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Naming project under way for paths and quads at Skyline

At the College Council meeting last Wednesday, the group concurred with a recommendation from the Wayfinding Committee to establish names for our quads and major pathways. In order to include new names in signage which will begin to be installed in the spring, the project needs to begin now. **This is a call for proposals, with a deadline of January 15.**

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 wayfinding.



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. (It will be in *Skyline Shines* each week until then, and on our website too.) We wanted to allow people time over the holidays to think about it a bit. The College Council will then consider them 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](#)

Women's Soccer qualifies for state playoffs

Skyline College has qualified for the first round of the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Women's Soccer playoffs. The playoffs are a single elimination tournament pitting the top 32 teams in regional and state competition. The Trojans were Coast Conference North Division champions finishing the season undefeated with a 16-0-4 mark and earning the 3rd seed. In the opening round, Skyline will be hosting the Yuba College 49ers who finished the season in second place of the Bay Valley Conference with a 11-7-2 record. The match will take place at Skyline College this Saturday, November 21st at 2:00 pm. Tickets can only be purchased at the match site with a cost of \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, staff and children.



Photo by Kevin Corsiglia

Student newspaper recognized for excellence

Skyline's student newspaper, *The Skyline View*, once again won the General Excellence in Online Journalism award at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges NorCal Conference held Saturday, November 7th at San Jose State University. *Skyline View* Chief Copy Editor Helen Tran picked up two awards in the on-the-spot competitions: 2nd Place in Copy Editing and 1st Place in Opinion Writing. Here Helen Tran shows off her two awards.



Photo by Jay Johnson

Food drive a big success

On Wednesday 11/18/09 the ASSC organized the annual Food Drive. In a worthy effort to collect food and cash donations for the San Mateo Harvest Food Drive. Special thanks to all of the clubs that participated: LASO, Runners Club, FSU, Honors Club, Democrats Club, Cheer and Dance Squad, Skyline Fellowship, Sports Medicine Club and Volunteer Club. The ASSC targeted goal for cash donations was \$500. Thanks to the generosity of the Skyline community they raised a total of \$909.86. They also collected a total of 2,298 non-perishable food items. Here were the Club Winners and their Prizes:

- 1st: LASO \$500.
- 2nd: Runners Club \$300.
- 3rd: FSU \$200.

If you were unable to attend the event you can donate online. Go to www.virtualharvest.net to make a donation. Select the following on the drop down menu; Donor Type = Schools, Organization Name = Skyline College and click the NEXT . Then you will link to the Skyline College Donation Page. Click the DONATION button and you will be taken to the Virtual Food Drive to enter your donation.



Denim Day for the Cure at Skyline: raising funds for Breast Cancer Research

October 29, 2009 Skyline College Health Center held the annual fund raising event to help find the cure for Breast Cancer. Staff, faculty and students donated a total of \$477.63. Cosmetology staff, faculty, students and clients was again the largest contributing group with \$263.00. The Skyline Bookstore collected \$162.63 from customers. On the day of the event, everyone wore denim and pink and the eye catching pins provided by the Susan G Komen Fund. Everyone who donated was entered into a drawing to win the gift basket which was generously donated by the Bookstore. The winner of the gift basket is a Cosmetology student. Here is a shot of cosmetology students and staff and Health Center nurse Emily Risk.



Photo by Donna Dale Elliott

Facilities staff enjoys their new home

On November 11, a Ribbon Cutting ceremony was conducted at our Facilities Maintenance Center (FMC) on the hilltop behind our baseball field. The FMC provides our Facilities staff with much needed space and a working environment to effectively carry out their duties. This \$8.3M, 14,440 GSF complex was funded by both State and local Bond dollars. It was a project that took over 8 years to come to fruition. It houses shops for electrical, mechanical, carpentry, plumbing work and vehicle maintenance. It provides storage areas for the enormous amount of custodial and grounds supplies and equipment. The facility also comes with locker rooms and showers. Moreover, the fact that this is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Award (possible Gold Award) building is indicative of our District and Facilities staff's firm commitment to sustainability and concern for the environment. The gala event was enjoyed by all and our congratulations go out to our Facilities Maintenance staff. Enjoy your new home on campus.



Journalism Club promotes use of social media

The Journalism Club sponsored a Social Media Workshop on Monday, Nov. 9th. The event was intended to teach Skyline students how to use social networking sites for self-promotion. Here John Yamasaki of Seismic speaks to students at the event.



