



Victoria P. Morrow, President
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This has been a challenging semester for us all and I appreciate everyone's efforts to continue to do our best for our students. I particularly appreciate the deep and sustained involvement of many faculty, staff, administrators and students in the college's governance process as we grapple with important choices and difficult decisions. Your individual conversations with me and emails about what the college is doing and should do in the face of these various challenges are a source of ideas, perspective and often inspiration for me. I hope that the coming winter break provides you with a peaceful, restful and happy holiday season. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

A reminder about the deadline for naming suggestions for our quads and paths

As you know, we will be establishing names for our **quads** and **major pathways**. The **deadline is January 15** for the submission of proposals. Here are the details.

Areas which would be affected. The major pathways are indicated in yellow in the map below and the quads are indicated in blue. The red dots indicate banners which will carry the pathway names to help with way-finding.



Possible approaches to naming quads and pathways. We may want to use different logic for the quads than for the pathways, or we may want to select a unified approach. Please submit your suggestions via the eSuggestion Box here, or at the bottom of *Skyline Shines*, or on our website (see the eSuggestion Box link on our front page). Here are some possibilities to get your thinking going:

- Descriptive: East, West, South, Central
- Thematic: key words or concepts from our Vision, Mission and Values statements might be used: Diversity, Learning, Communication, Partnership
- Environmentally oriented: Mission Blue Butterfly, Cypress, Ocean View
- Focused on building purposes: Student Quad (Bldg. 6), Trojan Quad (Bldg. 3), Arts Quad (Bldg. 1), Science Quad (Bldg. 7), Auto Quad (Bldgs. 9, 10 and 11), Multicultural Quad (new Bldg. 4 quad entrance)
- Something else entirely!

Process and timeline: The deadline for proposals is January 15, via the eSuggestion Box below or on our website. The College Council will consider the proposals at their late January meeting and may send out a short list for further input in February. Recommendations will go to the Board of Trustees in April.



[Naming Paths & Quads e-suggestion Box](#)

Update on the facilities and landscaping at Skyline

When you return in January we should have access between Buildings 2 and 5 to Building 3 via the new stairs and pathway. The landscaping in that area is already complete. The fountain slated for the area opposite the Student Center, near Building 1, will be installed during the spring semester. Building 11, the new Automotive Transmission Building is well along in its construction and is expected to be completed during the spring semester. Completion of new Building 4 is expected at about this time next year.

Art on Campus projects move forward

In his opening day remarks in August of 2004, Chancellor Galatolo announced a commitment to bringing public art to our three district campuses as part of our capital improvement projects. Skyline embraced this idea and formed an Art on Campus Committee to create policy and procedures for the College to use for this purpose. The committee has 14 members from faculty, staff, administrators and students and includes representation from the Construction Planning Department. In spring of 2009 the Committee chose three projects to implement: (1) a mural for a north-facing exterior wall on Building 3, the gymnasium; (2) a surface treatment for the north facing staircase wall of Building 4, which is under construction; and (3) a mosaic for 2 pillars in Building 6, the student and community center, one on the first floor and one on the second floor. A Request for Proposals was published and 37 artists responded. The committee selected finalists for each project to recommend to me, and then received specific project concepts, and identified the artists they recommended for each project. I accepted their recommendation. Here are artist's renderings of each of them, along with comments from the committee about how they see these works.

Building 3 (Gymnasium): This project provides a mural on the west facing wall near the elevator. John Pugh proposed a work that emphasizes both the classical importance of the gymnasium in education and that showcases Skyline's contribution to that tradition by depicting a scene of Filipino dancing. This work makes a statement about both its specific location on the gym, and about the

campus commitment to diversity. The Art on Campus Committee thinks that this trompe l'oeil (trick the eye) mural will always be relevant, understood and appreciated.



Building 4 exterior stairway wall: This project is to provide a surface treatment for the facing wall of the stairway that leads to the roof terrace on Building 4, which is currently under construction. Daniel Galvez and Jos Sances proposed a mixed media project with painted tiles with a scene of the view of the ocean that is seen from our lookout at the top of the campus with an overlay of etched steel with scenes of student life. This work is intellectually and aesthetically rich, but accessible to all.



Building 6 (Student Center) pillars: This project is to put art on the pillars near the elevator, on one the first floor and one on the second floor. Johanna Poethig researched the Skyline Mission and Vision statements and designed a tile mosaic that incorporates key concepts from each. The second floor pillar is a continuation of the first floor pillar. The Committee found this work to be inspired, colorful, thought-provoking and durable.



New food safety guidelines for Skyline published

On December 11, Vice President Lori Adrian published guidelines for food related events, including food sales and potlucks. Those guidelines are now posted on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PIO/eventplan.html>. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Lori Adrian at adrianl@smccd.edu (ext. 4333) or Amory Cariadus at cariadusa@smccd.edu (ext. 4334).

Where did Skyline's "Trojan" mascot and school colors come from?

Thanks to some research by Joe Morello, Dean of PE/Athletics and Dance; Barbara Christensen, Director of Community and Governmental Relations; and Tom Hewitt, Director of Library Services, we have new information of the origin of our school colors and the selection of our mascot. The lore has been that it was tied to the USC colors and mascot, but the facts tell a different story.

