Faculty Individual Flex Reports 2006

1. **Name:** Jennifer Harper  
   **Division:** Counseling  
   **Project Title:** Students in Transition  
   **Date:** 2 / 7 / 06  
   **Synopsis:** “Conference on Students in Transition to gain information and activities aimed at improving student success; strategies/knowledge learned in counseling of students will be used.”

2. **Name:** Cynthia Lee Katona  
   **Division:** English  
   **Project Title:** English Department Site Map  
   **Date:** 9 / 18 / 05  
   **Synopsis:** “The English Department requires a website to advertise its new AA degree, and to make other department offerings available to the students in the medium they prefer—the Internet.” “I teach most of the AA requirement courses and have a big investment in seeing that these courses meet enrollment numbers.” “I plan to do the site map for the English Department website, from materials gathered by Susan Cunningham from the department facility. This site map will guide Cheryl Lambert in putting our site on the web.”

3. **Name:** Alan Krishner  
   **Division:** Social Science  
   **Project Title:** Political Science/History Website  
   **Date:** 2 / 1 / 06  
   **Synopsis:** “Update Political Science/History website—it has not been updated in three years and there are numerous changes—I expect to be done by mid-March or earlier.” “Keep students informed on who we are and what we offer.” “Accurate information will be available to the students.”

4. **Name:** Bennett Oppenheim  
   **Division:** Social Science  
   **Project Title:** Learning Communities  
   **Date:** 10 / 5 / 05  
   **Synopsis:** “Researching the relationship between church and state served as a framework for discussing and analyzing many substantive issues that are current in the political and social arena today. Our country has a history of trying to balance the relationship between the two and has recently moved the fulcrum more toward the coexistence than the separation. The most revealing characteristic of my findings was the degree to which a significant portion of the population in America is comfortable and supportive of the commingling of the two in many facets of social life.” “I have shared a conceptual outline of my research with my Sociology 102 students who then use this information to undertake a more comprehensive inquiry through their survey research projects.” “The success of my activity is measured in the response of my students and their willingness to follow up where I have left off in their class projects. As always, I appreciate the opportunity to develop my interest in this area.”

5. **Name:** Rachel Sherman  
   **Division:** English  
   **Project Title:** Adjunct Faculty Evaluation  
   **Date:** 2 / 1 / 06
Synopsis: “Assistance with adjunct evaluations.” It is “part of contractual requirement to do periodic faculty evaluations to ensure effectiveness of instruction and maintain quality and consistence amount the department.”

Project Title: ELC Reading/ Writing Program  Date: 2 / 1 / 06
Synopsis: “For ELC Reading/ Writing Program—English 151B—development of new test questions for new lab program (Nickel & Dime): write up of test questions, meeting, editing of proposed new questions with feedback for lab (including workshop sample questions).”

Project Title: Nickel & Dime ELC Lab Test Grading  Date: 2 / 1 / 06
Synopsis: “Required as part of lab duties and new ELC Reading/ Writing Program for 151B (Nickel & Dime) collaborative grading sessions to help ensure consistency of grading on tests among the department.”

Project Title: Newark Planning Retreat  Date: 5 / 25 / 06
Synopsis: “A collection of general education instructors, librarians, deans, and other administrators” “discussed individual goals for the meeting and brainstormed needs and desires for students, faculty, and staff at the new Newark campus, with an emphasis on created an ideal campus that would also reflect the environmental and technological focus of this new campus.”

6. Name: Carolyn Strickler
   Division: Fine Arts, Business & Broadcasting
   Project Title: Fundamental Accounting Principles  Date: 2 / 17 / 06
Synopsis: “Accounting Workshop focused on meeting the challenges of today’s students: improving your class one at a time, what the Cash Flow statement reveals, integrating ethics and corporate governance in beginning accounting, creating an interactive classroom responsive to varied learning styles, and technology demonstrations.” New techniques learned at workshop will be implemented in classes.

7. Name: Donnya Runyon
   Division:
   Project Title: 14th Annual March Madness Tournament  Date: 3 / 14 / 06
Synopsis: Organized and directed 14th Annual March Madness Invitational Softball Tournament, one of the largest tournaments in the state with 16 teams participating in a two-day event. Organizational duties were to solicit sponsorship for event, create a tournament program and organize support staff to run the event.

8. Name: Lesley-Anne Buehler
   Division: Math, Science, & Technology
   Project Title: Expand Your Horizons Booth  Date: 2 / 25 / 06
Synopsis: Helped man booth for Science Department at the Expand Your Horizons Science fair for Junior High-High School Girls. Made Flyers, handouts and supervised activities of the day.

