***Agenda***

Science Department Meeting Minutes

Dan McDevit, Department Coordinator

March 14, 2014 1 p.m. - 2:30pm

SCOPE Conference

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Batcher, Doris | X |  |  |
| Black, Cheryl | X |  |  |
| Coman, Marius | X |  |  |
| Cutler, Rob | X |  |  |
| Donaldson, Kurt |  |  |  |
| Furler, Robert | X |  |  |
| Hepner, Roy | X |  |  |
| Hermann, Henry |  |  |  |
| Hooks, Ed | X |  |  |
| Huang, Li | X |  |  |
| Israsena Na Ayudhya, Thep | X |  |  |
| Jester, Roz | X |  |  |
| Koepke, Jay | X |  |  |
| Liu, Qin | X |  |  |
| Manacheril, George | X |  |  |
| McDevit, Dan | X |  |  |
| McGarity, Lisa | X |  |  |
| McKenzie, Jonathan | X |  |  |
| O’Neal, Lyman | X |  |  |
| Ottman, Tina | X |  |  |

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| Prabhu, Nimi | X |  |  |
| Romeo, Peggy | X |  |  |
| Trevino, Marcela | X |  |  |
| Ulrich, Melanie |  |  |  |
| Vala, Teju | X |  |  |
| Verga, Vera | X |  |  |
| Wilcox, Bill | X |  |  |
| Witty, Mike | X |  |  |
| Wolfson, Jed | X |  |  |
| Xue, Di | X |  |  |
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| **Adjunct Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Ann Mantell | X |  |  |
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| **Staff** |  |  |  |
| Otto, Kirk |  |  |  |
| Tyus, Jessica |  |  |  |
| Clemence, Bob |  |  |  |
| **Guests** |  |  |  |
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1. Welcome
2. Housekeeping
   1. Approval of Feb 2013 Minutes
   2. Department Chair Nominations to Dr. Wright by March 22nd
   3. Science Department Assessment Coordinator
      1. There were several volunteers for the position. The chair will make a decision on who will fill the role for 2014-2015.
      2. It was suggested that there might be enough work for two coordinators. This will be discussed at the learning assessment committee; however, Dr. Wright will have to make the final decision on any additional positions.
   4. Common Assessment Reminder
      1. If there are changes to the common assessment please send me an updated test to pass on to Crystal Revak
   5. Qualifications for teaching EVR courses and other courses
      1. ISC courses, everyone is qualified
      2. Other courses – Theo expects that it will be 6 graduate credit hours in the specific field, but he can look into what other schools do if we decide to offer those courses. Edison will cover cost of taking courses to fulfill the requirement…
      3. Marius presented a letter from Sandhills Community College re: qualifications of physics professors teaching astronomy. Sandhills Community College (a member of SACS) only requires a master’s degree in physics to teach introductory astronomy. Marius wanted to highlight this case as a point of discussion.
      4. There was more discussion of qualifications. According to Theo this is an area that we can have some input on; as a department, we can make a case for a course being taught by someone with a particular set of qualifications.
3. BSC1010C and BSC1011C – Tina
   1. There is an option to link lecture and lab sections for BSC1010 and BSC1011, or to create several “C” sections. The logistics might be a bit complicated for Lee campus where space is tight, but it is an option to consider for future semesters.
   2. Tina will be trying this out with her classes.
4. Any new items
   1. Gen-ed courses require labs? – Lisa
      1. This was a discussion on the state of gen ed courses in our curriculum as well as the lab requirement for the AA degree. Currently it is required that students take two science courses with labs to fulfill their science requirement for the AA degree. Most of our courses currently have associated labs (with the exception of BSC1005 and Nutrition). There was discussion as to if we should have all courses on the gen ed core curriculum list have associated labs – therefore adding a lab to BSC1005. There didn’t seem to be a consensus either way. Most think that the lab requirement is good (though some thought that there could be certain gen ed course offered without a lab that could count towards the AA degree). It was suggested that comments on this topic be sent to Lisa.