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May 1, 2009

Budget Open Forum

In yesterday's meeting of the College Budget Committee, we agreed that it is time for another Budget Open Forum. We want everyone to have a clear picture of where we stand in terms of our college budget as the term ends and we plan for next year. We will provide an update on the college's projected revenues and expenditures for next year, the deficit we are facing for the next three years, the college strategies we are utilizing to address the deficit and the district level options being considered. We will be engaged in work on the budget over the summer, so the timing of this forum is critical. It will be:

**Thursday, May 14
2:10-4:00 pm
Main Theater**

We will have some key district staff with us as well, including Jim Keller, Executive Vice Chancellor and Kathy Blackwood, Chief Financial Officer. Please join us if you can.

Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony is next week

You are invited to the 2009 Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony next Thursday, May 7, at 4 pm in the Main Theater. There will be a dessert reception immediately following the ceremony in Building 6, Room 6202. For additional information, contact the Student Activities Office at 650-738-4275.

Skyline student wins Genentech scholarship

Claudia Briones has won the Genentech Scholars Award and Internship in the amount of \$7,500. Claudia is a first generation college student who is an active member of the MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement program), SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) and SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science) organizations at Skyline College. As an NIH (National Institute of Health) Scholar, she has conducted and presented her research on antibacterial properties of native herbal medicine at various conferences and symposiums. As a biological engineering major her future goal is to transfer to Columbia University and obtain a MD/PhD degree.

Plans for landscape, parking, gateways and other sitework can be seen on our website

The PowerPoint presentation which was used in last week's Open Forum is now available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>. There are nice color depictions of how the landscaping will look both at the beginning, and then about seven years later when the plants are more mature. There are also photos of the plants and shrubs that will be used, as well as the criteria used in selecting them. When the parking lots are renovated, there will be an increase of about 300 spaces. You can see a slide describing the distribution of the various types of parking—student, staff, visitors, handicapped and others. And finally there is information on construction logistics and the timing for this work. Here are a couple of samples of the central quad.



Skyline wins two state wide awards

Skyline College received two third place Pro Awards at the CCPRO (Community College Public Relations Organization) statewide conference last week. The 2008/09 Catalog was judged for attractiveness of cover, readability, use and quality of photographs, logical placement and sequence of information, and overall impact. The President's Breakfast video was judged for scripting, use and quality of video, use and quality of audio, interest-holding ability, creativity, and overall impact. Please join me in congratulating the people who made it happen: for both awards, Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman; for the catalog, Maria Norris, Theresa Tentes, Mike Bergstrom for graphic design, and Ika Simpson for typesetting; for the video, Bryan Kingston of KM2 Communications. Here are Sandy Irber and Shelly Hausman with the awards.



Photo by Candace Popper Amadei, Casey Printing

Skyline hosts students from Serramonte Del Rey

In an effort to continue our activities to reach out to non-traditional educational institutions, last week, the EOPS program hosted over 60 adult learners from Serramonte Del Rey in Daly City. All students were from the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, most of whom had never visited Skyline College. The visits were scheduled during a two-day span of day and evening sessions. Students were offered information on how to enroll in college, the types of programs available and the variety of student's services that Skyline College offers. Students also had the opportunity to meet with former Serramonte Del Rey students, who are now attending Skyline. Finally, students were treated to a campus tour in which they visited vocational programs such as; Automotive Technology and Cosmetology. The feedback from the students and staff that visited Skyline has been very positive. Several of them mentioned how comfortable they were made to feel by staff and students alike. Several of them would like

their children to attend Skyline College, while others expressed their desire to enroll at Skyline College in the near future. A special thanks to Jocelyn Vila and Nate Nevado for providing valuable information to the groups, and to Ambassadors, Nikita Lefiti and Meylin Benavides for helping with the tours.



