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Budget update

Here are a couple of key updates on our budget situation. The first is a reminder that Chancellor Ron Galatolo will be coming to each college for an Open Forum to brief everyone and to take questions on any aspect of our district's approach. Skyline's meeting with him next Thursday:

Open Forum with Ron Galatolo
Thursday, December 11
2:10-4:00 pm, Main Theater

Cañada College will have a similar meeting on Wednesday, December 10, at 2:00 pm in Building 3, Room 142. CSM's meeting is slated for on Monday, December 15th at 2:15 pm (location to be decided). Skyline people are welcome there if that time is more convenient for you.

Second, our College Budget Committee (CBC) met yesterday to consider budget suggestions which have been submitted



to the college through our Budget eSuggestion Box: Then the group moved on to take action on expense reduction strategies for the current year which will be implemented immediately. These approaches will allow the college to weather up to a 5% reduction in state revenue. If the current year cut goes deeper, more drastic measures would be required. Finally, the group examined an initial revenue projection for next year's budget which reflects the college's excellent growth and a resulting mitigation of the cuts the college will have to take. Nonetheless, there will still be serious expense reductions required for the 2009-10 year. The retirement incentives that will be considered by the Board next week could help, and the CBC will also be considering later this month other service reductions and the defunding of some positions in conjunction with managed hiring as well. There is a more detailed discussion below under the CBC update.

Voting December 5-17 on proposed inscriptions for new Building 4

We are ready for voting by members of the college and the community concerning proposed inscriptions for new Building 4. Construction on the new building will begin in the winter of 2009, with completion about two years later. The building will house the college's new Multicultural Center, the Cosmetology program, the administrative offices and many new classrooms. The inscriptions being considered are drawn from a list of dozens of proposals submitted this fall and then culled by the College Council to the eight below. They are listed alphabetically by author.

1. Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. - *John Dewey*
2. It isn't where you came from, it's where you're going that counts. - *Ella Fitzgerald*
3. To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act. - *Anatole France*
4. Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other. - *John F. Kennedy*
5. Chance favors the prepared mind. - *Louis Pasteur*
6. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. - *Eleanor Roosevelt*
7. The wisest mind has something yet to learn. - *George Santayana*

8. Wisdom outweighs any wealth. – *Sophocles*

Here is how the voting will take place: Rob Johnstone, our Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, has created an electronic voting process for us. He is emailing passwords to all Skyline students and employees and to the community members on our President's Council and President's Council Advisory Board. The voting will be open today through Wednesday, December 17. I will let you know the results in my final edition of *Skyline Shines* for this semester, on December 19. Please participate in the voting so that our final selections have maximum input from everyone!

Construction update: Loop Road closure beginning January 2

We will be initiating work in January on several major construction projects at Skyline. These projects include construction of two new buildings (Building 4N and Building 11N), roadway and gateway improvements, parking lot expansion and extensive landscaping enhancements. Throughout the time of construction, which is expected to continue for two years, we will continue to use the old Pacific Heights School for instruction. In order to accommodate the construction work and ensure safety, it will be necessary to close the drop off/visitor parking area near the college Library and to close a portion of the Skyline Loop Road that circles the campus beginning approximately January 2. We expect this closure to last roughly through spring 2011. Richard Inokuchi will be sending out his usual construction update, with a more detailed map identifying staff and ADA parking.