9. Name: Denise Owen
   Division: Fine Arts
   Project Title: NCA Interior Design Student Career Forum  Date: 3 / 7 / 06
Synopsis: Attended Northern California Interior Design Student Career Forum, and workshops, hosted by various Interior Design professional associations to introduce Interior Design students to the range of career possibilities.
10. **Name:** Ronald Staszkow  
**Division:** Math, Science, & Technology  
**Project Title:** Brown Bag Lecture – Math is Fun  
**Date:** 3 / 3 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Present problems, puzzles, jokes, and more to convince and show the audience that math is FUN!”

11. **Name:** Victoria Loukianoff  
**Division:** Math, Science, & Technology  
**Project Title:** Nanotechnology Forum  
**Date:** 3 / 6 / 06  
**Synopsis:** Participate in the Nanotechnology Forum: A call to Action for Community Colleges for collecting issues associated with nanotechnology workforce education and curriculum recommendations pertinent for beginning a new program/training offered by Ohlone College.

12. **Name:** Jim McManus  
**Division:** Music  
**Project Title:** Music Department Revamp  
**Date:** 1 / 14 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “The music department is instigating changes on several fronts e.g. establishing Ohlone as an official Digidesign Sponsored School; ramping up new Music Major; developing new Commercial Music Certificate, adding new online courses,” with discussion on “the Music Fundamentals course, both from a theoretical and a practical perspective,” and the definition of Jazz.

13. **Name:** Marie Beauchemin  
**Division:** Nursing  
**Project Title:** Nursing Program  
**Date:** 8 / 14 / 05  
**Synopsis:** Student orientation regarding crucial information of “incoming nursing students; policy; procedure; BRN; NLNAE; JCAHO; scheduling, etc.”  
**Project Title:** JCAHO Hospital Orientation  
**Date:** 8 / 14 / 05  
**Synopsis:** “Every nursing faculty member is required to sit through hospital orientation to stay in compliance with JCAHO hospital regulations,” allowing faculty to instruct students to be “successful and follow all hospital policy and procedures at specific health care facilities.”

14. **Name:** Mark Nelson  
**Division:** Theatre Arts  
**Project Title:** High School Theatre Visits  
**Date:** 4 / 17 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Scout for new talent; keep communication open with feeder schools; invite students on campus; our shows.”

15. **Name:** Venki Narayan  
**Division:** Math Science and Technology  
**Project Title:** American Association of Physics Teachers  
**Date:** 4 / 7 / 06  
**Synopsis:** Attend the AAPT to “improve teaching method and laboratory techniques” by coming away with “new teaching ideas, novel demonstrations and networking with other teachers.”

16. **Name:** Bruce Bennett
Division: English
Project Title: Learning Communication Date: 4 / 4 / 06
Synopsis: Attended “Learning Communities looking for innovative ways to improve instruction in remedial” English and other areas. “The workshop gave me ideas for collaborating with other faculty to improve the teaching in areas across the curriculum.”

Project Title: Learning Community Retreat Date: 5 / 25 / 06
Synopsis: “Will be offering the learning community, aimed at improving the retention and basic skills of students.” “We will ‘integrate’ assignments in PD, psychology and English 151B that will focus on precisely the issues that need basic skills students to dropout of our courses—we will have students evaluate the program and look at retention numbers.”

17. Name: Janice Jones
Division: Project Title: ECE Conference Date: 10 / 29 / 05
Synopsis: “Keynote speaker on literary development in young children.”

18. Name: Tom McMahon
Division: Social Science
Project Title: WPA Conference Date: 4 / 21 / 06
Synopsis: “Will attend the Western Psychological Association conference” where “the latest research in the psychological field will be presented” via workshops/lectures.

19. Name: William Wong
Division: Journalism/ Language Arts
Project Title: Asian Deaf Week Date: 5 / 11 / 06
Synopsis: Invited as a guest speaker for Asian Deaf Week at NTID where a brief history of National Asian Deaf Congress (NADC) and Asian Deaf Society in Ohlone College was presented to the students and staff.

20. Name: Bill Parks
Division: Journalism/ Language Arts
Project Title: Yahoo! Headquarters Tour Date: 4 / 25 / 06
Synopsis: “Took several students to the Yahoo! Headquarter in Campbell for a tour” and “learned a lot about how it operates.” “Yahoo is a top web destination/ source.”

Project Title: Channel 5 Studio Tour Date: 4 / 25 / 06
Synopsis: “Took twelve students to the Channel 5 studio in San Francisco to form the studio audience for ‘The Last Honest Sports Show.’” Students received a tour and learned how the show was produced.