Photo by Caroline Ocampo

College Council update

The College Council met on Wednesday, November 18.

- 1) **District Shared Governance Committee (DSGC):** Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President, updated the Council on the proposed revisions to board policies under discussion in the DSGC.
- 2) **Plus/Minus grading project:** Ray reported that the project is currently slated to continue through summer and possibly into fall 2010.
- 3) **Budget:** Vicki Morrow, President, updated the Council on the status of the budget discussions in the College Budget Committee (CBC). The Council discussed the Child Development Center (CDC) and the costs, benefits and tradeoffs involved. Vicki reviewed a detailed analysis of it which would be shared with the CBC on Thursday, November 19. She also reviewed the administrative position defunding under way and indicated that details would be shared with the CBC that same day. Student members of the Council expressed their concern about the shrinking availability of classes and the risk of delay for students in completion of their programs. The students also recommended that information be disseminated to students about the budget situation as it relates to availability of classes. They will consider what they think the best ways to communicate that might be and let Vicki know. She recommended a variety of methods of communication. Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate Vice President, provided an update on the Program Improvement and Viability (PIV) process currently under way, with two programs being reviewed by the PIV Committee and a deadline for reporting to the Curriculum Committee of December 2. Ray noted that there would also be another update provided to the CBC at Thursday's meeting of that group.
- 4) **Proposed Naming Project for pathways and quads:** see the item at the top of this issue of *Skyline Shines* for a description of this project and the Council's action on it.

College Council minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on November 19, co-chaired by Academic Senate President Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones. In addition to the CBC, about 20 students, faculty, managers, student-parents and two members of the board of trustees attended—President Karen Schwarz and Richard Holober.

1. **District Committee on Budget & Finance report:** Linda Whitten reported that state revenue projections are higher than actual receipts, increasing the state's budget shortfall. If mid-year cuts are not instituted this year, deeper cuts will be made in 2010-11, which will likely trigger more workload reduction measures. Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood will discuss with the VPs of Instruction and College Business Officers the implications on budget and FTES goals in a meeting next week and the impact of that on the college's budget will be reported at the next CBC meeting. Barbara Lamson reported that the district will receive \$500K in federal ARRA funding. Skyline's portion is \$150K which will be used to backfill categorical cuts.
2. **Public comments:** The CBC heard comments from supporters of the Child Development Center (CDC). They requested CBC to consider alternatives to save the Center, such as fund-raising and grant-seeking to develop alternative funding sources to help defray the Center's operating costs. Don Biederman expressed concern about the proposed cuts in programs and loss of faculty jobs. Jeff Westfall advocated for adherence to the college's mission and suggested that the college teach more students and add more sections.
3. **Program Improvement Viability (PIV) Committee update:** Fermin Irigoyen and VP Regina Stanback Stroud informed the committee of the progress that the PIV Committee has made in evaluating and identifying programs that will be put through the PIV process. Two programs have been identified. The PIV Committee will make its final recommendation to the Curriculum Committee in early December.
4. **CBC process review:** Ray and Eloisa reviewed the budget process which the committee will use to determine which reduction strategies will be recommended to the President. CBC will utilize the rubric for evaluating and voting on reduction strategies. Since it is expected that the target amount for the 2010-11 budget reduction will change, the committee agreed to hold off on making votes until the next meeting.

5. Budget Reduction Strategies--continuation of review & discussion: At the last meeting, CBC had identified budget reduction strategies totaling \$742K of the current reduction target of \$1.28 million. This reduction target will change with the anticipated workload reduction measure in 2010-11. President Morrow informed CBC that two administrative positions will be defunded which will generate savings of \$225K. She also shared the CDC Analysis that she put together that summarizes all the pertinent information about the CDC, including available alternatives to eliminating the Center.

6. Next meeting: CBC is scheduled to meet on December 3, 2009.

CBC minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>.

Coming up...

Friday, November 20

- Pilipino Music Showcase, 5:30pm, Theater
- Men's Basketball, Skyline vs. San Jose City, 6:00pm, Gym
- Women's Basketball Tournament, Mendocino College (Ukiah), November 20-22

Saturday, November 21

- Women's Soccer, State Playoffs at Skyline, 2pm

Thursday, November 26

- November 26, Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27

- Declared Holiday

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/>

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