Photo by Pablo Gonzalez

Concert Choir to perform this Sunday at Skyline

Skyline Concert Choir
JUDE NAVARI, CONDUCTOR
ELIZABETH INGBER, ACCOMPANIST



**IN PRAISE OF
THE EARTH**



Featuring Mozart's *Te Deum* and selections
from Haydn's *The Creation*

Sunday, May 3
2 pm
Skyline College Theater
3300 College Drive
San Bruno
Tickets at the door
Info: (650)738-4384

Classified Service Awards luncheon coming soon—make your reservation

This is always a festive occasion and a wonderful opportunity to recognize classified staff at Skyline: for 10 years, Kristina Brower, Sheila Claxton and Nataliya Gamburg; for 20 years, Maria Norris; for 30 years, Terry Stats and Bill Bruening; and for 40 years, Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor.

Friday, May 15
11:30-1:00 pm
Gallery Theater

To make a reservation, contact Linda Bertellotti and ext. 4183 or bertellottil@smccd.edu. Please join us if you can!

Annual “Skyline Day” at Serramonte

Skyline College, in partnership with Serramonte Center, hosted our annual “Skyline Day” event from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. There was a variety of informational tables staffed by many faculty, staff and students throughout the mall. The highlight of the day was a Fashion Show presented by our Fashion and Cosmetology Departments. Models in the Fashion Show were current Skyline College students. There were also special dance performances by the Kababayan Dance Troupe; as always, the Kababayan Dance Troupe’s performances were vibrant, colorful, energetic and beautiful. The programs and services that participated were Admissions & Records, Counseling Division, Financial Aid Office, EOPS, Transfer and Career Center, CAOT, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technician, ESOL/Foreign Languages, Fashion Department, Kababayan Program, Puente, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology & Central Services and The Learning Center. Organizers Nate Nevado and Jocelyn Vila would like to extend their gratitude and appreciation to all who took time out of their busy schedules to work on a sunny Saturday - your continued support are truly appreciated. Your time and presence in representing your programs and services are very valuable to the communities we serve – a huge thank you to everyone for making this a successful event.



Photos by Jocelyn Vila and Felix Perez

Ceramics students to participate in the California Clay Conference

Skyline students will participate for the first time in the annual California Clay Conference this weekend May 1st – 3rd in Davis. Skyline ceramics instructor Tiffany Schmierer is organizing the Skyline show. Skyline will be 1 of 40 California Colleges participating. The conference is hosted by the John Natsoulas Center for the Arts and features professional ceramic demonstrations, lectures, and exhibitions. Student images (from left to right) include: Xiomara Quevedo, Stephanie Clemmons, Linda Fahey, Sheila Loggan, Jeff Richards, Victoria Vargas, Ramses De Guzman and Barbara Frauman.



Skyline Honors students share their research projects at Stanford University

Eleven Skyline Honors Transfer Program students presented their original research projects at Stanford on April 17th at the Second Annual Community College Honors Research Symposium. All in all, over 200 students and faculty members from 15 colleges, north and south, attended this year and listened to over 60 different presentations -- all by community college honors students! Faculty members Luciana Castro, Nina Floro, Stephen Fredricks and Karen Wong served as Moderators. The following Skyline Honors students were selected to present their research:

Claudia Briones - "Flowers & Weeds: The New Antibiotics; (Mentor: Chris Case)

Omar Cubillos & Bruce Thompson - "Asexual Mussels and Hermaphroditic Fish"; (Mentor: Cindy Moss)

Daniel Filous & Melba Madrigal - "The Last Option: An Investigation into the Stigma Associated with Attending a Community College"; (Mentor: Katharine Harer)

Ashley Good - "Sweat Fetish: an investigation into the existence of human pheromones";

Pamela Rios - "Tracing an Infectious Disease Outbreak in Saudi Arabia"; (Mentor: Chris Case)

Mario Roque - "Effects of the Economic Downturn on Homeless Youth in SF"; (Mentor: Rosemary Bell)

Leo Szeto, Jon Weiner & James Chan - "Creating a Robot Mouse with Electronic Sensory Analysis"

You can see a selection of Skyline's presentations on the afternoon of Wednesday May 20th. The time and room details will be announced soon.

