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Budget update

As you may know from the news, there is still a great deal of uncertainty about the state's budget for both 2008-09 and for 2009-10. The Co-Chairs of our College Budget Committee (CBC), Eloisa Briones and Ray Hernandez, sent the following update to the CBC yesterday and I would like to share it with everyone.

Although the Budget Conference Committee has come to an agreement on the education budget, things are still very much in motion and the Legislature and the Governor have a long way to go before passing a final budget. Key aspects of the current version of the budget include:

- over \$800 million in cuts to community colleges, including categorical program reductions
- \$120 million apportionment reduction in the form of a workload reduction, and
- student enrollment fee increase from \$20 per unit to \$26 effective Fall 2009.

It may take some time before we know exactly what reductions our district will have to make for the current year (2008-09) and next year (2009-10). As we deal with these uncertainties, the district and college executive staff continue to brainstorm ideas to prepare for varying levels of cuts to the general fund, ranging from 10% to 25%. In addition, Student Services is closely monitoring the proposed reductions in categorical funding, and preparing for varying levels of impact on staffing, programs and services.

District and college-level budget reduction strategies that have been discussed and vetted through appropriate shared governance processes prior to the end of Spring 2009 are being implemented.

- Retirement incentives have been offered.
- Managed hiring is in progress.

Despite all the odds, Skyline continues to shine. Summer FTES is up 10% from summer '08, and load is at 617. As always, everyone is doing a superb job in serving our students and community, and in fulfilling our mission.

In the absence of more concrete information about the budget, there will be no need for CBC to meet on Thursday as originally scheduled. We will keep you posted on any new developments. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your supervisor, your CBC rep or submit your ideas or questions electronically via the Budget e-Suggestion box on the Skyline website.

Skyline shone on Commencement Day

We enjoyed a truly celebratory Commencement on Friday, May 29th. There were 517 students that earned their degrees during the past year and 180 of them joined us for the ceremony. One student graduated with an Associate Degree in Psychology, earned with Highest Honors, or a perfect 4.0 grade point average: Diana Mary Canant. A member of Skyline's full-time staff was part of the graduating class: Nancy Argarin, Senior Accounting Coordinator. The student speaker was former Skyline staff member, Linda Allen, pictured below with Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, and Mauricio

Flores Hernandez, President of the Associated Students of Skyline College. After the ceremony, the grads and their supporters crowded the quad for picture taking and then enjoyed refreshments in the Student Center. It takes many people to carry off such a large and complex event, and many volunteers joined us that night to help. Please join me in thanking these people:

Commencement Committee: Amory Cariadus, Loretta Adrian, Kevin Chak, Golda Gacutan, Manny Granillo, Jr., Seini Mateialona, Sherri Hancock, Caroline Ocampo, Sandy Irber, Brian Tupper, Mike Celeste, Joseph Morello, Persis Morrice, Theresa Tentes, Linda Bertellotti, and Alan Ceccarelli

Faculty Marshals: Jerry Ciruolo and Robert Millar

Platform Party: Patricia Miljanich, Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Loretta Adrian, Raymond Hernandez, Sandra Hsu, Aldofo Leiva, Mauricio Flores-Hernandez, and Linda Allen

Music: Billy Robinson and the Skyline College Jazz Band, Jude Navari and vocalist John Mansfield

Facilities Department Staff, for the set-up and take down

Public Safety Department Staff, for crowd control and public safety

Volunteers: Marta Cuellar, Caitlin Bortoli, Amanda Bortoli, Kayla Gallagher, Matt Hernandez, Wai Tan Tam, Michelle Brackett, Regina Morrison, Minerva Velasquez, Kennya Zepeda, Danielle Palengat, Shannon Salazar, Noah Brown, Astrid Berrios, Felix Perez, Vivian Paw, Annie Trinh, Pablo Gonzalez, Jocelyn Vila, Patty Mendoza, Pat Carter, Linda Kisich, Elizabeth Gallagher, Stephanie Nale, Eileen Wong, Gesarae Margate, Bryan Giusto, Jorge Murillo, Kamla Bucceri, Jose Perez, Wendy Lum and Marcy Escobar Mora.

