

NATURAL SCIENCES' WEEKLY

Monday, April 11, 2005

1. tBP and Science Building Working Group (SBWG) met last Thursday!

The SBWG had a productive meeting with tBP last week. The principle goal was to examine and evaluate a Replacement Building concept that featured "Zero Growth" and could accommodate our instructional needs.

tBP personnel (Deborah plus one of her architects) were open, responsive, and positive in their approach to this meeting. The floorplan concept that formed the basis for our discussion is on display in the Division Office for a while, although it will require some explanation.

The SBWG is currently evaluating the tBP concept and our discussion with them. Our next Division Meeting will be a forum for open discussion of where we are now regarding a Replacement Building and how we might be able to accommodate growth into this concept.

The SBWG currently consists of the following dedicated faculty and staff: Jake Sapiro, Annie Bianchino, Tom Morris, Lili Barabas, Stephanie Cashin, and Elise Phan.

2. IMPORTANT Curriculum Dates

From Sean:

The good news is that I am starting to go through all of our curriculum and sort out where we stand. If anyone else out there in Natural Sciences-land knows of any omissions in the catalog, courses that are no longer being offered, old outlines, errors, etc. please let me know ASAP so we can get on it.

Now, the bad news...we have an EARLY curriculum date at the beginning of next semester. I need to have your curriculum drafts to me no later than Wednesday, August 24--that's our DEPARTMENTAL CURRICULUM DEADLINE--which gives me two weeks to dot your eyes, cross your t-shirts and make sure your measurable verbs are in order for our TECHNICAL REVIEW on Wednesday, September 7 (at which time several people with black coats and dictionaries will check your eyes, t-shirts and verbs), which is two weeks before our CURRICULUM COMMITTEE APPROVAL MEETING on Wednesday September 21, which is the big finale in the curriculum process.

What I want to do is to give everyone the best opportunity possible to get their curriculum approved, however, curriculum not sent to me in some form by August 24 will be ignored until 2007. Special attention will be given to anyone who sends me curriculum *early*, like before the end of the semester. I'm more than happy to do all the typing if you scratch something out for me to type.

3. FC Science Club News

From Jo:

The FC Science Club will host a practice MCAT session on Friday, April 15 in Room 413. Interested students can pre-register (and guarantee a seat) by submitting name and email address to Science Club mailbox (or jwu@fullcoll.edu). Everyone should pay \$5 at the door at 9:30 am. The exam from 10 am-2pm, will cover biology, chemistry, physics and verbal reasoning (but not the writing component).

The Science Club is also actively recruiting officers for next year's club. Please ask interested students to submit name, phone, email to Jo Wu (jwu@fullcoll.edu) or to Science Club mailbox. Elections will be held in May.

4. Carolyn Heath Featured in Sea Lion Video!

The Los Angeles Times on April 8 reports that Carolyn is interviewed on camera in a new video called "California Sea Lions: An Unforgettable Encounter." The 40 minute film played last Friday at the Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort in Newport Beach and features narration by Sean Astin of "The Lord of the Rings" fame. The proceeds will support a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the area's natural resources.

According to the Times, Carolyn "...was pleased with the way he (filmmaker) made an effort to capture some of the typical behaviors (of sea lions)...(because) Sea lions don't have as good of public agents as dolphins, so he's doing a great service."

5. Chemistry Faculty Applicants to be Interviewed this Friday (4/15)

Six applicants will be interviewed by the Chemistry Hiring Committee this Friday. A 7th may also be interviewed if schedule permits.

6. This is National Environmental Education Week! (April 10 – 16)

From Carolyn:

This week (April 10-16) is National Environmental Education Week! It would be nice to promote it a bit on campus and/or in our classes. Here's a website if you want more info.

<http://www.eeweek.org/>

7. MESA-sponsored Lecture on Underrepresented Students in Math & Science

From Milton of MESA:

Dr. Sharri Kornblum of Cal State LA will make a presentation on "Working Effectively with Underrepresented Students in Math and Science."

The date is Thursday, April 14 from 3pm – 4:30pm in Rm 719.

8. Spring 2005 Job Fair is Wednesday, April 13

Please announce to your students that the Job Fair will be from 10 am to 2 pm on the Quad. Over 45 employers will be attending and students are expected to bring resumes and dress professionally.

If you have questions come to Rm 1409 or call 714.992.7261.

9. The *Hornet* Olympics are seeking Players who can Sting!

From Olivia – Team Captain:

Coming to Fullerton College on Friday, May 6th, 1 - 4 pm, Sherbeck Field

Natural Sciences Team Captain: Olivia Wolfe (was *volunteered* without my knowledge)

A terrific opportunity to socialize and beat the socks off other divisions and the Anaheim Center...also the chance to walk away with a large trophy that we can proudly display in our lobby (not to mention bragging rights). Another prize under consideration is one (1) parking space for the Fall 2005 semester, especially important because the parking situation will be going from bad to worse. If we win the parking space, the team members could arrange a schedule for parking rights.

Here's what we need:

Team Composition: Minimum of five (5) players, maximum of thirteen (13)

Team Name: ?

Events: Dizzy Bat, Limbo, Water Balloon Toss, Potato Sack Race, Name That Tune, Suitcase Race, MENSA Brain Teaser, Fullerton College Trivial Pursuit, Crabwalk and Food Eating Contest. The top four (4) teams will advance to the Obstacle Course for the Final Event.

Here's the best part...After Party at the Rockin' Taco in Downtown Fullerton for free food, drink specials and raffle prizes beginning at 4:30 pm.

Please see Olivia before Thursday, April 14th to join!

**PLEASE NOTE: The next Natural Sciences' Weekly will next appear on Monday, April 18.
Please send e-mail submissions by 5 pm Thursday, April 14.**