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Faculty Door Cards—another example of how Skyline shines

Hooray for Skyline faculty! For the 4th semester in a row, 100% of Skyline's full time faculty have provided their door cards online for easy student access to that important information. And the adjunct faculty are headed there as well, with 31% of their door cards online.

Facilities Master Plan Update

We had a huge group at our meeting yesterday afternoon of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force. Thanks to everyone who turned out and helped us work through this important decision about what to include in the scope of our Design/Build project and what we will let go of for now. It was a complex conversation, but everyone engaged in it with typical Skyline spirit—candid and collegial. There was a tremendous amount of input provided, which we will be sorting through in the next few days. Once the final scenario is worked out, I will let everyone know. The architect/contractor firm with which we will be working will be selected in a couple of months and then the detailed planning for our next wave of new buildings and site work will begin. Thanks again to everyone who was involved.

Pancake Breakfast mobbed by over 500 students

The ASSC's Welcome Week events included a terrific Pancake Breakfast this Wednesday morning. Volunteers served over 500 people with fresh, hot pancakes. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their help in making students feel welcome at Skyline:

ASSC: Amory Cariadus-Advisor, Lauren Hernandez-President, Anastasia Kuzina-Vice President, Wendy Smith-Commissioner of Publicity, Kristi Parenti-Kurtilla-Commissioner of Public Record, Robert Alberts-Senator, Vanessa Allas-Senator, Ekaterina Semonchuk-Senator

Staff/Faculty: Nancy Lam, Richard Inokuchi, Mike Celeste, Maria Escobar, Karen Wong, Adolfo Leiva, Golda Gacutan, Sandy Irber, Lucia Lachmayr, Kathy Blackwood, Janet Webber, Cass Christian, Sita Motipara, Theresa Tentes, Roxanne Brewer, Julene Rhoan, Regina Morrison, Donna Bestock, Minerva Velasquez and Pat Deamer.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Richard McMahon of Pacific Dining for his kind contributions when supplies ran low! Thanks for the butter, plates and syrup to help keep the festivities going! And thanks to Shelly Hausman for this photo of Adolfo Leiva, Minerva Velasquez, Donna Bestock, Regina Morrison, and Shelly Hancock.



Automotive Technology program's NACAT conference

The North American Council of Automotive Teachers (NACAT) held its annual conference July 16-20 on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. The event was co-sponsored by the California Automotive Teachers (CAT) and Skyline played an important role in the success of this event. Clydie Rizzo and Rick Escalambre were responsible for the conference registration, which saw a record 240 instructors in attendance. In addition, Tom Broxholm and Rick Escalambre conducted two workshops each for their peers. Not only was there a great deal of learning and networking during the week, everyone one had chance to enjoy the long history of the Queen Mary. The conference banquet was attended by 375 instructors, their families, and industry partners. It was a terrific week for everyone involved with the conference. Skyline College's Automotive Department will host the annual spring CAT Conference on April 25 & 26, 2008. This event will bring approximately 180 automotive instructors from California to Skyline College for a weekend of training, tours, and family fun.

College Council update

1. **College Council Annual Report 2006-07:** The Council reviewed the annual report for 2005-06 and identified topics on which there will be follow up this year. The report is available on the Skyline website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>.
2. **Facilities Master Plan:** Vicki Morrow reviewed the status of the Design/Build project and the plans for the Thursday, August 30 meeting of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force.
3. **Adoption of Thematic Governance Model and Committee Reporting Lines:** These two graphic depictions of how Skyline's governance process works were updated in 2006, and were awaiting completion of the Accreditation Self Study for formal adoption. They were approved this week by the College Council and the final versions will be posted at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes/governance/index.html>.
4. **Fresh Look Project update:** Sandy Irber reviewed the status of the website redesign project. She also noted that later this year, we will do a review of the college's catalog and student handbook, using a process similar to that used for our recent redesign of the class schedule.
5. **Accreditation Planning Agendas:** The Council determined that the entire list of planning agendas will be referred to the Institutional Planning Committee to ensure that each item is correctly routed to the college governance body or administrative unit for follow up. The Council identified the accreditation planning agendas which relate to governance and will discuss them in detail at the September meeting.
6. **Commencement start time:** Lori Adrian provided a report from the Commencement Committee on last May's new 5 pm start time for the ceremony and indicated their recommendation that the college continue with the earlier start time. The College Council approved that recommendation.
7. **Opening Day format change to Tuesday morning:** The Council discussed this year's change to Tuesday morning for the college Opening Day events, and agreed to continue with that approach for next fall.

8. **Leadership Retreat:** Vicki Morrow reviewed initial plans for the annual Leadership Retreat on October 11-12, at Asilomar.
9. **40th Anniversary Planning Committee:** Vicki noted that college wide work on plans for the college's 40th anniversary in 2009 will begin in late October, and she asked the constituent group leaders to begin thinking about appointees to that committee.
10. **Ray Hernandez' master's thesis project:** Ray Hernandez reported on his thesis work which will focus upon smoking policy. The Council discussed his plans and ways in which the college can collaborate with him and learn from his work.
11. **Next meeting:** September 26, 2:10 pm.

Coming Up ...

Friday, August 31

- Men's Soccer at DeAnza College, 12 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1

- Declared recess
- Men's Soccer at Evergreen College, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 2

- Declared recess
- Men's Soccer at DeAnza College, 3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 3

- Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, Sept. 4

- Women's Soccer vs. Modesto at Skyline, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 5

- Last day to drop semester length class with refund
- Last day to add semester length class
- Volleyball at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Foothill, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6

- Young diplomats from Andean countries event, 4:30 p.m., Rm 5131

Friday, Sept. 7

- Volleyball vs. Yuba at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Wrestling scrimmage at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. Ohlone at Skyline, 2 p.m.

You can see the event calendar at www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html

To add events to the calendar, visit www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html

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

Do you have a suggestion?

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- 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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