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Interested in the national and state fiscal situations and how they might affect the college?

The Co-Chairs of the College Budget Committee (CBC), Ray Hernandez and Eloisa Briones, have invited Kathy Blackwood, District Chief Financial Officer, to give the CBC an update on the state and district budgets. You are cordially invited to join CBC for a

Budget Update

Thursday, October 30, 2008

2:10 to 4:00 p.m.

Building 2, Room 2306

Kathy will not only provide the briefing on how the national and state budget situations might affect the college, but will also be available for questions. Please join us if you are interested. We have moved from the regular meeting location to Room 2306 to ensure that there is room.

College Success Initiative Coordinators are named

The Academic Senate has made a recommendation about the coordination for the College Success Initiative. That is the Basic Skills Initiative with a lot of the First Year Experience recommendations incorporated into it. I have accepted the Senate's recommendation, and am happy to announce that the Coordinator role will be shared by three people—Karen Wong (English), Jacquie Escobar (Counseling) and Soodi Zamani (Mathematics). Karen will take the lead but we will benefit from the perspective and expertise of all three of these great people and these three critical disciplines, assuring the college of robust and comprehensive results in serving our basic skills and first year students.

Journalism students bring home awards once again!

The Skyline View won eight awards--including General Excellence for Online Journalism--at this year's Journalism Association of Community Colleges Northern California Conference held October 11th in San Jose. John Harrison came home with four awards, including Second Place for On-the-Spot Editorial Cartoon, Third Place for Bring-in Ad, Fourth Place for Mail-In Editorial Cartoon, and Honorable Mention for Mail-In Student Advertisement. Other winners were Andrew Lidwell, Third Place for Bring-Infographic; Paul Sieger, Second Place for On-the-Spot Copyediting; and Sarah E. Markoff (pictured below), Second Place for On-the-Spot News Story.



Photo by Juan Diaz of The Skyline View

Teach-in on the Economy draws 200 people

On Wednesday a standing room only crowd joined speakers Nancy Kaplan-Biegel (professor of journalism), Masao Suzuki (professor of economics), and George Wright (professor of history). The teach-in was entitled "Background to the Current Financial Crisis" and it provided a rich opportunity to learn for students, faculty and staff. Please join me in thanking them for offering this. Here is George, hard at it.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Skyline students shine at SACNAS once again

At the Society for the Advancement of Native Americans and Chicanos in Science (SACNAS) Convention October 9-12, 13 Skyline students presented their original scientific research alongside students from University of Texas, Princeton University, Yale University, University of California, University of Vermont, and many other universities. There were 590 student presentations. Our students started their research in Chris Case's BIOL 230 last spring and continued with Chris through the summer in BIOL 690. Tiffany Reardon worked with the students to register and prepare them for presenting at a national conference. Chris and Tiffany report that we can be quite proud of these students, they were knowledgeable and professional, and represented us well.

- Kyle McCurdy and Ashley Tom, "Effect of Betel Nut Extract on the Growth of *Streptococcus mutans*."
- Bryan Robertson and Vincent Fong, "The Chinese Herb *Ilex kudingcha* Kills Bacteria."
- Claudia Briones and Jonathan Tolentino, "Antibacterial Activity of Herbal Extracts used in Native American Traditional Medicine."
- Lily Dang and Esmeralda Lopez-Rivas, "The Antibacterial Activity of *Aframomum melegueta*."
- Sagith George and Kyaw Kyaw Aung, "Analysis of Antimicrobial Activity of Yarron (*Achillea millefolium*)."

- Carmina Harris and Constance-joi Calonge, "Evaluation of the Antimicrobial Activity of *Eriodictyon californicum* in Laboratory Media and Food."
- Lana Alawwad, "Antibacterial Properties of the Arabic Plan Myrrh."

All of these students now have their first publication. Prizes were awarded to the best paper in each category. Skyline students Kyle McCurdy and Ashley Tom won the Microbiology award. Additionally, Chris Case received the 2009 SACNAS Community/tribal college mentor award. Here are Kyle and Ashley.



Latino literature class offers exciting speakers next Thursday evening



Faculty and students are invited to the U.S. Latino Literature class (Lit 370) to hear these exciting speakers!

When: Thursday, October 30

Where: Room 8220

Time: 8:00 p.m.

