

ESA Department Meeting May 9, 2016

Department Members Present: Becca Walker, Julie Bray-Ali, Craig Webb, Mark Boryta, Heather Jones, Mike Hood, Dave Mrofka, Tania Anders, Hilary Lackey.

Guest: Joan Sholars

1. April meeting minutes: approved

Guest: Joan Sholars of the FA. She came to talk to us about the proposed changes to the Winter schedule and if the Instruction office can make the change without a vote by Faculty Association and/or Academic Senate. She spoke with Eric Kalumaji and will have a conversation with Dr. Scroggins and/or Dr. Malmgren and get back to us. We had a follow up discussion about our concerns over how we would fit labs into the winter schedule and we also discussed that this might be an Academic Senate issue.

Other Faculty Assn news: changes to the leave policy and additional LHE for faculty on special projects (we asked her about faculty doing 99 courses). She noted that there is a lot on "one time" monies available this year.

2. Chairs meeting report: Mark Chairs meeting has been moved to this coming Thursday.

3. Fall books. Julie reminded us to have a discussion with adjuncts if you are changing the book. Please let Julie know of any book changes for Fall 2016-2017 within the next 2 weeks.

4. ePIE – Outcomes document is progressing. Mark reminded us that outcomes must be tied to PIE. Mark and Tania had a discussion about where this document is going and how it will impact what we are measuring in the future.

5. Progress of analytical equipment in 1514. Tania asked Mark K. to punch holes and put the manuals into binders and to wipe out the cabinets in order to move the oceanography equipment in. He has not yet completed the task. Tania did not have the link to the Google doc, but now she does.

6. Stream table was delivered to 1515. It currently is right in front of the whiteboard.

7. Dave has started organizing all of the rock and mineral specimen cabinets and some items have been moved from 1515 and into 1512. The organizing is ongoing and he needs someone to work on this over the summer. We discussed the possibility of a work study student.

8. Adjunct evaluation update (Mark). Mark is working on compiling list of those that still need completion.

9. Curriculum update: Dave says that Geol 24-25 have gone on to the Curriculum Committee. They will go to the Board and then to Parity (their last meeting is Jun 20) and then to the Chancellor. Dave is still working on the Climate class but waiting to get some

questions answered.

10. FA report – Mike

- Negotiations update: Full-time faculty now get 30 days FMLA leave without loss of salary or loss of sick leave to welcome a new child or care for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health restriction.

- 2016-17 FA goals, to be voted on at next FA meeting

- AP 3700: New social media policy, to be voted on at next FA meeting

11. Academic senate report – Becca: Nothing to report at this time.

12. Planetarium & Observatory –Heather & Jessica – see below

13. The GeoScience club missed three Interclub Council Meetings so now they no longer have official club status.

14. Heather would like to borrow tents and camping gear for Astronomy Club to use for a Riverside telescope society meeting at Big Bear on Memorial Day weekend.

15. June meeting Monday May 6. We will go to Innovation Brewery.

16. End of the semester department party is Sat. June 4, before the final exams. Please reply to the evite and let him know if you didn't get the evite.

15. Winter 2017 scheduling: The ESA Dept. members are opposed to the 2x/4x weekly schedule for numerous reasons including the fact that it disrupts lab scheduling. Faculty report that they would be less likely to teach in winter if the 3x per week option is unavailable. Students in Mark and Julie's classes report that the change would negatively impacted by the change and less likely to sign up for classes with the change. Julie asked the Div. office to get back to her on fill rate and usage reports.

16. Department Chair. Craig ran the election.

Chairs to begin Fall 2016: Julie Bray Ali and Mike Hood.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10

Attached: Planetarium Report:

Planetarium/Observatory May 2016 Report

Observatory Report:

Telescope Nights- Telescope nights for the Spring Semester:

Telescope Nights

May 6, 2016 – Canceled due to cloudy weather
June 3, 2016
July 8, 2016
Aug. 5, 2016

Please tell your students about this volunteer opportunity! If they would like to volunteer please ask them to email me at hjones3@mtsac.edu. (The Mt SAC Astronomical Society now meets from 6:00 – 7:00 PM in 60-1306 before telescope nights)

New Equipment Received –

- New guider camera. Thank you!! This camera will allow us to take longer exposure images to study objects like galaxies and nebulae.
- Replacement telescope paddles and cords
- Star generator for collimation
- Binocular tripods with pistol grips
- Several books on optical observing techniques
- 2- 1.25" 32 mm eyepieces – which we used for today's solar viewing

MERCURY TRANSIT – May 9, 2016. We were able to get in about 2 hours worth of viewing today before the clouds rolled in. Thanks for letting your students know about this historic event!

2017 Solar Eclipse Committee –

Koaru
Craig Webb
Julie Bray-Ali
Micol Christopher
Mark Boyrta
When is a good time to meet? Fridays?

Planetarium Report:

If you are teaching this summer and would like to use the planetarium, please send me your planetarium reservations by the end of this week!

Von Karmon Lecture -

Lecture Dates and Topics

May 19, 2016 – Fire and Ice...and Methane- Exploring Mars and Titan Using Laboratory and Field Analogues on Earth

June 2016 – TBD –Do we want to host the lecture in June?

New Equipment Received –

- Vacuum, thank you!!!!
- More clip-on lights for taking notes in the planetarium