

American Samoa Community College
Office of Academic Affairs

"Le Scoop Newsletter"



*WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER FUN-FILLED
AND ALWAYS INTERESTING SEMESTER!*

Week of January 25th 2010
Issue: 001

Welcome to the first issue of "Le Scoop" keeping faculty informed about academic and campus information throughout the year. If you have any information you would like posted in "Le Scoop", please forward your information on Wednesday in order to be printed in the following week's newsletter. We also welcome your suggestions to improve our newsletter. Contact person and numbers: Cherie Ripley, Ext. 320; c.ripley@amsamoa.edu

THANK YOU - A fa'afetai tele lava for the donations for the passing of Mr. Ed Imo's (Chairperson, Physical Education Dept.) mother Mrs. Vaivai Imo. We collected a total of \$1,800 which went towards a floral wealth, ie afu (lace funeral covering), taaiga (bundles of materials) and a \$1,500 cash donation to the family. Special appreciation goes out to the people who attended our Si'i to the Imo family on Monday, January 18th.

SCHEDULED SEMESTER MEETINGS:

Curriculum Committee - Every non pay-week on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1st meeting is on Tuesday, January 26th 12:30 - 2:00 in the Lecture Hall. This year is a catalog, program and SLOs review year. Please be prompt to meetings and if you are unable to attend please contact Cherie Ripley on your absence and send a representative for your department.

General Assessment Planning Committee - Pay-week every Thursday at 12:30-2:00 in Rm. 10. First meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 4th. Please be prompt.

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SLO'S - After last semester's department presentation on assessment of SLOs and data results on the Institutional Communication SLOs one of the recommendations was to measure another Institutional SLO category. In the Fall Semester of 2009 we began to measure Institutional SLO measuring **Life Skills**. For the Spring Semester of 2010 all instructors should be measuring Institutional SLO on LIFE SKILLS for three (3) courses. You can continue to measure Communication SLOs to address your program and course SLOs but we need the data on LIFE SKILLS at the end of this semester. The attachment to this newsletter is a copy of the Institutional SLO on LIFE SKILLS. Please introduce the LIFE SKILL rubric to your students before assessing. You may want to collect baseline data before collecting the final data to examine the changes.

COURSE MATRIX - We still have a few faculty members who need to submit their matrix to the Dean's office. All course matrixes for this semester should be turned in no later than Monday, February 1st 2010. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact Anna Failauga-Academic Affairs Office Ext. 451 or g.failauga@amsamo.edu

ADMINISTRATIVE DROP - Please remember the Administrative Drop period started January 13 and ends on January 29th. A list of students who have exceeded the attendance policy, have not attended any of your classes should be submitted to the Registrar office no later than January 29th. If you have any questions about Administrative Drop please contact Registrar Mrs. Sifa Tuitasi - Ext.317 or s.tuitasi@amsamo.edu

"HAITI RELIEF" SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT - The ASCC Service Learning Campus-Wide Project this semester is to collect monetary donations for the much needed assistance of the Haitian people who suffered from a tsunami disaster this month which killed hundreds of people and left thousands homeless. Please contact Service Learning Coordinator Mrs. Elisapeta Fa'alafi if you are interested in assisting with this much needed effort.

WHO'S OFF-ISLAND - Faculty members Mr. Teleai Christian Ausage (Samoan Studies), Dr. Faofua Fa'atoafe (Business Edu.), Mrs. Letupu Moananu (Math), Mr. Sonny Leomiti (Education), Mr. Sal Poloai (ITT); and Director Mrs. Rosevonne Pato will be attending Level II Assessment of SLO Training in Honolulu, Hawaii from January 25th - 31st as part of our professional development for faculty. All classes for our traveling colleagues will continue with substitute faculty from the department to continue the lecture and assignments for this week. **ALOHA!**

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES - Let us all give a special Birthday cheer to Academic Affair Division's **Mr. Joseph Stanislaus** of the Science Department, and, **Mrs. Lea Fotualii** of the Student Support Services Office(SSS). **BEST WISHES AND MANY MORE BIRTHDAYS TO COME. . .**

WELCOME ABOARD - ASCC welcomes to our campus family **Mrs. Meagan Goldfarb** (Social Science Dept.), who is teaching psychology and sociology courses.

BEST WISHES - To faculty member **Mrs. Avaiu Sunia-Saena**, (Health and Human Services Department) congratulations and good luck on your new marriage.

REMINDERS:

OFFICE HOURS - Please post your Office Hours in a convenient place for students to view and submit a copy to Anna Failauga-Academic Affairs Office for documentation purposed.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY - If you require a student(s) to assist with clerical and office duties the Financial-Aid office is distributing request forms for the work study program. If you are interested and have not received a form contact the Financial Aid Office Ext. 313.

Have A Safe and Great Week from the "Le Scoop" Connection. .