For more info, contact Kathleen Feinblum x4477

**Teatro Chicana
A Collective Memoir and Selected Plays**

By Laura E. Garcia, Sandra M. Gutierrez, and Felicitas Nuñez
Foreword by Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez



Teatro Chicana

Science Seminar provides another golden opportunity for students

The Science Seminar Series continues on Monday, October 27 with a lecture by Dr. Angela Huang with the UCSF Department of Neurology. She will discuss her research into the links of genetics and animal behavior. She will also present a research internship opportunity. Attendance verification will be provided for students who attend as part of a class assignment.

Title: Genetic Studies of Behavior - Of Mice and Man

Date: Monday, October 27

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Building 2, Room 2-306

And there are some film viewing opportunities for Halloween

Skyline COLLEGE Join the **International Students' Association (ISA)** for a spectacular

Bollywood HORROR Movie Night

Featuring: **Bhool Bhulaiyaa**
Time: 5 pm
Date: **Oct 30, Thursday**
Venue: **Building 6, 6202**

RAFFLE :: FUN :: FOOD :: DRINKS

email elaine at skylineisa@gmail.com for more enquiries

Friday, October 31st
11:00am - 1:00pm
Skyline College Main theater

FREE! 11th ANNUAL FREE!
HALLOWEEN
FILM EVENT

Featuring the classic Halloween comedy

WEAR YOUR SPOOKIEST 'HORROR MOVIE' COSTUME!

YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

Skyline COLLEGE

Generously sponsored by the ESOL and Foreign Languages departments

AND

Romance of Magno Rubio brought the community to Skyline

"The Romance of Magno Rubio" was a phenomenal success -- and completely sold out! We had students from various organizations and schools, including Pilipino Youth Coalition, Liwanag Kultural Center, Riordan High School, SFSU, SJSU, UC Berkeley, Cal State East Bay, Sacramento City College, City College of San Francisco, and of course, Skyline College. Philippine International Aid, Little Manila Foundation, and Filipinos for Obama were also on hand. It was a penetrating look at Filipino American history performed by a first rate cast, and I am so glad I had the opportunity to witness it. Here is a shot of the Filipino Student Union at Skyline, along with Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado.



Photo by Jeremy Lassen

WE Empower Women Conference is available for anyone who missed it

ITS recorded the *WE Empower Women to Be Architects of Change* Conference which was held last Wednesday and available at that time. Thanks to Amory Cariadus for arranging for viewing in Room 6206 during the event and to Jim Petromilli and the ITS staff for making the arrangements for the live feed in Room 5131 that day and for creating the recording. If you are interested, beginning next week, the Media Center will have copies available for checkout.



Welcome to Alan Ceccarelli, new Theater Events Manager

Alan Ceccarelli will be joining us as our new Theater Events Manager this coming Monday, Oct. 27. Alan will be in charge of all of the technical aspects of the theater. Alan has extensive experience in the theater ranging from being the technical director/theater supervisor and educator at Kern High School District to having been a stage hand, electrician, scenic artist and props master on Disney cruises. Please join the Social Science/Creative Arts Division at a reception to welcome Alan and introduce you to him on Wed. Nov. 5 from 10:30 to 11:30 am in the Theater Lobby.

College Council update

The Council met on Wednesday, October 23. Provided below is a synopsis of the meeting. Minutes of prior meetings are archived at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>.

- 1. Budget update:** Eloisa Briones, Skyline's Director of Business Services, updated the Council on the budget information provided by Kathy Blackwood at the meeting of the District Committee on Budget and Finance earlier this week. Kathy reiterated the October 1 information sent district wide to all employees from Jim Keller concerning SMCCCD's investment in the county investment pool and the effect of its losses on the district's bond fund and its general unrestricted fund. Kathy also alerted the committee to the potential implications of the Governor's special legislative session on the budget and the possible mid-year budget cuts it may bring. Eloisa informed the College Council that all members of the college are invited to the regular College Budget Committee (CBC) meeting next Thursday and indicated that a college wide message to that effect would be going out later in

the day. Kathy Blackwood will be there to explain the above in more detail and to answer questions. The CBC meeting will be Thursday, October 30, 2:10-4:00 pm in Room 2306.

