

Sabbatical Report

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My sabbatical had 4 main goals:

- 1.) **Research Problem Based Learning** to improve the educational experience of ANSC/EATM students and my ability to teach them the critical tools they need to succeed in their field. This information will be shared with ANSC/EATM faculty and Moorpark college faculty (and VCCCD faculty if the district so desires).

This goal was achieved: I spent time at Western University's School of Veterinary Medicine learning about Problem Based Learning. Here I rotated through different PBL groups over a two week period. I also read several recommended articles on PBL as well as a book on the subject. When I returned in the spring, I gave a powerpoint presentation on my sabbatical (detailing PBL) to interested faculty and students.

- 2.) **Increase Transferability of ANSC/EATM units** to other CA four-year colleges:
Specific classes to be researched: ANSC MO2, ANSC MO3, ANSC M40, EATM 23A/B/AL/BL.

This goal is in process: The research was done, but major curriculum changes (such as changing units and content) would need to happen to implement this. This will be an ongoing discussion with the rest of the faculty members in my department in the coming year as our curriculum and program goes under review.

- 3.) **Decrease number of units** needed for husbandry and veterinary medicine education of the EATM program.

This goal was achieved: A new textbook was researched and adopted for use, decreasing the time needed in lecture. I started using the book in spring.

- 4.) **Attend American Association of Zoo Veterinarians ([www. aazv.org](http://www.aazv.org)) annual week-long meeting** in October of 2010.

This goal was achieved: The college was unable to fund this week in Texas (other than \$100 stipend) but I went and paid for the rest of the costs myself.