The event ended with a lovely reception in the Student Center and many photo opportunities for the grads and their families along with our faculty and staff.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Skyline receives federal stimulus funding from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA, the Economic Stimulus Bill) is an effort to jumpstart the economy, and create or save jobs. Skyline College responded to a request from the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to propose education opportunities in anticipation of ARRA funding. On June 18, 2009, the Workforce Investment Board voted to allocate ARRA funding for three instructional programs that Skyline proposed to help people get the education needed for jobs in this ever changing economy. Those programs include:

- Auto Service Technician Program: This 2.5 unit program will serve up to 23 students during the 2009 - 2010 year.
- Emergency Medical Technician - B Certificate Program: This 7 unit program will serve up to 25 students during the 2009 - 2010 year.
- Medical Coding and Billing Certificate Program: This 17 unit program will serve up to 25 students during the 2009 - 2010 year.

Vice President of Instruction Regina Stanback Stroud worked with Deans Margie Meadows and Mike Williamson, and William Watson, Director of Workforce Development, to create and submit a proposal for

a group of programs designed to prepare people in manageable timeframes for desirable career opportunities. Funding for the entire project totals \$258,939.

Classified staff recognized at annual service awards luncheon

Each year at a luncheon, we honor classified staff who have achieved milestones in their careers with this district, and this year we did that on May 15. The honorees are recognized by a supervisor and they receive a certificate and a gift. Margery Meadows recognized Kristina Brower and Nataliya Gamburg for 10 years of service and William Bruening for 30 years of service. Linda Van Sciver recognized Sheila Claxton for 10 years of service. Joe Morello recognized Maria Norris for 20 years of service. Sherri Hancock recognized Terry Stats for 30 years of service and Eloisa Briones recognized Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor for 40 years of service. The program included musical entertainment by William Watson, Director of the Center for Workforce Development, who played some of his own compositions on the piano. Here is a glimpse of the event.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Name changes implemented for Theater and Gallery

The College Council recently considered a proposal to change the names of two Skyline buildings:

- *Main Theater* to become *Theater*
- *Gallery Theater* to become *Gallery*.

These changes have been recommended to the chancellor and approved, so we will use these new names henceforward. They will communicate much more clearly the uses of these facilities and eliminate confusion for students and the public. The new names will be incorporated into the signage planning work which is under way at this moment.

Skyline College spring athletics wrap-up

Skyline College athletic teams and students enjoyed a successful finish to the sports season. 72 students participated in the spring semester in Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Baseball and Women's Badminton. Women's Basketball finished the season with an overall record of 24-7 finishing third in the Coast Conference North division and qualifying for the state playoffs a second year in a row. The Men's Basketball team finished their season with an overall record of 18-14 finishing third in the Coast Conference North division and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2003. Our Baseball team completed the season 27-16 finishing second in the Coast Conference Pacific Division. In Women's

Badminton, our team finished 6-2 overall which was good enough to for second place in the Coast Conference. In singles and doubles competition, our top singles player and doubles team reached the state quarterfinals.

Eighteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-State and/or All American Selections. The individual are: Laura Zasly (Women's Basketball - 1st Team All-Conference and 2nd Team All-State), Katie Zasly (Women's Basketball - 1st Team All-Conference), Danielle Simon (Women's Basketball - Honorable Mention), Jennifer Matawaran (Women's Basketball - Honorable Mention), Sean Echols (Men's Basketball - 2nd Team All-Conference), Matt Fotchman (Men's Basketball - Honorable Mention - All Conference), Ronney Freeman (Men's Basketball - Honorable Mention - All Conference), Rodney Freeman (Men's Basketball - Honorable Mention - All Conference), Marcus Pointer (Baseball - Coast Conference Pacific Pitcher of the Year and All-American), Greg Gonzalez (Baseball - 1st Team All-Conference and All-American), Tony Loeffler (Baseball - 1st Team All-Conference), Lucas Hagberg (Baseball - 2nd Team All-Conference), Taylor Heon (Baseball - 2nd Team All-Conference and Finalist Rawlings Gold Glove Award), Cody Larson (Baseball - 2nd Team All-Conference), Jesse Orozco (Baseball - 2nd Team All-Conference), Nico Vargas (Baseball - 2nd Team All-Conference), Nour Abudamous (Women's Badminton - All Conference Singles and Doubles), Rachelle Berania (Women's Badminton - All Conference Singles and Doubles). With the exception of one student, all these individuals attended high school in San Mateo or San Francisco County.

