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Science Program

Bruce Clemetsen, Interim Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

HIGHLIGHTS

- Science is an area that is growing because it provides support courses for new degree pathways, particularly the AS-Natural Resources. We expect even more as we prepare to develop the AST Biology, and CTE programs. Enjoying a significant number of dual credit opportunities across the district.
- We saw great growth in the various biology courses this year--particularly those supporting nursing and allied health programs.
 - We had to offer more than one section of several of those courses. We predict we will only continue to see more growth in them.
- We successfully hosted three candidates for the Natural Resources faculty position and hopefully that position will be filled soon. This will be a person integrated with our cadre of science faculty and programs.
- Our Biology faculty have done some great field trips to Yakona and other local partners to provide students with amazing opportunities for hands on learning outside the classroom.
- Faculty are beginning to insert field-based research into the student's experience.

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Math Program

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Math is an area that is growing because it provides support courses for new degree pathways, particularly the AS-Natural Resources. We expect even more as we prepare to develop the AST Biology, and CTE programs. Enjoying a significant number of dual credit opportunities across the district.
- The statewide Math Experts group of community college faculty has identified three new math courses to support CTE programs as we eliminate developmental education.
 - There will be two new math courses replacing MTH 095 by fall 2027.
- One of our faculty partnered with Yakona Learning Center this year to do some experiential learning activities centered around data analyses.
- Two math faculty collaborated on a state OER grant to increase the use of Open Education Resources in MTH 111 in an effort to keep student costs down.

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Writing Program

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Writing is an area that is growing because it provides support courses for new degree pathways, particularly the AS-Natural Resources. We expect even more as we prepare to develop the AST Biology, and CTE programs. Enjoying a significant number of dual credit opportunities across the district.
- As we continue to grow our degree offerings, we'll see continued growth in demand for writing courses--particularly WR 121Z as the main degree requirement and requirement for transfer degrees and likely WR 227 in support of additional CTE programs.
- One of our faculty is working with Student Affairs and other partners on expanding delivery options and uses for the student publication Waves .
- Another faculty is working with dual credit instructors to do some research on responsible use of AI in college preparation.

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