2. **District Shared Governance Council (DSGC) update:** Connie Beringer described the DSGC discussion of a proposed change in the Rules and Regulations 2.09 document, "District Shared Governance Process," with regard to how to achieve consensus. The proposal calls for a change with two alternatives being considered: 50% plus 1 (7 voters if there is a minimum quorum) or 2/3 vote (8 voters with a minimum quorum). The Council discussed it, and all constituencies are working with their members on the question, which will be decided at the next DSGC meeting in early November.
3. **Building 4 inscription:** 73 proposals were received and are being ranked by the Council members. There will be a special meeting of the Council on October 28 meeting to discuss the proposals and create a short list. That list will be reviewed by the librarians, and the remaining proposals will be subjected to a college wide online vote.
4. **College Hour proposal:** After reviewing the subcommittee's data on numbers of classes meeting at different times in the afternoon, the Council approved the following motion: Effective fall 2009, College Hour will be established on Wednesday, from 2:00-3:30 pm. There will be a limited number of classes meeting at that time. The Council will consider this to be an experiment and will assess it at the end of the year. Guidelines to assist those scheduling events during that time will be developed by the subcommittee.
5. **Smoking policy:** At the prior meeting the faculty, classified staff and management members of the Council indicated the approval of their groups for a change in the college's smoking policy to the following: "Smoking permitted in parking lots only, effective fall 2009." The ASSC representatives, Mauricio Flores and Brittany Piccolotti, updated the group on the discussions of the ASSC since the last Council meeting, and their vote to approve the proposal. The Council then voted to approve the proposal. During this year discussions will continue on the implementation details including publicity about the new policy, locations of ash trays and benches and other particulars.
6. **40th Anniversary planning:** Sandy Irber presented an approach to planning for the college's 40th anniversary, which will be next year. The Council concurred with the general approach, which will include a college-wide planning task force of interested people. Planning will take place during the spring semester 2009, and events celebrating the 40th will take place during the 2009-2010 academic year. The Council will discuss the details further at its next meeting. One mechanism for inviting ideas from the college as a whole will be the placement on the front page of our website of a button for submitting them.
7. **Website redesign update:** Sandy provided an update on the website redesign, indicating that the project is on track for the "soft launch" of the new site on December 12. On that date, the old website will include a button linking to the new site. Both sites will run in parallel through February 4, at which time, the new site will be primary, with a button on its front page linking to the old site. The Faculty/Staff section of the website is being designed and the Fresh Look Advisory Group Website Redesign Subcommittee gave advice on it, assisted by members of the Technology Advisory Committee and others.
8. **Proposed Textbook Cost Task Force:** Ray Hernandez presented the Academic Senate's proposal for a Textbook Costs Task Force. This effort is part of a state wide effort to contain textbook costs in a variety of ways. The Task Force will be a Senate committee, but the other members of the Council concurred with the idea and agreed to appoint appropriate representatives to the group. The Task Force will discuss the issues surrounding textbook costs at Skyline, identify short and long term strategies for reducing textbook costs, and create a plan for implementation of these strategies.
9. **Next meeting:** December 10.

Coming Up ...

Friday, October 24

- Passionately Pink for the Cure, Health Center, Rm 2209
- Classified Council - Popcorn 'n a Movie, noon -1:30 p.m., Rm 6202
- Women's Soccer at Pittsburg, 3:30pm
- Men's Soccer at Las Positas College, 4pm
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30pm
- Men's Wrestling, 7pm

Saturday, October 25

- Wrestling Double Dual at Menlo, 4:30pm

Sunday, October 26

- Wrestling at Atherton, 9am

Monday, October 27

- Politique Poetique exhibit through Oct. 31. Hours vary. See www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery
- Genetic Studies of Behavior - Of Mice and Man, 4pm, Rm 2306

Tuesday, October 28

- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 2pm
- Women's Soccer, 4pm

Wednesday, October 29

- CAOT Bake Sale, 8 am - 12 pm, Bldg 8
- Marriage Equality Forum, 1:30- 3 pm, Rm 6202
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30pm

Thursday, October 30

- Bollywood Horror Movie Night, 5 p.m., Room 6202

Friday, October 31

- Halloween Costume and Film Party: "Young Frankenstein," 11am - 1 pm, Main Theatre
- Men's Soccer at Monterey, 2pm
- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 2pm
- Women's Volleyball at DeAnza, 6:30pm

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

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 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/>.