

Visual and Performing Arts Division

Music Department Action Plan 2008-2009

Initiative 1

Excellence in Education

Yavapai College is dedicated to excellence in teaching and learning. As the number one priority of the institution, comprehensive instruction and student support planning ensures an environment for successful student learning and the documentation of student learning in transfer/general education, career/technical, basic skills /developmental education, and lifelong learning programs.

Strategic Priority: Students seeking transfer to universities will have the qualifications to make a successful transition. Develop strategies and targets to increase the numbers of Yavapai College students transferring to four-year colleges and universities. (Student Success & Enrollment Growth)

Strategic Priority: Strengthen and develop intervention programs and services to increase student retention to assist students in completing a degree or achieving their individual academic and/or social goals. (Student Success & Enrollment Growth)

Department Actions:

- 1. Work with advising office to identify transfer students for music advising.** Identify 4-6 music students who are planning to transfer to universities as music majors. Work individually with the students to provide effective advising. Completion date: ongoing throughout the year.
- 2. Increase lab mentoring for Music Theory students.** Develop a schedule of lab mentoring activities for all music majors to increase retention in the Theory course series and support student transfer to universities.
- 3. Integrate voice jurying process into music program.**

The following goals are intended to introduce local high school art students and instructors to the excellent faculty, course offerings, and studio spaces at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. Success in this area should increase our base of traditional age, degree-seeking students.

1. High School Choral Festival. Coordinate and present an annual on-campus event for area high school choral students.

2. Offer *Experience the Arts at Yavapai College* again in the Spring semester (March or April) to all high school art students and teachers in our service area. Full-time art faculty will identify and contact high school art instructors to encourage participation in the event.

3. Recruitment activities. Develop a recruitment activities for instrumental and choral music. Implementation throughout the school year.

Strategic Priority: Integrate learning outcomes assessment into all instructional programs, courses, and initiatives to document student achievement of learning outcomes. (Outcomes Assessment)

Department Action:

- 1. Develop a Year Three outcomes assessment plan** that will review significant courses and assessment tools that measure student success in choral and instrumental program outcomes.
- 2. Course outlines for selected courses will be reviewed** by full-time faculty overseeing the discipline area. Data gathered in Fall 2008 where applicable; analyzed in Spring 2009.

Strategic Priority: Encourage and support scholarly inquiry. Implement Centers for Excellence in Learning with locations on the Prescott and Verde Valley campuses. (Professional Growth)

Department Action:

- 1. Develop special instructional activities for instrumental and choral students.**