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Victoria P. Morrow, President
January 14, 2009

Welcome back to Skyline! I hope that everyone had a restful and rewarding winter break. I am publishing *Skyline Shines* a little early this week because I will be attending our "On Course" professional development workshop this Thursday-Saturday.

Skyline's new Web site is up—take a look!

You can take a look at our new dynamic Web site, starting today. Here is the link to the front page; just click on the "New Web site" button there: http://dev.skylinecollege.edu.

When you browse the new Web site, use the side navigation and breadcrumbs at the top of each page to move around the site. Also for those of you who have 'bookmarked' your frequently used pages in your 'favorites,' you will need to recreate them using the new Web site's URLs **after the official launch in February**. We welcome your feedback via the Web site e-suggestion box, also on the front page of our Web site.

The Web Site redesign project began a year ago as the outgrowth of the Fresh Look Project. The redesign drew upon Skyline's existing research as well as new research done in Spring 2008 to determine the structure of the new site. The new Web site is

organized to tailor information to Skyline's external various audiences (current students, high school students, future students, online students and community/business members). There is still, of course, a "Faculty and Staff" button on the front page as well. The "soft launch" begins today, and will last roughly through the spring semester. During this period, the old site will appear first, with a link to the new one. Starting February 17, the new site will appear first, but with a continuing link to the old site for about 3 months. After that, the old site will be archived so that we can access material on it if necessary.

The Fresh Look Web Site Redesign Advisory Group for this project was composed of representatives from faculty, staff, administrators, students, and district staff, and the Office of College Development, Marketing and Public Relations led the effort. Here are the members of the hardworking group who met during the past year, examined many Web sites, helped us select Interact Communications as our consultant, and worked through the process of identifying the key audiences upon which the site should focus. Judy Lariviere helped us with 508 accessibility issues. Please thank them when you see them: Lori Adrian, Anyta Archer, Laura Fraser, Brittany Piccolotti, Tom Broxholm, Teresita del Castillo-Brown, Nick Kapp, Judy Lariviere, Maria Norris, Raydan Al-hubaishi, Leigh Anne Sippel, Regina Stanback-Stroud and Jasmine Witham.

I appreciate the hard work of the whole group over the last year. During the last couple of months, the following people have been very focused on bringing the project to closure: Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman, Rakefet Avramovitz, Jasmine Witham, Laura Fraser and Ahmad Ladhani, Shanka Weerasinghe and Hanan Ibrahim from ITS. A special thanks to them!

Budget update

As you know from Kathy Blackwood's recent email to all of us, the governor has published his usual budget proposal for next year and for the remainder of this year. There is no legislative agreement to it yet. Kathy and Eloisa Briones, our College Business Officer, will be attending a detailed budget briefing in Sacramento this Friday to secure any additional information available, and our College Budget Committee will meet as usual the second week of this semester to hear about and discuss the latest information we have at that point. In addition, as I said in my last fall edition of *Skyline Shines,* if you missed Ron Galatolo's December 11 Open Forum on the budget here at Skyline, you can view it online at our iTunesU website at http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/. You can also get there from the district portal page at http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/portal/. Scroll down to iTunesU

Faculty Online Door Cards are a great boon to our students

We have developed a terrific tradition here of providing online faculty door cards for our students, and already 46 percent of the full-time faculty have their door cards online for the spring semester. Thanks to them and to all of you who are helping to ensure that students have ready access to this valuable information/

CSEA Chapter 33 elects new executive board

I wanted to share CSEA Chapter 33, December 10th, election results with you. Our own Linda Herda is the Chapter's treasurer and Chris Weidman is Skyline's 2nd VP. The new executive board started with the New Year.

President: Annette Perot
Treasurer: Linda Herda
CPAC: Charles Jones
2nd VP Cañada: Martyns Kanu
2nd VP Skyline: Chris Weidman
Job Stewards: Fleeta Rodriquez
Maria Lara
Mario Pena
Stephanie Samuelsen
Herb Mintz
Kathy Chaika
Chuck La Mere
Charles Jones
Brian Tupper

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our 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/.

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/skynotes/.

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