

Supervisors of Instructional Support Services Report

April 2017

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Curriculum Development

Electronics DACUM Workshop – Our final DACUM workshop for the 2016-2017 school year is scheduled for the Electronics program on May 4.

Curriculum Development – Several instructors have expressed interest in making updates to their curriculum documents to reflect changes in courses due to the new math course and toggling schedules. A list of participants and hours will be presented at the May board meeting.

Formal Observations – Pat and Sandy have completed formal observations for twelve instructors this year. We have seen great things happening in our classrooms!

Special Education

NOCTI Testing- Thank you to our instructional aides who helped put together the NOCTI test supports for our senior students with disabilities. The aides that provided assistance are Eleanore Anderson, Jane Boyd, Analee Cree, Colleen Donaldson, Rosanne Gangemi, Amy Nichilo, and Gina Scarpino. We also want to thank Melinda Jobczynski and Jay Skrypzak, our substitute instructional aides, for their help with the NOCTI testing.

Mental Health Seminar – On April 25, Pat, Sandy, and Lisa Sorensen attended the *PA Mental Health Issues In The Classroom* seminar at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel. This workshop provided useful information for working with students with mental and behavioral issues.

Literacy

Thinking Ahead About Program Vocabulary - Once again we will be introducing our incoming students to the specific vocabulary of their future trades. Each of our lab instructors have put together 15 words they consider among the most important vocabulary terms students need to know in the first half of their sophomore year. We will send these terms out to our new students this summer and have them start thinking about the use and definitions for these words. Guesses and dictionary searches are encouraged! The end result is that students get a preview of the academic vocabulary used within their program of study. This is just one more way we can assist students in the mastery of vocabulary, which is vital to their existence in their program of study.