**Unit Goal Revisions**

**2016 - 2017**

**Name of Program/Department: Liberal Arts - Shelby**

**2015-2016 Accomplishments:**

History instructor Wendy Shuffett transferred from the Pell City Campus to the Shelby Campus.

SLO assessments were expanded to all disciplines.

Upgraded audio equipment in two classrooms in the Math & Sciences Building.

New video projector was purchased for one classroom in the Math & Sciences Building.

Department, in cooperation with the Jefferson Campus, presented a successful Constitution Day program.

Purchased a new networked printer/scanner.

Purchased a new Scantron scanner used to grade multiple choice exam questions.

Division chair attended the Alabama Historical Association meeting.

Art instructor Patrick Mayton facilitated a student art show which took place in the Health Sciences Building.

Purchased three lap top computers with docking stations for liberal arts faculty.

Inaugurated Department sponsored lecture series. Fall 2015 David Basilico, English Professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham, delivered a talk on the history of the English Language. In the spring of 2016, Franck Patrick, adjunct instructor of religion at Jefferson State Community College, delivered a talk on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Kyle Irvin attended the annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association.

Kyle Irvin, Zac Alexander, and Wendy Shuffett collaborated in the writing and publishing of an American History textbook that is currently being used at Jefferson State Community College and a few other colleges across the south.

Kyle Irvin, Zac Alexander, and Wendy Shuffett are in the process of writing the second edition of our Western Civilization textbook which is scheduled to be published in the fall of 1017.

**Revised Unit Goals for 2016-2017**

**Goal One:** Prepare students to continue their education at four-year institutions or to enter the Workforce.**.** (no change in the goal)

Objectives:

1. Provide professional development activities on campus through roundtable discussions, guest speaker presentations, and workshops for faculty to maintain knowledge of current trends and technology in their fields. The department plans to bring in an outside learning theories specialist to conduct a workshop focused on effective pedagogical techniques.

1. Goals Progress: Department has not been able to secure the appropriate person to led a workshop.
2. Cost: No budgeted item
3. Encourage faculty to attend local, in-state, and out-of-state conferences.
4. Goals Progress: A couple of faculty have attended workshops and have shared their insights with full faculty. (Completed)
5. Costs: No budgeted item
6. Encourage faculty to submit proposals to present at local, in-state, and out-of-state conferences.
7. Goals Progress: no full time faculty member has presented at a conference to date.
8. Costs: No budgeted item
9. Encourage faculty to attend local, in-state, and out-of-state conferences.
10. Goals Progress: Two faculty attended conference over the past year. Information was shared with other faculty. (Completed)
11. Costs: No budgeted item
12. The ceramics program has only six pottery wheels to 12 enrolled students. To make the class more conducive to student projects, the department requests two additional wheels
13. Goals Progress: Wheels to date have not been purchased.
14. Costs: $2,500 ($1,250 each)

**Goal Two:** Provide students with a discipline approach to the theories and methodologies that will assist them in understanding their society. (no change in the goal)

Objectives

1. Implement different learning strategies that encourage higher level thinking and communication skills.
2. Goals Progress: Faculty have implemented new strategies including group work, online discussion blogs, outside visits to museum, student presentations, etc.
3. Costs:No budgeted item
4. By adhering to course syllabi, instructors of all Liberal Arts disciplines will expose their students to understanding the society of which they are part.
5. Goals Progress: Based on evaluations and feedback, instructors are successfully exposing their students to solid academic content and expanding their understand of society and its various components.
6. Costs: No budgeted item

**Goal three:** Provide for its students an informal and participatory environment which encourages them to adopt a lifestyle of intellectual growth and self-awareness. (no change in the goal)

Objectives

1. Implement different learning strategies that encourage higher level thinking and communication skills.
2. Goals Progress: Faculty have implemented new strategies including group work, online discussion blogs, outside visits to museum, student presentations, etc.
3. No budgeted item
4. By adhering to course syllabi, instructors of all Liberal Arts disciplines will expose their students to understanding the society of which they are part.
5. Goals Progress: Based on evaluations and feedback, instructors are successfully exposing their students to solid academic content and expanding their understand of society and its various components.
6. No budgeted item

**Goal Four**: Cultivate qualities of character and leadership in students by developing their analytical skills as well as creating a sensitivity to values essential for people living in an ever-changing world. (no change in the goal)

Objectives

1. Implement different learning strategies that encourage higher level thinking and communication skills.
2. Goals Progress: Based on established Student Learning Objectives, faculty are challenging students to move pass rote memory of information and inter into a higher phase of learning which more closely follow Blooms Taxonomy of advanced learning.
3. Costs: No budgeted item

**Goal Five**: Maintain an informed and professional faculty. (no change in the goal)

Objectives

1. Purchase new laptop computers and docking stations for all faculty (five): $7,500
2. Goals Progress: Completed
3. Purchase 18 new Macintosh/Apple computers to run the Adobe Software.  That includes 15 of the computers to be used by the students in ART 220 (these are also used in the ART 121, Animation, and Photo), and 3 instructor macs in rooms HSB 355, HSB 351, and 356 - $28,580 ($1429.00 per computer). The current computers are several years old and are not up to date to run the most current software.
4. Goals Progress: Request was denied

1. Insure proper office equipment for Liberal Arts faculty and staff: Purchase a new Epson V800 color phot scanner used for ART 220, ART 121, ART 113/114, and Animation.
2. Goals Progress: Completed
3. Maintain proper equipment to facilitate instruction: Purchase new Scantron scanner used to grade multiple choice exam questions.
4. Goals Progress: Completed