



Skyline Shines

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Accreditation Draft 2.1 available for review

As you know from Ray Hernandez' message on Wednesday, Draft 2.1 of our accreditation self-study is now available for college wide comment, at this location on our website:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/>. The **deadline for comments is March 19**, and they can be submitted through handy links at that site. The document has been set up as follows:

1. Click on any of the hyperlinked documents on the webpage to access components of the self study draft. A .pdf document will open in a new window.
2. On each page of the document you will see a "submit comments" button. Click on those buttons to make comments.
3. Your email client will open with a reply email address and subject header already identified. Just be sure to identify the line numbers in the document so that the Steering Committee can readily understand your input.

If you prefer to work with a hard copy, printed copies of the self study will be available in division areas by Monday, March 5th for reference.

Skyline Shines Awards—Call for Nominations, due April 13

The deadline for nominations for this year's awards is fast approaching. The Skyline Shines Awards are given in recognition of individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually: one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. The Call for Nominations for the Skyline Shines Awards has been sent out to all Skyline employees and has been disseminated to the community through both the president's council and via a press release. The awardees would be those who most help the college live up to the college's values, which are: campus climate, open access, academic excellence, community connection and shared governance. The deadline for nominations is April 13, 2007. The Call for Nominations includes the criteria for the awards and is posted on Skyline's website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skynotes/>.

Update on plans for renovation of the central quad

In an earlier edition of *Skyline Shines* I mentioned that the redesign of our central quad (between Buildings 1 and 2 and between 7 and 8) would likely begin during the spring break and be completed over the summer. That timeline has changed now. Instead, the quad redesign will be undertaken as part of the whole Design Build Project which will take place over the next few years. There are several reasons for the change in timeline: the tightness of the original timeline, the need to maintain accessible paths of travel, and our interest in ensuring that the quad design fits in well with the other changes in the look and feel of the campus that will take place as part of the Design Build project. We are also hoping to include a water feature that is beautiful and that

is not overly burdensome or costly to operate and maintain. The change in timeline will help ensure that we get all of these issues addressed.

Study abroad program in China, June 2-16, 2007

This is something new that may be of interest to students that you know. Skyline College is offering a short-term, intensive learning experience in China this summer from June 2-16, 2007. Students will travel to China and experience first-hand the businesses, economy, language, and culture of China. BUS. 680SB (a 3 credit course) – Study Abroad in China is a two-week course which includes mandatory pre-departure and post trip meetings, lectures at the local universities, visits to Chinese businesses, culture tours, and an individual research paper. For more information, please attend the information session on Monday March 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Building 8, Room 8311 and visit our web site at <http://smccd.edu/accounts/skyasia> Don't miss this great opportunity to experience China first hand, while earning college credits.



M.E.E.T on Common Ground training coming to Skyline

In response to interest by Skyline faculty and staff, SEEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity) is sponsoring a train-the-trainers workshop for M.E.E.T on Common Ground diversity training. It will be a two-part workshop March 22nd and March 29th from 1:00-3:00 pm each day, in Room 6204. Publicity will be coming out soon, but we wanted to get the word out right away. The contact person if you are interested in attending is Donna Elliott at 738-4270 or elliott@smccd.edu. Gerry Frassetti, district diversity coordinator, will be the facilitator of the workshops. The Diversity Training Program was instituted by the SMCCD Office of Human Resources as a response to requests from staff and faculty of the district's colleges to provide practical strategies to create a respectful, inclusive workplace. The program's ultimate goal is to develop a team of trainers at each college to offer on-going workshops and related activities promoting a deeper understanding and appreciation of diversity among all individuals in the workplace.

Cosmetology Open House brings students and employers together

The cosmetology faculty and staff conducted the annual Career Faire last Monday, providing students with a golden opportunity to interact with potential employers. In this photo, students Martin Lee, Jenny Niekrasz and Jessica Seisa talk with a potential employer.



(Photo by Shelly Hausman)

MESA program connects students with their futures

- **2007 Genentech Scholar:** MESA Student Selected MESA Student Amanda Quiroga was selected as this year's Genentech Scholar. Amanda, a Chemistry Major, will receive a \$7500 scholarship, a research mentor, and a summer position at the Biotechnology facility in South San Francisco.
- **Stanford MESA Day:** Friday, February 9, was the 2nd Annual Community College MESA Day. Our Skyline MESA Program was selected to oversee the project. Over 150 students from community college MESA Programs throughout the state were invited to Stanford and were given the red carpet treatment. Students toured labs not open to the general public and were given information about graduate and summer research programs in the sciences. In addition Stanford has committed to one slot for one eligible Skyline MESA Student to receive a research position at the Center for Polymer Interfaces and Macromolecular Assemblies this summer.
- **18 Guaranteed Research Positions slated for our Skyline MESA Students this Summer:** SFSU's Bridges to Baccalaureate Program, an NIH funded grant has committed to **18** slots for our MESA students majoring in such majors as Biology, Bio Chemistry, and Chemistry. 12 of our Skyline MESA Students will participate in Directed Research at SFSU. Students will participate in a six week program and receive a stipend of \$1800. During the first portion of the program students will participate in an academic success workshop conducted by Frederick Moore, Ph.D., and author of the book "Finding Your North:" <http://www.findingyournorth.com/index.htm> 6 students will participate in Independent Research and will receive a stipend of \$2400. Dr. Christine Case will be the research mentor for the independent research. Students from her Biology 230 course will be selected to engage in research and be given a stipend of \$2400. These students will then submit their abstracts to present at either SACNAS or ABRCMS. Tracy Bailey, MESA Student and President of Skyline's BSU was selected for the BA Star Program, a five week summer program at Chico State focusing on Physics. Thanks to Chemistry Instructor AJ Bates, Biology Instructor Christine Case, MESA Faculty Sponsor Stephen Fredricks and to MESA Coordinator Tiffany Reardon.

