Assessment Plan

Yuba Community College District

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Program Description: The sociology program continues its healthy levels of enrollment, and is keeping pace with changes in the college, the community, and the California Community College system. It offers a range of classes that prepare students for transfer to university, as well as providing them tools for self-development, critical thinking, and civic engagement.

Year of Review: 2011-2012

Type of Review: Annual Update

Executive Summary: The sociology program continues to prepare students for transfer. In addition the program has demonstrated some very innovative approaches to improve student learning, student success and student engagement. Marysville has the strongest program since Lake Campus only offers an introductory course each semester. The FTES of over 100 for the past two years generates over half of a million dollars with 1.2 FTEF contract and .90 in adjunct offerings.

Future Goals and Program Direction: The sociology program has consistently involved itself in innovative approaches to improving student success and engagement, both on campus and in the community. We have taken part in such initiatives as Service Learning, Learning Communities, and Experiential Learning. The program hopes to consolidate and build on these activities by developing courses and opportunities around "community entrepreneurship".

Recommendation: social science media lab

dedicated space for media technology for use by social science students, faculty, and staff.

Year(s) Requested: 2010-2011
2011-2012

Request Date: 02/11/2012

Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Supporting Evidence: The sociology department is currently without a permanent home. When we are re-located, it is essential that we dedicate a space for the Media Workstation that has already been purchased using Division funds.

Plans of Action

Plan of Action	Budgetary Impact	Timeline/Responsible Party	Active
A suitable workstation--i.e., an Apple Imac loaded with Final Cut Pro--has been purchased by the Social Science Dean. However, because the Social Science Division is in transition to a new space, the workstation is now in the home of Sociology Professor Marc Flacks. The plan is to return the workstation to campus when our new space is ready, when and if there will be space dedicated for the media workstation. **Type:** Equipment/Technology	none	Marc Flacks	Yes

Recommendation: Develop Community Entrepreneurship Program--The Yuba College Center for Community Entrepreneurship

There is a concerted push nationwide for community colleges to play a stronger role in developing small businesses, local nonprofits, and entrepreneurship. There is great need in Yuba County for both economic development and development of nonprofit community based organizations, and the personnel who can manage both traditional and nonprofit ventures. We hope to develop a program that would place students in local nonprofit ventures, providing them with knowledge, skills, and experience needed to operate successful small social enterprises.

Year(s) Requested: 2010-2011

Request Date: 02/11/2012

Recommendation Priority: 3. High Priority

Supporting Evidence: The U.S. President's recent state of the union speech emphasized the role that community colleges can and should play in local community development. Harmony Health FRC has received several grants for just this purpose, and has a strong track record of successful collaboration with the college. It is time to formalize this partnership, and give it an institutional home and title--i.e., Center for Community Entrepreneurship