

**Arts, Humanities and Communications
Division Meeting Highlights – January 8, 2016
Location: PAC 130**

Attendees: Ken Adair, Barbara, Adams, Lee Bailey, Deborah Barr, Flora Carter, David Chapman, Brad Craw, Randy Crimmel, Kim Davis, David Dow, Tom Duchscher, John Giorgio, Chau-Marie Griffiths, Steve Grubb, Ryan Guy, Todd Guy, Kim Gyuran, Ty Van Helton, Mary Hurley, Erik Maki, Anne Martin, Allan McKissick, Stephanie Morris, Chad Redwing, Jim Sahlman, Aishah Saleh, Lori Sammis, Tinna Savini, Jay Scantling, Robert Scott, Anne Shanto, Taure Shimp, Tiffany Spencer, Rob Stevenson, Sarah Stevenson, Michael Sundquist, Tammy Vanden Bosch, Noah Wilson, Jacquelin Wingett

Guests: Jill Stearns, Brenda Thames, Florida Arias and Crystal Henschman,

Semester Kick Off:

Thank you to everyone who attended Institute Day and joined the break-out sessions. Barbara Adams was recognized with the Cardoza Award during the morning session.

New Faculty and Staff Introductions:

Rita has accepted a temporary out of class assignment with Media. She will be returning this June. Jacquelin will be filling in, in the meantime and Miss Tiffany Spencer will be supporting the office as the Administrative Assistant.

A Big Welcome to new Adjunct Instructors

- Chau-Marie Griffiths who will be teaching photography on the West Campus.
- Mary Hurley who will be teaching speech communication on both campuses.
- Michael Silva will be teaching guitar.
- Marina Gladush will be teaching speech.

AHC Blog Site:

- We're keeping our AHC Blog updated it updated and the two latest entries are about our very own Richard Serros and Rom Duchscher who both will be having exhibits this semester. Both Richard and Tom took off a year sabbatical and we are very excited to see their pieces on display.
 - *Into the Void: The Art of Richard D. Serros* will open in our MJC Art Gallery starting January 19th. Richard also has pieces currently up at the Mistlin Gallery on J Street in Modesto until January 29th.
 - Tom Duchscher's show *Geometries in Cold Steel* will open in the MJC Gallery starting February 16th.

Upcoming Events:

- MLK Jr. Commemoration Event January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Taylor Branch is the speaker this year.

Physical Plant Upgrades:

Facilities have been busy the past few weeks doing various upgrades in our division including:

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- New lighting and sound system in the band room MUS115. Microphones have also been hung for future recordings.
- ART 201 and 204 have received new lighting as well as a fresh coat of paint. ART 204 is still being painted. It should be ready by January 22nd.
- ART 105, 202, 103A and 121-126 all received new lighting.
- The Proposition 39 Lighting Contractor also worked on the exteriors of ART, Founders Hall and MPAC.
- MUS 108 and 115 has light fixtures replaced as well.
- New LED lighting has been installed in the Art Gallery as well.

Brenda Thames, Vice President of Instruction:

We need to ensure that we are enrolling students in a timely matter – late adds – Mike will start to look at under enrolled classes.

Flerida Arias, Dean of Student Equity and Student Learning:

Flerida handed out copies of the California Community College Credit Student Success and Support Program Plan which is also located on the MJC website. She also explained that between February and May they will focus on other areas outside of English and Math including students looking at course to complete within AHC. She is currently looking for volunteers to look at those area lesson plans to lessen the gaps of. All the info is in the packet she handed out.

Crystal Hinchman, Student Success Specialist:

Crystal will be with us this semester. She is also working with Health and PE /Athletics
Crystal advises to refer students to her if:

- If a student has missed two classes in a row
- Has a hard time purchasing text books or supplies
- Needs assistance with study and/or exam completion techniques

Any Mental Health referral will go to Counselors. There is a new Counseling Coordinator Judith Martinez 575.6008. She will coordinate with you and send a counselor to wherever student is at that time. Once counselor has talked to student, they will take additional steps for referral.

She suggests also reminding students of your office hours. Every little step counts towards student success. Crystal will also be emailing everyone info on taking advantage of tutoring!

III. Discussion

Cut to Canvas and eLumin Integration:

- Canvas will be in fully implemented within the next two years, by Fall 2017. Please contact Mike Smedshammer x6490 with any questions. After the summer session of 2017 Blackboard will be retired at MJC.

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- Other community colleges have already rolled out Canvas, so student experiences are the same across the board and universal. This will help with student success.
- There will many training opportunities for Canvas during the next several months.

AHC Office Reorg:

- A list of specialized tasks performed by office staff members will be sent out soon.

Equipment Funds for 2015-16:

- We are waiting for the RAC to provide guidance on how to prioritize allocation requests for this year.

Enrollment and Roster Verification:

- The state of California requires us to verify rosters before CENSUS DATE. Please verify that students are actually enrolled in your class. Please remember to verify your rosters before the census date.

Field Trips and Special Recognition:

- All faculty are encouraged to organize class field trips. It's a relatively easy process. Tricia, Rob and Tinna are all pros if you need help or advice.
- Todd Guy announced that February 29th is the deadline for Graduation Speaker . Please encourage students to apply.
- NCFCA Championship tournament will be held here February 19-21, 2016.

IV. Curriculum Report and Discussion: (Todd Guy & Erik Maki)

V. Senate Update: (Chad Redwing & Allan McKissick)

- A new AHC senator is needed to fill out our team. Nominations and the election will take place by email.

VI. Assessment: (Lynette Borrelli-Glidewell, Debora Barr)

- ART 121 124 225 163 165 169 192 need CLO assessments
- Deborah Barr and Lynette Borrelli will provide a list of program and course level LO's that require attention in the division.

VII. Scholarships: (Flora Carter & Lynette Borrelli-Glidewell)

- Nothing to report.

VIII. YFA: (Haleh Niazmand)

- No report.