The Young Americans College of the Performing Arts

Annual Academic Department Report

Department: Breadth of Knowledge | Academic Year: 2014-2015
Written By: Mike Krauss, Interim Department Chair

1. ***Please provide a narrative overview of the activities within your department. Outline key strategies and approaches implemented in your curriculum, learning resources and assessments. Please also comment on goals from previous year end report. (Space down as needed).***

Working with students to improve performance in breadth of knowledge courses. Trying to emphasize literacy and quantitative reasoning goals for YACPA program as well as cross-curricular collaboration with performing arts courses.

Psychology – Class project, team project, team presentation, celebrity assessment

Sociology – Journal activity, in-class activities, team project presentation

English – Artist essay, weekly quizzes, Shakespeare essay

Math – Budget project, tax and insurance assignment, weekly quizzes and discussions

Teaching Methods – Lesson plan project, quizzes, tests, discussion, and role play

2. ***Describe any activities in other departments that have had an impact on your department.***

Math and Stagecraft partnered together for a lesson/project on business production budgeting.

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3. *Provide an overview of student achievement within your department. Please reference summary of final grades for department courses.*

Course Code and Name	Number of Sections	Average Final Grade Awarded	Mode of Instruction
B 104: Business Math	3	74.5%	Hybrid
ED 150: Teaching Methods by Age and Development	4	81.5%	On campus
ENG 111: English Composition I	2	78%	Hybrid
ENG 112: English Composition II	6	63.5%	Hybrid
PSY 161: Introduction to Psychology	4	83%	On campus
SOC 171: Introduction to Sociology	4	93%	On campus

4. *Define the annual goals for your department for the upcoming academic year.*

Goal	Activities Linked to Goal	Relationship to College mission and strategic vision
Improve student success in GE courses	Continue finding ways to connect subject matter to students' lives and interests. Try to work with performing arts departments to find more ways for collaboration.	To offer courses of study that ignite the student's desire to learn and equips them with the skills needed for a life-long commitment to learning.

Goals that require support from other departments or administration can request support later in the report.

5. *List requests for new or replacement staff, faculty or support staff, needed. List in order of importance, explain reason for needing the position, and provide brief description of role and responsibilities.*

Position Title	Reason	Description of role and

		responsibilities
Full-time English Instructor	Current instructor seems unhappy with program approach.	Teach freshman and sophomore English courses.
Writing Tutor	Students need a LOT of assistance with writing and literacy.	Work with students in library to offer writing assistance.

6. *List, in order of importance, requests for equipment and technology not supported by current budget.*

Item Description	Why It is Needed	Cost Per Item	Number Requested	Total Cost
TurnItIn.com Account	Assists with plagiarism and academic integrity	1	1	$3,300 annually
Grammarly.com Account	Assists with grammar	1	1	$950 annually

7. *List, in order of importance, requests for professional development not supported by current budget, whether or not they incur a direct cost.*

Development Need	Why It is Needed	Cost Per Item	Number Requested	Total Cost

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8. ***List, in order of importance, requests for learning support and/or library resources needed in addition to student services and library resources currently available. These may include resources such as books, dvds, periodicals etc. must include title, author, and editions as applicable.***

Student Support Need	Why It is Needed
Work with Student Services to refine tutoring opportunities and advising	BOK courses seem to be more challenging for YACPA students

9. ***List, in order of importance, requests for other needs or support services that did not fit into prior categories.***

Need	Why It is Needed	Any Estimated Costs