SEEED's Talking Drums event packs the house



(Photos by Shelly Hausman)

Thanks to Rosie Bell and Richard Soyombo for their work in arranging for this first in the spring series of diversity events sponsored by SEEED (Stewardship for Equity, Equal Employment and Diversity). Samuel Oludayo is shown talking about the drums and their use and performing. The audience is standing up as part of the performance, but many in the room stood throughout because every seat in the Room 1111 was filled. Here are the plans for the rest of the SEEED events this semester:

- **March 14:** Skyline instructor, musician and ethnomusicologist John Ulloa will present "Conversations in Rhythm: Exploring America's Percussive Roots" on Wednesday, March 14 in the Main Theatre from 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.
- **Book Raps to discuss *The Color of Water* by James McBride on the following dates:**
 - **March 28:** Join moderator Professor Phyllis Taylor on Wednesday, March 28 in Room 6206 in the Student Community Center from 12:15-1:15 p.m.
 - **April 11:** Join student moderators Cynthia Arena, Valerie Evangelista and Laura Martinez in Room 6206, Student Community Center, from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
 - **April 18:** John Santos, Afro-Latin percussionist, ethnomusicologist and CSM instructor and his quartet will perform in the Main Theatre from 12:45-2:15 p.m.

- **April 19:** Hafez Modirzadeh, ethnomusicologist and professor at San Francisco State University will speak about the roots of his music and perform in the Main Theatre, 7:15-9:00 p.m.

Skyline students part of a national study of innovative bookstores and how they serve students

The National Association of College Stores (NACS) came to Skyline on February 15 as part of a comprehensive research project to provide insight into today's college students. NACS chose four universities/colleges that are known for the innovative work they are doing in merchandising, marketing and/or campus outreach. Students were recruited to participate in group interviews, in-store interviews and participation in a video. The results of the study will be presented at the NACS national convention in March and will be made available to the bookstore staff as well as Skyline's research office

College Council update for meeting of February 28

1. **ASSC update:** Luis Padilla and Silvia Cervantes reported on ASSC funding of Black History Month events, their planned attendance at the national student government conference, plans for an open mike event in front of the fireplace, club rush next week, and plans for a student/staff basketball game.
2. **Accreditation update:** Ray Hernandez reported that the full draft self-study would be made available for college-wide review today, with a March 19 deadline for feedback. It is available at this location on our website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/>
3. **Educational and Facilities Master Planning Project update:** Cathy Hasson reviewed the status of work on the recommendations from the Educational Master Plan, including efforts under way already, gaps, and next steps, as well as what entities are responsible for moving forward on each.
4. **Vision and Mission Statement – review of final draft:** The Council acted to approve the revised college Vision and Mission statements. They are attached. They will now be sent to the Board of Trustees for final adoption.
5. **Institutional/degree level SLOs – review of draft:** Regina reported on the college wide discussion of the broad Student Learning Outcomes. They are designed to align with our new Vision and Mission statements. Comments should be directed to Karen Wong.
6. **District Shared Governance Committee update:** Carla Campillo reported on topics discussed including the district budget, accreditation, the district mission statement, possible faculty IDs and a district wide directory with photos.
7. **M.E.E.T. on Common Ground training: update:** Carla Campillo reported that the dates for the training have been set for March 22 and 29. (See above in *Skyline Shines* for the details.)
8. **Finalize recommended building names:** The Council approved the latest draft of the recommended building names and the list will now go to the Chancellor's Council for final action.
9. **Next meeting:** March 28

Coming Up ...

Friday, March 2

- Last day to apply for a degree/certificate
- "Native Daughters" featuring local artists, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Gallery Theatre

Saturday, March 3

- WOW! Women on Writing Conference, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For registration, call 738-4324

- Men's Baseball vs. Mission at Santa Clara, noon
- Reception for "Native Daughters" art exhibit, 4- 5:30 p.m., Gallery Theatre

Monday, March 5

- Black History Month Event: "Julia Chigamba et Company," 12:30– 1:30 p.m., Main Theatre

Tuesday, March 6

- Men's Baseball vs. San Mateo at San Mateo, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

- Polynesian Film Presentation, 12:30 – 3 p.m., Rm. 6202

Thursday, March 8

- Men's Baseball vs. Cabrillo at Skyline, 2 p.m.

For more on this week's events, see the event calendar at

www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

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Do you have an item for *Skyline Shines*?

If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

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/skynotes/>.



**Proposed Revisions to
Skyline College Vision and Mission Statements
2007**

The proposed Vision and Mission Statements below have been considered within the Skyline College governance process and approved by the College Council on February 28, 2007. They are now ready for submission to the Board of Trustees for their action.

Vision

Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.

Mission

Skyline College is a comprehensive, open access community college that provides student-centered education leading to transfer, career advancement, basic skills development, and personal enrichment.

The College is committed to preparing students to be culturally sensitive members of the community, critical thinkers, proficient users of technology, effective communicators, socially responsible lifelong learners and informed participants of a democracy in an increasingly global society.

Skyline offers innovative instruction and student support to a rich tapestry of diverse learners through the hallmarks of the college: academic excellence, responsive student services, advanced technology, community and industry partnerships, and workforce and economic development.