Skyline College established the school mascot, Trojans, and our colors, red and gold, as part of the expansion of the San Mateo Community College District that took place in the 1960's. During that time, the College of San Mateo was relocated to its present location in 1963; Cañada College was established in its current location in 1968; and Skyline College was established in its present location in 1969. During this expansion period the President and Superintendent at the College of San Mateo was Julio Bortolazzo; the Vice President at College of San Mateo was William (Bill) Goss; and the Dean of Instruction at College of San Mateo was Phil Garlington.

As the Cañada and Skyline campuses were built, Bill Goss was named the President of Cañada College and Phil Garlington as the President of Skyline College. In this period of expansion, these three men worked together collaboratively to make sure that the campuses were treated equally yet were free to establish their own unique identity. In undertaking this process, one of the items that was decided dealt with the colleges and their selection of mascots and colors. It was decided that College of San Mateo would retain their colors of blue and white and be named the Bulldogs. Cañada College would have the colors of green and gold, and Skyline College would have the colors of red and gold. The decision on a name for a mascot was left to the athletic department staff at Cañada and Skyline when those schools opened.

It was in the early fall of 1969 that the Athletic Department staff of Walt Rilliet (Basketball Coach and Athletic Director), Lee Allen (Wrestling Coach) and Bob Lualhati (Cross Country and Track and Field Coach) selected Trojans as a mascot. Because by definition the term Trojan is defined as a person of courageous determination or energy, it seemed a fitting mascot to ascribe to our students in their academic and athletic pursuits. During the first student body election later that fall at Skyline the Trojan mascot was favored by the students in a vote and became the official mascot of Skyline College.

Skyline's Volunteer Society collects 100 coats

The Volunteer Society, a Skyline student club, has been busy all semester fostering the spirit of giving on the Skyline campus. A big thanks goes to those who contributed to "One Warm Coat" over the past month. The Club reported collecting an estimated 100 coats for those in need throughout the community. The Volunteer Society is actively recruiting members. If you want information on the Society and what's in store for the Spring 2010 semester, please contact: Xenia Giolli at xgiolli@my.smccd.edu.

Update on staffing as Public Information Officer

Shelly Hausman has decided to not return to Skyline College at the end of her maternity leave. She will be focusing on her finishing her master's degree at SFSU as well as on her family. Caroline Ocampo will continue in the position for the spring semester.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on December 17, 2009 co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones. In addition to the CBC, students, faculty, and student-parents attended.

- 1. Report from District Committee on Budget & Finance:** Barbara Lamson reported on the presentation made by district Controller Raymond Chow to the DCBF on the 50% Law and the data elements that go into the report that the district submits to the state. The Governor's budget proposal for 2010-2011 is scheduled to be delivered on January 8, 2010. District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood and the college business officers shared the budget reduction strategies at the colleges and the district office. Kathy reported that nine out of 51 administrative positions are eliminated district wide. Kathy summarized the allocations used since the implementation of the resource allocation model in 2006-07 which shows a 20.7% increase to Skyline's allocation over the four year period, or 5.8% increase without step and column and compensation adjustments. The current model uses the 3-year average of FTES to calculate growth. With the reduction in state funding, and FTES goals, the DCBF plans to review the elements used in the resource allocation model.
- 2. Budget Reduction Strategies to Consider for 2010-11:** President Morrow had emailed CBC an updated Child Development Center (CDC) Analysis which provided data that shows the number of students and student parents that would be affected if the CDC is eliminated, about 200. Ray reported that the Academic Senate charged the Curriculum Committee to meet to complete the decision process with regard to the two programs that the PIV Committee recommended for elimination. The Curriculum Committee met and acted to oppose the recommendation. A group of faculty called "The Concerned Faculty" wrote a petition to oppose the CBC's use of the rubric which is based upon the board's recent Reaffirmation of Core Values. After intense discussions about the board's core values, the CBC voted not to use the Board's core values rubric as a decision-making document as the committee develops its recommendation to the President because the Core Values had not been subjected to the shared governance process and so should not be construed as board policy. Vicki reminded the committee that her responsibility is to receive the CBC's recommendation and apply her judgment and at the same time, be cognizant of the board's wishes. There was discussion of the pros and cons of eliminating the CDC. About 8 to 9% of degrees and certificates awarded in 2008-09 are in Early Childhood Education, a program which relies heavily upon the CDC. The CBC voted not to include the elimination of the CDC as a budget reduction strategy. It also voted to recommend to the President the budget reduction strategies that the CBC approved at the December 10th meeting. The recommended strategies will result in budget reductions totaling \$1,722,149 and reduce the FTES by about 1,110, a number well under the college's projected unfunded FTES.

Ray and Eloisa will email the formal recommendation to the CBC for final review before it is sent to the President.

- 3. Next meeting:** CBC is scheduled to meet on January 28, 2010. Kathy Blackwood will be invited to talk about the resource allocation model and plans for revision of it.

Coming up...

Friday, December 18

- Women's Basketball Tournament, City College of San Francisco, through December 20
- Day Classes End

Saturday, December 19

- Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan College, 3pm
- Evening Classes End

Wednesday, December 23

- Men's Basketball vs. DeAnza College (Cupertino), 3pm

Thursday, December 24

- Winter Recess begins, through January 1, 2010

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 new link to our [Naming Paths & Quads e-suggestion Box](#)



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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