

Earth Science Department Meeting  
Natural Sciences Division  
February 8, 2017

*Present:* Sara DiFiori, Rebecca Donegan, Matt Ebiner, Julienne Gard, Amy Grant, Chuck Herzig, Joe Holliday, Jim Noyes

### Committee Lists

Department faculty reviewed and approved the committee assignments:

SLO Committee: Jim Noyes

Division Council: Julienne Gard

Division Planning: Chuck Herzig

Division Curriculum: Matt Ebiner

### Fall 2017 Schedule

Faculty filled the requested scheduling sheets and entered their names by the courses on the master list.

### Planning

Chuck Herzig and Julienne Gard will be meeting to put together the annual plan. Please make suggestions, including for equipment. Julienne Gard needs a dedicated server for GIS software.

### Enrollment

Some of the geography class have low enrollment, but there are enough students to continue this semester.

### Course Review

Jim Noyes will take the lead in reviewing the new environmental science class (geology 7).

### SLO

Jim Noyes described his primary conclusion for the PLO assessment: for the basic knowledge SLO, we should either do a short PLO assessment in most or all of our sections (or a culminating course, if we had one), or include a few common questions on all or most of the SLO assessments.

Faculty discussed how the new equity programs described in the morning meeting might affect SLOs. Perhaps some of the actions that we take based on SLO data might take advantage of them.

### Spring Break Trip and Field Class

The trip will be led by Chuck Herzig. It will be a new trip to the Tucson area. Stops will include Kitts Peak, Organ Pipe, and the Grand Canyon. Suzanne Bickford (Math) might be willing to help chaperone.

The field class is full.

### Department Meeting Dates

First Thursday of every month: 3/9, 4/6, 5/11 (with dean), and 6/8.

Submitted by Jim Noyes