Health Fair popular at Skyline and Blood Drive coming next week

On April 23, the Health Center hosted a Health Fair in the Cafeteria. 27 health-related businesses and organizations attended including our own Cosmetology and Respiratory Therapy departments. Students and faculty appreciated the event, and took full advantage of the opportunity to get a wealth of information about services that are available; have tests done for blood pressure, HIV, lung capacity; receive acupuncture treatment; get hand massages; and learn about smoke-free resources. A big “thank you” goes to our nurse, Emily Risk, for coordinating this wonderful event, and to our Health Center staff—Jan Gersonde, Jan Lindsey, and Donna Elliott—for their support.



College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on April 30, 2009. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

1. **Program Review summary:** Vice President of Instruction Regina Stanback Stroud updated the committee on the latest round of program reviews. One of the outcomes of this process is a list of resource (personnel, equipment, and facilities) needs in each program. These are submitted to the CBC for consideration in the budget development process.
2. **District Committee on Budget and Finance update:** Professor Linda Whitten and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones presented the Budget Update prepared by District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood for the Board. This included a synopsis of the various ballot initiatives and their implications for the state budget. With actual state revenues coming in at less than projected and the projection that the ballot initiatives are unlikely to pass, the district will need to prepare for district deficits from \$15 to \$25 million during the next three years. Kathy suggested that the district be prepared to make permanent cuts of approximately 10% of total site allocations, and at the same time increase revenue. There is a strong chance that at least 50% of losses from the Lehman Bros investment will be recovered. The plan to charge grants and categoricals an additional 4% to cover other post employment benefit costs, as required in order to receive federal grant money, will be implemented in 2009-10.
3. **State of the Skyline budget:** Eloisa Briones shared the “smoothed allocation” that Kathy Blackwood developed. Under this method, Skyline’s site allocation will remain the same as this year for the next three years. Eloisa also shared a three year projection of revenues and expenditures, alerting the committee that these are subject to change. The college will have to reduce its budget by \$1 million and increase the budget for hourly instruction to meet the 6% FTES goal that colleges are expected to grow during the next 3 years. The projection also lists the amounts and types of college budget reductions that have been proposed to date, including defunded positions. All college divisions continue to work on identifying further reductions to their respective unit budgets. President Morrow informed the committee that the Chancellor has

expanded the Chancellor's Council for its next meeting, and probably additional meetings for awhile, to include the vice presidents and college business officers in order to broaden the discussions around ways to reduce the district budget, review processes and recommend ways to increase efficiency. Due to the magnitude of projected deficits, Kathy suggested in her update that the district will "need to look and be radically different in 3 years from what we are now".

4. **Next Meeting: Budget Open Forum, May 14:** The committee decided to hold an open forum during its next meeting scheduled on May 14th. This will be held at the Main Theater to allow the college community to hear the latest budget updates and projections and invite questions and suggestions.

Errata

In the item concerning the Kent Award for the Hermanos program last week I neglected to mention two key people in the program: Alma Garcia is the current Hermanas Instructor/Counselor and Fabian Morales is the current Hermanos Instructor/Counselor.

Coming up...

Friday, May 1

- Pilipino Cultural Night-Gala Night, door opens at 6pm & show starts at 7pm
- Student Art Exhibition, Gallery Theater, now through May 14

Saturday, May 2

- Skyline Concert Choir Performance, Sanchez Concert Hall in Pacifica, 7:30pm
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show, door opens at 11 & show starts at 11:30pm

Sunday, May 3

- Skyline Concert Choir Performance, Main Theatre, 2pm

Monday, May 4

- Interactive Map of the Polynesian Islands presented by Polynesian Club, Main Quad, 11:30-1pm

Tuesday, May 5

- Blood Drive, Health Center, 9am-7pm
- Discipline Workshop Series given by Child Development Center, Building 6 Room 6203, 2-4pm
- Groundbreaking for the Auto Technology Building, Between Building 1 & Building 9, 2pm

Wednesday, May 6

- Annual Women In Transition Spring Luncheon, Building 6 Room 6204 & Room 6206, 12-2pm
- Polynesian Film- Samoan Wedding, Building 6 Room 6202, 12-2pm
- Transfer Fair, Building 6 Cafeteria, 4-8pm

Thursday, May 7

- Student's Recognition and Awards Ceremony, Main Theatre, 4-6pm

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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