21. Name: Ronald Staszkow
Division: Math/ Science
Project Title: CMC Annual Conference Date: 5 / 1 / 06
Synopsis: “Participated in the California Math Council Community College Conference,” “gave many ideas what to include in the new General Education Math requirement, M155 – Math for the AA degree.” “Ideas were formulated and a sample of them was presented to students and staff in the Brown Bag Presentation—Math is Fun.”
22. **Name:** Brenda Antholz  
**Division:** Span / Language Arts / Social Science  
**Project Title:** WSCA Conference  
**Date:** 4 / 24 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Attended the Western States Communication Association annual Conference,” “presented a paper and attended several panels on teaching Interpersonal Communication and Critical Thinking.” Collected information will be used to “help get communication as part of an Ohlone AA/AS degree.”

23. **Name:** Christine Bolt  
**Division:** Business Administration  
**Project Title:** Investment Seminar  
**Date:** 4 / 24 / 06  
**Synopsis:** Attend a seminar on “investments that will focus on creating an investment strategy and recognizing the tax implications of a variety of investments;” “will also cover alternative investments including commodities, REITS and international funds.” “Plan to develop materials into a glossary of terms, a research guide, and a brief resource guide for” students.

24. **Name:** John Baczuk  
**Division:** English  
**Project Title:** Software Training  
**Date:** --  
**Synopsis:** “Training and practice in Tablet P.C. and MS Windows software, including PowerPoint, will involve the use of sound clips, stills and short movies within presentation.” “The new technology will help provide enhanced and improved instructions” for teachers.

25. **Name:** Tim Roberts, Phil Zahorsky, Dennis Keller  
**Division:** Music  
**Project Title:** Music Retreat  
**Date:** 5 / 26 / 06  
**Synopsis:** Meeting time was “dedicated to exclusive discussion of Departmental business.” “Hung out as a group of musical colleagues, attending jazz clubs in the Village, a Broadway show, and the Museum of Modern Art.” “Spent four days as a team, building relationships as musicians, co-workers and friends.” Also made revisions to “Music Fundamentals” and organized preparation for “Program Review.”

26. **Name:** George Wong  
**Division:** Math, Science and Technology  
**Project Title:** NTSA Network Security  
**Date:** 12 / 05 / 05  
**Synopsis:** “Project will develop and deploy a laboratory structure which will greatly facilitate instruction and study of Network Security processes and protocols.” “Security lab infrastructure will enable NTSA instructors to improve their presentation of important Network Security processes.”

27. **Name:** Paul Mueller  
**Division:** President’s Office Exhibit: Building and Grounds  
**Project Title:**  
**Date:** 8 / 18 / 05
Synopsis: Several weeks were spent photographing the campus to compile a collection of photographs that “showed Ohlone in a light not commonly seen.” Prints were hung in HH115, a process that assisted in learning to use the new Epson photo printers.

Project Title: Designing and Teaching WebCT  
Date: 11 / 7 / 05

Synopsis: “This workshop is for anyone interested in obtaining hands-on experience and tip for designing and teaching with WebCT Vista.” “During the following two weeks, participants will practice hands-on activities to become familiar with the key design and course management tools available in Vista.”

28. Name: Mark Barnby  
Division: Biotechnology  
Project Title: Biotechnology Alliances Conference  
Date: 7 / 26 / 06

Synopsis: “Participant in planning and implementing ‘Biotechnology Alliance Conference…’” 
By “advertising Ohlone College’s Biotechnology Curriculum to sister colleges, partners (industrial & governmental) and seeking input from participants,” the curriculum and instructional content of biotechnology courses were strengthened, allowing assistance to other colleges implementing similar programs.

30. Name: Claire Ellis  
Division: Deaf Center  
Project Title: Conference Booth  
Date: 6 / 20 / 06

Synopsis: Present an exhibit booth at conference and recruit students to enroll in programs.

Project Title: Post Education Network/ Program Conference  
Date: 6 / 20 / 06

Synopsis: Attend workshops at the Post Education Network/ Program Conference “to gain knowledge of the different professional systems/ course to enrich courses for our students.”

31. Name: Geoffrey Hirsch  
Division: Mathematics  
Project Title: Altering Math 153 Course Outline  
Date: 6 / 28 / 06

Synopsis: New textbook for Math 153 is missing “an important chapter on functions, the basis for about 20%” of their course coverage. The Math 153 course coverage will be altered in accordance to the new textbook once teachers and colleagues of Math 153 convene and “rectify the situation.”

32. Name: Shelley Lawrence  
Division: Deaf Studies and Special Services  
Project Title: Interpreter Prep Students  
Date: 5 / 8 / 06

Synopsis: “April 22, 2006 is scheduled for a full day of activities for potential Interpreter Prep Students. We have found if students have the requisite skills in English, ASL, and college general education classes, they can succeed in the program.”

