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Agriculture Advisory Meeting

Date & Time: April 4, 2012 11:30 am

Location: TE3

Participants/Attendees:

Name	Title	Affiliation
Neal Weisenberger	Professor of Agriculture	AVC
Denise Keef	Student / Landscape Designer	Denise K Designs
Brenda Adorador	Graduate	AVC
Chris Spicher	Owner	AV Florist
Marilyn Buchanan	Agriculture Lab Tech	AVC
Glen Guenther	Landscape Contractor	Glen's Lawn Care
Richard Campbell	Consultant	USDA, Soil Conservation
Robert Neal	Director of Public Works	City of Lancaster
Claudette Roberts	Water Conservation	Palmdale Water District
Kenneth Mercado	Grounds Supervisor	AVC
Herb Sanguy	Director Teacher	CANGC LA-USD – Sylmar HS
Steve List	President Teacher	CANGC LA-USD – Sylmar HS

Recommended Topics:

Program Updates: Neal Weisenberger gave a quick update of the "State of the College", and how it affects class offerings, class enrollment, class scheduling and budget. The committee was made aware that the program was working with the Iris and Daylily Society, which are holding their monthly meetings and the plant show and sale at the Horticulture Facilities of the college. The program is now working with the Antelope Valley Water Partners (Palmdale Water District, Quartz Hill Water District, LA County Waterworks, and Rosamond Community Service District) holding their smart landscaping workshops at the college on the 3rd Saturday of each month. This is a joint effort with the college, which is coordinating the speakers. No comments were made from the Advisory Committee.

Program Outcomes: The current SLOs and PLOs were made available to the advisory to view. All class SLO's and those PLO's that have been assessed were also made available to the committee. A discussion on what are SLOs and PLOs occurred. No action was made on PLOs or SLOs.



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Curriculum Updates and Input from Industry: A discussion was made about AGRI 210 Advanced Landscape Design. A class has not been offered for many years, however students have received credit for AGRI 210 by either Independent Study or by AGRI 199 Work Experience. In either case, the students had a hard time understanding the material. Both Denise Keef (student) and Brenda (graduate of program) stated the class needed a teacher; it was not effective as Independent Study. The Committee discussed 3 options: 1) eliminate the class from the certificate, 2) Convert the units into another needed class totally different from Landscape Design (i.e. Native Plants, etc), or 3) Change the focus and units of the Advanced Landscape Design class to computerized landscape drafting. After a long discussion, the committee felt the Landscape Construction Program needed a landscape design class, with emphasis on CADD drafting skills. Future employees will need to have skills using Landscape Drafting Computer Software. Some members of the advisory committee still felt this new/amended class needed some design content incorporated to the class. A 2 unit class was discussed because it would fit into the current class schedule. After further discussion it was **BY CONSENSUS** that a new 2 unit class be developed in Landscape Drafting and **Delete** AGRI-210 Advanced Landscape Design from the Program. A proposed Course Content for the proposed class was made available and **APPROVED BY CONSENSUS** of the committee for the course. A discussion occurred regarding developing a landscape architect/designer certificate using current courses. The Denise and Brenda felt that all of the classes in the program would be needed for a good designer and were not sure a new certificated was needed. **BY CONSENSUS** it was decided that at the next meeting the committee will look at several certificate options prepared by Neal Weisenberger for all current and proposed certificates.

Comments from Industry Participants/Open Forum: Robert Neal, City of Lancaster, stated that with the water adjudication water will continue to become a more important part of any curriculum or job skills. Steve List, CANGC, stated that we should encourage more students to transfer from community college to 4 year colleges.

Suggested Topics:

Future plans: A review of past VTEA grants of the program and an overview of the current grant was presented. A demonstration garden is being build by the Soil Conservation District was made. There will be benefits for both the Environmental Horticulture and Landscape Construction programs at Antelope Valley College.

Request for ideas for additional resources: A request for plant containers was made. It was discussed that any old equipment (ie timers, valves, etc) that is still functional would be welcome for the program. Steve list discussed the how college could become a recycling center for plant containers, Sylmar High School is such a center, they will also trade us containers. Chris Spicher suggests we check Waste Management and see if they sort out plant containers. Claudette says there is a possibility of getting some smart timers from Palmdale Water District.



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Other items: Several member stayed after the meeting to work on the Resource conservation district demonstration garden

Submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neal Weisenberger', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Neal Weisenberger

Professor of Agriculture



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Attendance Record: [Insert date of meeting]

Print Name	Affiliation/role	Signature
NEAL WEISENBERGER	Faculty Chair	
	Dean	
Denise Keef	Student	
Brenda Adorador	Graduate	
CHRIS SPICHER	DN FLORIST	
Marilyn Buchanan	AG. LAB TECH	
GLEN GUENTHER	GLEN'S LAWN CARE	
Richard L. Campbell	A.V. Museum	
Robert Neal	City of Lancaster	
Claudette Roberts	Palmdale WA District	
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