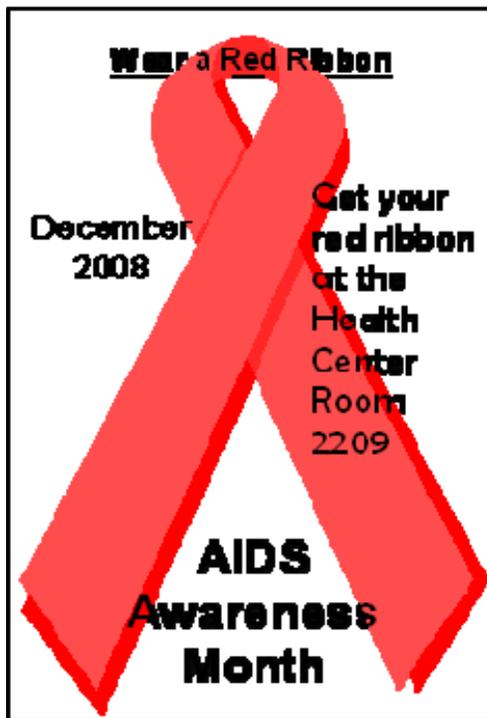
Website redesign update

The college website redesign is a complex project with many moving parts, and an extra couple of weeks are needed to put the finishing touches on the new website. The "soft launch" has been postponed to January 12, 2009. On that date, our current website will have a button which will link to the "new" website. Feedback will be collected and changes made before the new website "goes live" on February 17th. At that time, the current website will then be accessible from the new website. We will extend our December "freeze" of info updating of the current website until January 12th. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Skyline musicians performing in two venues

I am looking forward to tonight's annual winter concert by the college's Concert Band, Concert choir and Jazz Ensemble. It will be free and offered at 7:30 pm in the Main Theater, thanks to Billy Robinson, Russell Ferreira and Jude Navari, along with their students. On Sunday, the Concert Choir will perform again in the "Elizabethan way" at Pacifica's Sanchez Concert Hall, at 3 pm.

December is AIDS Awareness Month



Skyline High School Day for Workability students draws 80

On Tuesday, December 2, Skyline College hosted a High School Day specifically for the Workability Programs of both the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD) and South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD). Workability III programs, in collaboration with Skyline College's DSPS program, provide transitional job training services to students with disabilities. Over 80 students attended the all-day experience that included visiting college classes and exchanging questions with a diverse student panel. The high school students greatly appreciated hearing about the student panel's college experiences and perspectives and found their interaction with the Skyline College student panel "inspirational." The visiting students also participated in a series of comprehensive campus tours that emphasized special programs, such as the Automotive Program, Cosmetology Program, and the Child Development Center. Judy Lariviere, Assistive Technology instructor, provided an Assistive Technology presentation and Professor Linda Van Sciver, DSPS Coordinator, provided an overview of the application and registration process. The day concluded with lunch and Skyline giveaways. Many thanks to all the student panelists and volunteers. This event would not have been possible without the collaboration of Linda Van Sciver, Judy Lariviere, Beth Beiers, Chris Weidman, and the rest of the DSPS/Workability III faculty and staff. A very big thank you to the Outreach Team: Nate Nevado, Kenny Gonzalez, Danny Tostado and Jocelyn Vila; and the outstanding support of Kristen Abel, Vivian Paw, and Marisa Mariano, for coordinating this successful event. The event was funded by the President's Innovation Fund.

Skyline College Tech Prep Career Pathways event draws a crowd

Skyline's Tech Prep Career Pathways Event sponsored by the College's Tech Prep program on November 19 was an outstanding success. We welcomed to our campus 160 students from our local high schools—E I Camino, South San Francisco, Westmoor, Terra Nova, Jefferson and San Mateo. Students attended a general meeting and received an overview of the various career pathways offered by Skyline College. Sandra Rodrigues, Counselor and Puente Coordinator, provided information about the matriculation process to the students. Students split up into groups and attended focus group meetings highlighting some of Skyline's programs: Accounting – hosted by Marv Steinberg; Early Childhood Education – hosted by Kathryn Browne; Automotive Technology – hosted by Julia Johnson; Computer Applications & Office Technology – hosted by Sita Motipara and Christine Roumbanis; and Medical Assisting and Medical Billing and Coding – hosted by Bernadette Newland. After the individualized tours and focus group workshops, all participants were treated to pizza. Thanks to all of them, and to Christine Roumbanis for putting it all together.

Historically Black College Fair

The annual Historically Black College Fair took place at the City College of San Francisco. Several Skyline College - ASTEP students piled in to get admissions recommendations from university representatives from such prestigious institutions as Howard University, Texas Southern University, and Wilberforce University (all of which former ASTEP students are currently attending). During the lunch period of the college fair, Murrell Green (ASTEP coordinator) served as the keynote speaker of the afternoon informing out of town guests about the ASTEP program and other learning communities that assist students with community college matriculation.