33. Name: Michelle McDowell  
Division: Social Science  
Project Title: Protecting the Spirit of Childhood II  
Date: 4 / 1 / 06

Synopsis: Conference regarding multiple facets of early childhood development—Nature and Nurture of Brain Development—How Early Experiences Shape Child and Culture, the Impact of
Adverse Experiences on Developing Child-Implication for Practice and Policy, and The Poser of Early Childhood Relationships in Shaping a Lifetime of Health and Resilience—yield a wealth of understanding and information to be shared with ECS 301, ECS 302, and ECS 306 students. Attended Challenges to Childhood: politics Public Policy and Preschool Conference; provided insight and understanding.

**Project Title:** IMPAC Meeting  
**Date:** 1 / 21 / 06  
**Synopsis:** Attended the Intersegmental Major Preparation Articulated Curriculum (IMPACT) meeting; “found it informative regarding its purpose and goals;” “…able to meet faculty from other community college and universities.” “Broke out into groups by our various disciplines and were asked to review and discuss review grids, reports from previous meetings, and CAN Descriptors,” key concepts, skills, and coursework transfer students needed, what barriers there were to success in transferring and possible solutions, along with “identifying obstacles faculty/institutions face in meeting those needs…” Shared handouts and information gained from this meeting with Early Childhood Studies Department.

34.  
**Name:** Paul Moore  
**Division:** Exercise, Wellness & Athletics  
**Project Title:** High Level Pitching Instructional Clinic  
**Date:** 6 / 5 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “A high level pitching instructional clinic for pitching coaches for keeping current in my field.” “The cd’s, manual, newsletter and monthly cd’s provide me with information that is constantly being updated. The information I gain is then transferred to our students.” Several measurable outcomes include improved pitching velocity, command, form, and recovery, which also reduces the risk of injury. The team has subsequently shown progress representative by improved numbers and athletic scholarships.

35.  
**Name:** Jeff Watanabe  
**Division:** Biology  
**Project Title:** University Express for BIOL 105  
**Date:** 6 / 1 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Developing a new University Express learning community involving Biol 105” that will “integrate history, English, biology, and counseling under the theme of conquest of the new
world.” “We believe this approach will promote critical thinking, allowing connections between seemingly unrelated fields, and improve student interest and enjoyment.”

36. **Name:** William Wong  
**Division:** Ohlone College Center for Deaf Studies  
**Project Title:** Math Sign Workshop  
**Date:** 6 / 12 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “The most common ways to sign formulas and word problems were introduced and discussed.” “As a result, mainstream deaf/ hard of hearing students will get the clear concepts of each of the math signs.”

37. **Name:** James E. Baxter  
**Division:** Biology/ Biotechnology  
**Project Title:** Technology Programs Conference  
**Date:** 5 / 25 / 06  
**Synopsis:** The goal of this conference is to “foster cooperation programs between Ohlone & Newark United School District.” “Ohlone has obtained an NSF Grant lab project for a Biotech bridge between Ohlone and NMHS. Participation in the conference presented opportunity to network with faculty from NMHS,” where a “list was established linking faculty members into Taskforce Teams” that will “meet later in Fall to explore and construct cooperative programs.”

38. **Name:** John Peterson  
**Division:** Excellence/ Health/ Wellness  
**Project Title:** Guest Clinician at UC Alaska  
**Date:** 5 / 31 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Guest Clinician at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks High School Basketball Camp. Spending “valuable time in a basketball rich environment” “will help improve my skills as a coach.”

39. **Name:** Xisheng Fang  
**Division:** CS  
**Project Title:** Larry Weiner  
**Date:** 5 / 23 / 06  
**Synopsis:** “Larry Weiner Foundation & Larry Weiner Faculty Committee are important for CS/ CAOT/ NET.” The activity is related/ important because it “supports education, learning activities, and hardware/ software needs.” Outcomes include a fully supported faculty, awarded students, and increased reputation for Ohlone.

40. **Name:** Richard Cominos  
**Division:** Language Arts, Library, Social Science  
**Project Title:** A.J. Advisory Board Meeting  
**Date:** 6 / 13 / 06
Synopsis: “Instructional improvement needs are addressed through feedback from advisory board members.” “Yearly advisory board meetings are important for current and future A.J. curriculum evaluations.” “By implementing advisory board feedback to certain A.J. courses, enrollment is increased and academic guidelines are enhanced.”

41. Name: Yong Gao  
   Division:  
   Project Title: Industry Advisory Committee Meeting  Date: 5 / 5 / 06  
   Synopsis:

42. Name: Sandra Lee Klopping  
   Division:  
   Project Title: M1  Date: 5 / 31 / 06  
   Synopsis: “…Meeting in Sacramento with the CA Department of Education Credentialing Office and The National Evaluation Systems to work on the new ASL CSET for K-12 and to set program standards.” Conducted meetings with the High school and College ASL Adjunct faculty. “…Workshop with Ohlone College IPP Screening.” “…Refreshments for SOAR sponsored Dance Program event.” Etc.