

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT MEETING

Meeting was held on June 3, 2009 at 12:45pm.

Attendees: Jean Shankweiler, Chas Cowell, Amy Grant, Miguel Jimenez, Robert McLeod, Rob Shibao, Ana Tontcheva, Peter Doucette, Shanna Potter, Tom Stewart, Mel Kantz, Flor Delos Santos and Ann Pham.

Minutes were taken by Robert McLeod.

Articulation

The ECC Articulation Officer, Lori Suekawa, provided an update concerning AP tests and the establishment of a systemwide community college general education advanced placement list. For chemistry this would mean that a student who received a 3 or better on the chemistry advanced placement test would receive a minimum of 4 units of science GE credit toward an associate degree. The topic will be discussed in the Academic Senate next year and is expected to become policy effective for the fall of 2010. Specific course credit as established by the Chemistry Department would be unchanged.

Technician's Report

Now that students drop online, many more are dropping courses without checking out of their lab drawers. The technicians check the drawers and the students are billed for any missing items. Faculty should be sure that they don't allow students, once they are checked out of their drawer, to give equipment to their friends.

SLO Update

Chemistry SLOs development and assessments are progressing as planned.

Curriculum

The Chemistry 20 course outline has been approved by the DCC and will be reviewed by the CCC on June 15.

Facilities

It has been reported that the computer lab doors have been found propped open when no one is in the room. Jean will talk to the person responsible.

NS Awards Ceremony

All is on schedule for the Math and Natural Science Division Awards on June 5th.

Spring 2010 Schedule

Jean distributed an updated draft of the Spring 2010 schedule for final discussion. Shanna Potter was assigned two sections of Chem 4. Chas said he had requested a Tues, Wed, Thurs (no Fri) schedule for all of his sections. It is not yet clear whether Irv Drew will be teaching next spring.

Chemistry 1A Manual

There is general agreement that the 1A manual needs a complete redo. This is a project that should be tackled next school year if not sooner.

Equipment List

We have received a few of items including the large demonstration models and the diffraction grating glasses. The Spectronic 20s and service/utility carts have been ordered. If we can order any additional equipment, the priority order will be:

1. organic ground glassware
2. pH electrodes
3. Cambridge Software and site license (Chem Office Suite or several parts of it)

Budget

The budget situation for next year is likely to be bad. Chemistry doesn't have much in the way of slack to reduce. We might take a hit in the supply budget. We may be asked to cancel a class that is already in the published schedule.

Adjourned at 1:50pm