Academically, our teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.09. Women's Basketball (3.45) and Baseball (3.13) both had team GPA's above a 3.0. The completion rate for all course attempted by student-athletes was 87% and 28 students achieved a 3.0 grade point average or higher while completing 12 or more units in the spring semester.

Storefront awards for Fashion Merchandising students

The Small Business Neighborhood Renovation Project, funded by Wells Fargo, asked the question "Who could best spend \$2,000 to renovate the image of a local retail store? Skyline College Instructors Ally Nuschy and Michael Murphy organized five teams of students who worked on store renovation projects in San Mateo County. Skyline student Ruby Daroy, who headed the team, along with Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos renovated Lonora Gold in South San Francisco. Owner Luis Campos says, " I know that they had \$2,000 to spend, but with all the labor they put into the project , I feel like I got \$10,000 worth." In the first photo are Representatives from Wells Fargo, the City of South San Francisco and SSF Chamber of Commerce, Renaissance/Start Up along with Lonora Gold rowners Luis and Maria Eugenia Campos, Skyline Faculty member Ally Nuschy, and Skyline students Ruby Daroy, Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos. In the second photo are Denise Miles, Wells Fargo and Lonora Gold owner Luis Campos presenting award check to Skyline students. Skyline student Ruby Daroy, who headed the team, along with Rachel Marshall, Jaice Teotico and Catherine Sarcos were the project winners.



Photos by Caroline Ocampo

Skyline holds 1st Annual Summer Counselor Institute

Twenty Skyline Counselors participated in the 1st Annual Summer Counselor Institute sponsored by Skyline's College Success Initiative (CSI). The 2 day agenda covered a broad variety of topics. Sessions were facilitated by both fulltime and adjunct counselors. On Thursday, June 4, topics included Review of CSI Student Services Initiatives, Using On Course Philosophies in COUN/CRER curriculum, Discussion on Case Management Implications, and Fulltime and adjunct counseling issues. A CRER 410 Training Session was conducted in the afternoon for all counselors teaching the course. The program for Friday, June 5, included a variety of informational updates: Assessment Update-ESL, New Online Professional Development Program for Counselors, Early Alert Update, Student Success Program Update, Career Information, Mental Health Tips, Transfer Updates - Review of AP/IB and Counseling students with a Nursing major, and Planting Seeds – Budget Implications.

Phi Theta Kappans are environmental stewards

On May 29, members of our Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society picked up litter in parking lot 2. This is a semiannual activity for our Phi Theta Kappa chapter because the chapter is committed to maintaining our natural resources. The parking lot area includes a spring, pond, and coastal scrub plants. The parking lot is an entrance to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, as well as a part of Skyline's campus. The students shown in the photo collected about 25 pounds of trash and \$1.01. After this Jessica Lau (4th from left) and Jack Torres (3rd from right) went to participate in the Commencement ceremonies.



Photo by Chris Case

Welcome Day for students and families coming on August 8

This will be our second annual welcome day. If you are interested in further information please contact Nate Nevado, Counselor, 650-738-4388; or Jocelyn Vila, Program Services Coordinator for Outreach, 650) 738-4390.



Viviani earns certificate

Please join me in congratulating Angela Viviani who just completed the Library Information Technology program at City College of San Francisco and earned a Library Information Technology Certificate with a 4.0 grade point average.

Errata

For the May 29 item on our Columbia University transfer students, I want to add that Brenda Smith and Akillah Wali were also ASTEP students, in addition to being involved in Honors Transfer and WIT. In the item on the retirees we recognized at our End of the Year Luncheon, I failed to mention Sheila Claxton and Stanley Garriott.

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **e-Suggestion Box**, via the hyperlink in the box below, or via the same box on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



And for ideas about Skyline's **40th Anniversary** celebration next year, here is the link:



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The Chancellor's Office in Sacramento: <http://www.cccco.edu/>
- The Community College League of California: <http://www.ccleague.org/>
- The Research and Planning Group: <http://www.rpgroup.org/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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