



Victoria P. Morrow, President

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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

I presented my monthly report to the Board of Trustees Wednesday night. It is available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

Budget update

The chancellor provided a detailed update on the governor's budget proposal last Friday. I would like to update you on Skyline's budget planning for next year. You have seen the planning in the College Budget Committee (CBC) update at the end of *Skyline Shines* over the last semester, and before. The most current edition of the CBC update appears below, but I would like to focus upon one important element here. At its last December meeting the CBC adopted its recommendation to me concerning the college's budget reduction strategies. After considerable thought about it, reflection upon the college's Strategic Plan and upon the board's core values statement, I have decided to concur in the CBC recommendation. I believe that it strikes an appropriate balance between maximizing student access to courses while avoiding further cuts to the crucial student support services that are so instrumental in student success. I will be presenting my recommendation to the board at their next meeting. The college's budget reduction amount is about \$1.7 million (out of about \$21 million). The package of reduction strategies includes these: reductions in course offerings in summer (50% of the summer schedule), and fall and spring (10% of each of those); elimination of two administrative positions; reduction of adjunct counseling by 1.5 FTE and capturing other savings due to retirement and elimination of post-retirement contracts. These are very painful cuts, but the best array possible under the difficult circumstances we face. With these cuts, the college will have a balanced budget, one that utilizes no one-time money. We face a great deal of uncertainty in terms of the state's budget, but at this point we are not planning for additional reductions. As these budget discussions continue, I will keep you posted. I am grateful to the many members of the College Budget Committee who have worked so diligently and with such great commitment to students to arrive at their recommendation, and I will continue to rely upon their advice as we face the continuing budget challenges that we will surely encounter. Please join me in thanking your representatives on the CBC.

Please encourage students to apply for scholarships!

Skyline College Institutional Scholarship applications for the 2010-2011 academic year are currently being accepted and are available at: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/finaid/scholarship.html>. Please encourage students to apply. **Completed applications are due Friday, March 12, 2010 by 12 pm.** If you have any questions please contact Crystal Shetaya, Scholarship Coordinator, (650) 738-7011 or e-mail at shetayac@smccd.edu.



Scholarship Season is HERE!

Don't miss your chance to get **FREE MONEY** for college!
APPLY NOW!

One application signs you up for **over 100** of the Skyline College Institutional Scholarships

To Apply Visit:
<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/general/finaid/scholarship.html>

Turn in Completed Applications to the Financial Aid Office by
Friday, March 12 at 12pm



Don't forget to sign up for emergency text messages

In case you have not signed up for urgent text messages, please see the link below which will take you to the simple directions. <http://www.smccd.edu/alertu>. This is one of the tools we have available to get the word out in case of an emergency. Thanks!

College Council update

The College Council met on Wednesday, January 27. A summary of the meeting is provided below. The previous minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/collegecouncil/index.html>.

- 1) **Budget update:** Vicki Morrow reviewed the governor's budget and its implications for the community college system, and the issues it raises in terms of the viability of the revenue assumptions. She noted that the College Budget Committee (CBC) had developed a recommendation to her for Skyline's budget reductions for the 2010-11 year. Their recommendation included a 50 percent reduction to the summer schedule, 10 percent reductions to fall and spring, reduction of adjunct counseling by 1.5 FTEF, and elimination of two administrator positions. It also included savings from retirements and post-retirement contracts. The CBC did not recommend elimination of the Child Development Center nor any further reductions to classified staff. She noted the board's core values statement and the priority it places upon maximizing the number of sections offered. She indicated that she was considering the CBC proposal and hoped to respond to it shortly.
- 2) **Quad and Pathway Naming Project responses:** The College Council considered the suggestions submitted through the e-Suggestion Box, and identified the following names to be recommended to the Board of Trustees for the quads and pathways:
 - a) **Quads:** the proposed quad names are designed to support wayfinding, and in some cases utilizing the landmarks near them. The proposed names for the five quads are Main Quad (near the Student Center), Upper Quad (near Buildings 7 and 8 at the top of the wide staircase), Pasteur Quad (near the Pasteur bust, between Buildings 6 and 7), Theater Quad (between Buildings 1 and 2), and Gymnasium Quad (between the Gym and Building 2).

- b) **Paths:** the proposed names for the five paths will have an environmental focus. The proposed names are Cypress Path for the main east/west path from Building 8 down to the athletic fields, Ocean View Path for the path from Building 8 out to the ocean overlook, Mission Blue Butterfly Path for the path from the northern parking lot area across the loop road to between Buildings 6 and 7, Lupine Path for the path from the new north entrance near Building 4 to the bus turnaround, and Raven path for the yet-to-be-created path from Lot F past Building 11 to the center of campus.

These proposed names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in February.

