

FACULTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT APPLICATION
Fall 2016

Name of Person Submitting Request:		Lorrie Burnham
Program or Service Area:		Biology
Division:		Science
Date of Last Program Efficacy:		Spring 2013
What rating was given?		Continuation
# of FT faculty 7	# of Adjuncts 24	Faculty Load (per semester): 16.16
Position Requested:		Biology faculty
Strategic Initiatives Addressed:(See http://www.valleycollege.edu/about-sbvc/office-of-president/college_planning_documents/documents/strategic-plan-report-working-doc-8-25-15-2.pdf)		Student Success, Access, Partnerships

1. Provide a rationale for your request. (Explain, in detail, the need for this position.)

The rationale for the Department's request for this position is derived from the following observations; a) the current faculty load for the Department, Only 43% of biology courses are taught by full time faculty. b) the current number of adjunct instructors, c) the demographic characteristics of the Department, d) the coverage of courses within the Department, and e) predicted changes in the Department's course offerings. I will address the latter 3 points.

- a) Currently the demographic characteristics of the Department suggest that within the next 5 years the Department will likely lose 2 or 3 faculty due to retirement. Since these retirements often occur as a result of a SERP, gaps typically occur between a retiring faculty member and the new, replacement faculty. These gaps result in a decline of a department's faculty contribution to the strategic initiatives as well as lost opportunities for mentorship that may occur between these faculty cohorts.
- b) The Biology Department has endeavored to place a full time faculty in each of the Departments representative courses (e.g. Bio 100, Bio 270, etc). This provides for long term continuity within these courses to manage SLOs, CORs, articulation, and other facets of a course that require a degree of institutional memory.

The Biology Department's offering will be changing over time as a result of TMC and the anticipated expansion of the majors biology program. These course offering changes will have inevitable consequences to items already mentioned in part a) and b) if the college's past hiring practice is a guide.

2. Indicate how the content of the department/program's latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP supports this request and how the request is tied to program planning. (*Directly reference the relevant information from your latest Efficacy Report and/or current EMP in your discussion.*)

2013 Program Efficacy, p17-18 Planning, and p18-19 Accomplishments and Strengths. The narratives in these sections suggest challenges and opportunities that face the Biology program in the near term. The ability of the Biology Dept. to meet and take advantage of the future changes are contingent upon having the full time faculty in place who can incorporate them into their careers.

EMP Challenges & Opportunities:

- Low percentage of classes taught by full time faculty.

3. Indicate any additional information you want the committee to consider (*for example, course fill rates, regulatory information, compliance, updated efficiency, student success data, planning, etc.*).

4. What are the consequences of not filling this position?

Less efficiency in the planning and articulation of initiatives within the Department (SLOs, Content Review, etc).