



NATURAL SCIENCES' WEEKLY

Monday, March 28, 2005

Welcome Back...!

1. Special Division Meeting This Thursday – Future Science Building Planning!

This Noon Meeting will be devoted to Future Science Building Planning and will include discussions of the following: 1) Review of the Santa Monica College trip (See Item #2 below), 2) Plans for the special April 7 meeting with tBP, 3) Summary of Bruce's visit last week to Cerritos College Science Building construction site, and 4) General strategy for approaching our Future Science Building Planning.

2. Science Building Working Group to Visit Santa Monica College Tuesday

The SBWG will be visiting Santa Monica College's new Science Buildings to learn about their facilities and experiences with the construction and planning processes so we can leverage this information for our own project.

The individuals of SBWG who have generously agreed to give of their time and expertise on this trip to SMC, in the April 7 tBP meeting, and at Division Meetings and informally with you are: Jake Sapiro, Annie Bianchino, Tom Morris, Sean Chamberlin, Lili Barabas, and Stephanie Cashin.

3. Faculty Senate News

The Faculty Senate reported on 3/17/05 that the following faculty have been selected by the Natural Sciences Division to become the 05-07 Division Representatives to the Senate: Jeff Feaster and Jacob Sapiro.

Congratulations to these folks on this important assignment!

4. Health Professions Symposium this Friday!

From Brad:

This event will occur this Friday from 9am to Noon in Rm 1018. College and University reps will explain admission standards and current and former students of health-related professional programs will describe their experiences.

Committed majors in health-related fields and people looking to explore possible majors in healthcare are very welcome.

Please announce this Symposium in your classes this week. Sign-up sheets are available from Brad. Coffee, juice, etc. will be provided.

5. The A Team – Exit Meeting

The Accreditation Team ended its visit to FC by briefly listing a few positive areas and a few areas for recommendations. The positive areas included: Program Review (!), success of the transfer program, the Curriculum Committee's work on SLO's.

The A Team's report will include written recommendations on: the planning process (e.g. how our academic master plan should drive the facilities plan), Student Learning Outcomes at the course, program, and institutional levels, diversity, the decision-making process, the development of strategic goals at the District level, and the budget allocation model.

These recommendations will encourage us to do more *strategic* thinking at all levels in our College, including Program Review.

6. Hiring Committee News: Environmental Science and Chemistry

The Environmental Science Hiring Committee had about two dozen applications and did paper screening before the Break. Seven applicants have been invited (and accepted) for interviews on April 8 and 9.

The Chemistry Hiring Committee received over 5 dozen apps and is doing paper screening on Tuesday afternoon.

7. PCC News

President Hodge presented and described her key Goals for the College.

These include: 1) Maintain instruction at the 2004/05 level plus **4% growth** estimate (support Divisions that make their FTES targets with appropriate operational allocation increases), 2) **Add classified staff** sufficient to support operations, instruction, and student services, 3) Analyze and prioritize **technology** expenditures, 4) Analyze and prioritize **capital projects** to assure completion within budgets, 5) Augmentation of operating allocations commensurate to growth, 6) Maintain categorical program funding at the 2004/05 level with any funding adjustments comparable to general fund, and 7) Add 25% back to budget of PFE programs that experienced past budget cuts greater than 10%.

8. Dean's Council

The Dean's Council voted to support the Associated Students proposal for a complete ban on smoking on the Fullerton College campus. (Only one dean opposed; Bruce supported it.) This proposal will eventually go to President Hodge to become a Campus rule.

Adam O'Connor continued his very interesting (!) presentations on new draft budget models. The Deans unanimously voted to withhold support of draft budget models C and E and recommended that the carryover from allocations be used to develop a satisfactory procedure for redistributing the funds, and to wait and see how the District revises campus allocations.

9. Carry Over Money Awards to Horticulture and Chemistry!

The Budget Committee, the PCC, and President Hodge recently approved the following awards: a) \$ 32,000 for a Bobcat Tractor for Horticulture, and b) \$ 7,500 for 3 analytical balances for Chemistry that had been damaged by rain water.

Of the 6 proposals submitted to this process by Natural Sciences, these were the 2 that were funded. The criteria established by the Budget Committee and PCC included: 1) out of compliance, 2) safety, and 3) direct support of instruction and student services.

10. Science Roadmap Initiative/Natural Sciences Seminar for April

From Sean:

Dr. David Bowman from the Geology Department at CSUF has offered to do the Noon seminar on April 21. His topic is "The Art and Science of Seismic Hazard Analysis".

All students interested in science and/or transferring are especially welcome to attend, as is *everyone* else!

11. Science Olympiad a Great Success!

Many thanks to all those who made this annual event for nearby middle and high school students a huge success. Special thanks to Dr. Lyn Taylor (who coordinated it), to Olivia Wolfe (who was essential to its success!), and to all faculty, staff, and volunteers who gave generously of their time and expertise.

We're already looking forward to next year's Science Olympiad!

**PLEASE NOTE: The next Natural Sciences' Weekly will next appear on Monday, April 4.
Please send e-mail submissions by 5 pm Thursday, March 31.
*Also, within the next week or two, the NSW will be sporting its New look!***