- 3) **Accreditation: Delineation of Functions Review Committee (DFRC) appointment:** Vicki reported on the process adopted by the colleges and the district for regularly reviewing the delineation of functions document which is required as part of the accreditation self-study. The committee which will do this work, prior to subjecting it to review by the various governance groups, is being formed now. She recommended the appointment of Ray Hernandez, as one of the two co-chairs of the college's last accreditation self study. The Council concurred and Ray agreed to serve.
- 4) **Associated Students report:** Denisse Gonzalez, president of the Associated Students, reported on their plans for advocacy in relation to the budget and their intention to reach out to as many students as possible so that they understand the implications of the state budget for community colleges and Skyline. They will hold a teach-in on February 17, during February 22-26 there will be outreach, information tables, voter registration, a petition drive and a candlelight vigil. There will be a rally on March 4, and on March 22 participation in the statewide community college March in March in Sacramento. She will be sending out an email to all students and employees next week, as well as using a variety of other social media to spread the word.
- 5) **Classified Council report:** Rakefet Avramovitz, President of the Classified Council, reported on interest in that group in Haiti relief. She said they would be discussing it at their next meeting, and would like to partner with the Academic Senate and the Associated Students on it.
- 6) **Next meeting:** February 24.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee held its first meeting for the spring semester on January 28, chaired by Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones. Co-Chair Raymond Hernandez was unable to **attend**.

1. **Budget Update:** District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood gave a synopsis of the Governor's budget proposal for 2010-2011. It calls for 2% growth for community colleges, and includes a negative 0.38% COLA. He proposed a backfill to property taxes. He also proposed taking \$10M out of EOPS, \$10M out of part-time faculty compensation and transferring \$20M to Career Technical Education. On the revenue side, the governor's budget includes \$8M in federal funding; however, the Legislative Analyst's Office does not think California will get half of that. The Community College League is promoting a student fee increase (although the governor did not put one in) from \$26 to \$30 or \$32 per unit. There are still constant inroads on local property taxes. Vice Chancellor Erik Skinner suggested that the Governor's proposal be considered the best case scenario and recommended that districts be prepared for cuts. This year, SMCCD implemented 10% reductions, and is preparing to do another 10% next year. (The budget reduction proposal which the CBC has been working on is in response to that.) The board has indicated that they do not believe that the district should change its course at this point. For 2009-10, workload measures for community colleges were reduced as state funding was cut because property taxes and fees were overestimated. With the funding cut, colleges are not expected to serve the same number of students. At this time, it does not look like there will be a workload reduction for 2010-11. Kathy also updated CBC on the district's basic aid status which at this time still remains uncertain. She also explained the methodology behind the current allocation model and informed the committee that DCBF will continue to evaluate the parameters used in the resource allocation model.
2. **Productivity and Efficiency Report:** Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, presented the latest report,, noting that the spring numbers are still changing. Spring 2010 FTES is 3,675, up 4% from last spring. Despite the 10% reduction in sections, load shot up to 655 which is phenomenal. We are maximizing efficiency for the sections that are out there. The deans have been strategic in cutting with an aim to disadvantage the

smallest number of students. Fill rates are 94.1% which is extremely high. Headcount was over 10,000 in unduplicated head count. Rob also distributed the Unfunded FTES Estimate for 2010-11 which shows 1,140 unfunded FTES if we changed nothing in 2010-11. With planned section cuts based on the CBC's budget reduction proposal, this goes down to 482 unfunded. If summer is cut 50%, there would be 30 unfunded FTES. This calculator assumes the current goal of 7,613. If there will be no workload reduction in 2010-11, we will have to make an adjustment and recalculate the strategy.

3. **CBC Recommendation for 2010-11 Budget Reductions:** President Morrow formally accepted the recommendation of the committee. She distributed the document that she will present to the board which will get a preliminary view at the board retreat, and a further discussion at the February board meeting. Vicki explained that she took a longer time than usual to consider the recommendation and how it fits with our own college strategic plan, as well as the board's core values. Skyline's Strategic Plan has articulated a set of goals that focus upon maximizing both student success and access. She thanked the committee for the many hours of deliberation it underwent to come up with this recommendation.
4. **Next meeting:** The committee will definitely meet on the last Thursday of each month, but will still keep the second Thursdays booked in case those meeting times are needed.

Errata

In last Friday's item on the exhibit at Sanchez Art Center, I neglected to include the address. Here it is, along with the website:

www.sanchezartcenter.org
1220 Linda Mar Boulevard
Pacifica, CA 94044-4265
(650) 355-1894

Coming up...

Friday, January 29

- Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas, 5pm
- Women's Basketball vs. Chabot, 7pm

Monday, February 1

- Last Day to Add/Drop Semester Length Classes

Tuesday, February 2

- Scenes from the Puppet World (An installation by Francesca Borgatta), Exhibit Opens, Gallery

Wednesday, February 3

- Men's Basketball vs. Chabot, 7pm
- Women's Basketball vs. Foothill (Los Altos), 7pm

Thursday, February 4

- Scenes from the Puppet World, Opening Reception, Gallery, 5:30pm

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:



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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