1. President met with Finalists in Environmental Science and Chemistry

Last Thursday President Hodge met with two finalists for our Environmental Science faculty position. After these interviews she met with Tom and Bruce to hear the Committee’s evaluation and rating of the candidates.

On Friday afternoon President Hodge met with two finalists for our Chemistry faculty position. After these interviews she met with Bruce to hear the Committee’s evaluation and rating of the candidates.

As of this morning, the President is engaged in the decision-making process on both sets of finalists. You will be informed as soon as there is news to report!

2. Curriculum Committee Update...

From Sean:

The Curriculum Committee (CC) has begun to address issues related to Distance Learning (DL) and the need or lack of need to specify how a course will be delivered. The State Faculty Senate has recommended that course outlines include NO mention of delivery methodology as some colleges and universities are refusing to accept DL-delivered courses. Back when I put in the first course for DL, my argument was that DL is just another way of delivering the same course. Since that time, various means of indicating DL have been tried, including separate DL forms and separate checkboxes for hybrid and online courses. While there may be FTES accounting issues over how a course is delivered, my recommendation is that online, hybrid, teleweb, telecourse, on-campus and courier pigeon-delivered courses be covered with a single course outline. If you have any thoughts about this, feel free to contact me.

I have also browsed Laurie Barrett’s and Debbie Horrock’s files and it appears that some of our paperwork is missing. Many of our courses lack original signature pages. I don't think the curriculum police will catch us but I do plan to recreate all of our missing paperwork as part of our 6-year Review in 2007. Also, I have begun to create separate folders on the I-drive for all of our courses and to convert our Word Perfect forms to Word forms. Much of the electronic paperwork is missing as well. Fortunately, we have nice Xerox copies of all of our course outline except some physics courses that inexplicably disappeared in a worm hole. As this CPR (Curriculum Paperwork Recreation) project continues, I will be distributing copies of current course outlines for you to check, mark up and update. Thanks in advance for your support of this effort.

3. Classified Staff Voting on Salary Schedule Monday

From Olivia:

On Monday, April 25, 2005, between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm, the Classified Staff will be voting to accept a 6% increase to the salary schedule. The Ratification Meeting and Vote will be held at the Anaheim Center which will require the Classified Staff to leave their work sites as
approved by the California School Employees Association Contract (CSEA) Chapter #167 with the District. The Division Office will remain open during this process as I have worked out a schedule with Deb to maintain coverage.

4. Final Edit of Fall Schedule: Wednesday – Friday
   Final edit of the Fall, 2005 Schedule will be due by 5 pm this Friday. We expect to have the Fall Schedule available for our edit on Wednesday morning.
   As usual, it will be distributed to Department Coordinators for any corrections or changes that need to be made.

5. Field Trip Authorizations
   Recently, the Division has had several Field Trip Authorization Forms returned from Administration. Lis Leyson, Interim EVP, is asking for an alternate plan if a student cannot attend a mandatory field trip. Please add this alternate plan on the Field Trip Authorization Form to save time in the approval process.

6. Student Scholarship Winners!
   2004/2005 NATURAL SCIENCES DIVISION
   SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

   Congratulations to all the students below and to everyone who had a role in choosing these deserving folks!

   Science Club Scholarship       Biology Faculty Scholarship
   Kristina Petrasek, $300        Jason Fuhrman, $375
   Sean Wilson, $375

   Schlinger Environmental Sciences Award
   Samuel Myers, $1,200

   Elizabeth Wright Scholarship
   Woo Hyun Baek, $300

   Joel Hail Memorial Scholarship       Albert M. Williams Chemistry Scholarship
   Chinmayi Bhavani Shanker, $4,500    Sean Wilson, $300
   Hannah Yoon, $4,500
   Douglas Damato, $2,800
   Eric Geissinger, $2,800
   Eldon Kendrick, $2,800
   Evan Walsh, $2,800
   Sean Wilson, $2,800

   Linbo Yu, $375
   Hannah Yoon, $600
   Sean Wilson, $2,800
   My Le, $200

   7. New Fax Machine
   From Olivia:
   Due to the demise of the old FAX machine, the Division now has a new FAX machine. The best part…it is extremely easy to use. Please see Olivia if you require assistance.

   8. Key Meetings This Week…
      Monday: Chemistry Pizza/Strategy Meeting – Noon
      Tuesday: Dean’s Council – 9 am
      Wednesday: PCC – 1:30 pm
      Thursday: Department Coordinators, Group 1 Meeting – Noon
                 Campus Bond Oversight Committee – 1:30 pm

   PLEASE NOTE: The next Natural Sciences’ Weekly will next appear on Monday, May 2.
   Please send e-mail submissions by 5 pm Thursday, April 28.