astr99, Geol9 (was due this year? Last approved in 2011), Geol10, Geol99, Meto3
9. Fall books
10. Flex day Fall 2016. Astronomy will be having a review of their FIG
11. Report from the Natural Science chairs meeting:
12. There is a new faculty request form.

13. Planetarium Report:

- We had a good turn out at the telescope observing night on Friday. The sign in sheet will be emailed out to the department for your reference.
- New show about Pluto called Outer Limits is scheduled to premiere on July 11, 2015 right before New Horizon's closest approach to Pluto.
- During 2014-2015 we had over 15,000 visitors at the planetarium!!

Observatory Reports:

- Telescope nights will continue in the summer the first Friday of the month unless that is a holiday weekend (like the 4th of July weekend) then telescope night will be the second Friday that month
- The telescope camera has been sent in for repair and is currently being worked on. We anticipate its return before the start of fall.
- If you have any students interested in taking the Astro 99 telescope research class or planetarium programming class please ask them to email me over the break.

14. Need volunteers for Fall '15! / Piloting Early Alert System – if interested contact Art Nitta (Participants will need to:

- Identify students who they believe will benefit for some sort of intervention
- Use the Early Alert system (being developed now) to report and identify the intervention recommended (tutoring, counseling, etc)

15. Classroom supply order for fall.

- Jessica is now trained to due purchase orders
- Heather got some cool USGS maps of planets. Come check them out! Mark will check it out over the summer.

16. Graduation on Friday 6/12/14

Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.