Composer Marcus Shelby meets with students as he prepares his Martin Luther King Jr. Day composition

On November 20, famed jazz musician Marcus Shelby honored ASTEP students by conducting a workshop on the history of music and the effects of this music throughout African American culture. Students were thrilled as Mr. Shelby played various musical selections on his bass. Marcus Shelby also held a brief discussion with several ASTEP students regarding Dr. Martin Luther King. Marcus hopes to work with ASTEP students in the future as he prepares to create a composition based on the results of Dr. King's work in the lives of modern day students. This year's 10th Annual San Mateo County Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be acknowledged with a special event on Sunday afternoon, January 18, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City. This event will feature the première performance of a jazz composition on the themes of Dr. King, composed by Marcus Shelby and performed by the full Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra. Shelby is a renowned Bay Area musician, composer, orchestra leader and educator. As part of the composing process, Shelby is meeting in conversation with students about Dr. King and the meaning of his message today. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration and Freedom Train will begin with a preprogram at 9:00 am at the Downtown San Mateo CalTrain Station. This is the Freedom Train's only San Mateo County stop from San Jose to San Francisco, arriving at approximately 10:30 a.m. Peninsula participants will join 1,500 Freedom Train riders to the San Francisco MLK, Jr. Day events. Special Freedom Train tickets are sold only at the MLK, Jr. Day Celebration. **Regular CalTrain tickets are not valid.** Freedom Train tickets are good on any return train that day. There is no cost for the Sunday Event or the Monday morning Celebration. For the MLK, Jr. Day Hotline, call (650) 377-8708 or email info@mlksmc.com.



Photo by Shelly Hausman

Honors Transfer Program students visit the DeYoung

Honors Transfer Program (HTP) student Melba Madrigal reports, "A sunny day, smiling faces, and a desire to learn set the mood for the field trip attended by members of the HTP Learning Community consisting of English 100 and Social

Psychology. The students gathered together on Saturday, November 22, at the DeYoung Museum to take in the modern art by renowned Asian American artists such as Maya Lin and Chiura Obata. The students enjoyed a VIP tour of the museum, reuniting together for lunch with Professors Jennifer Merrill and Karen Wong. It was an experience equally educational and personal where students learned and shared much about art and each other.” HTP student Genevieve Tiangco, adds, “WE all had such a GREAT time, especially ME. It was a great way to bond and form relationships with the other students. It definitely brought me back into the art world. The experience I had with all of you opened up many doors for me in such a positive way. I had forgotten how profoundly art spoke to me before; I had forgotten how liberating it feels to express oneself to the fullest extent. I am grateful because on this day--it really did speak to me.”



Educators celebrate Career and Technical Education in San Mateo County

San Mateo County Regional Occupational Program (ROP) and the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Career and Technical Education (CTE) Collaborative recently hosted a county wide breakfast to “*Celebrate Career Technical Education.*” This exciting event, held at the San Francisco Airport Hyatt Hotel on Friday, November 21, served over 90 high school, ROP, and community college faculty and staff. The event staged an opportunity for CTE providers to learn from each other and promote the many CTE programs available to students throughout our county. I delivered the keynote address. Community College Tech Prep Coordinators Patricia Brannock from CSM, Carolyn Jung from Canada, and Christine Roumbanis from Skyline, delivered a presentation on the opportunities created for students through articulation agreements. Apprenticeship programs, selected CTE career pathways, and the San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board were featured as well. This event was funded in part by the Chancellor’s Office, California Community Colleges, through a grant called the SMCCCD CTE Collaborative. The grant is managed at Skyline through the Center for Workforce Development. Here Christine and I are, getting ready for our presentations.



Photo by Marie Morgan (ROP)

East meets West at Skyline

On Wednesday, December 3, MECCA, WIT Club, Honors Club, the United Nations Club and the Associated Students of Skyline College sponsored East meets West, a program of cultural exchange between the United States and the Middle East. The program featured student and faculty speakers who recently traveled to the United Nations in New York, along

with Middle Eastern food and entertainment. Music was provided by Eliyahu & The Qadim Ensemble and there was also a belly dancing performance by Mallory Nomura-Saul, Tiana Nomura-Saul, Hilde Cannoodt, and Leigh Anne Sippel. Approximately 70 people attended the fun and interesting event. In the first photo below are Katharine Harer, Honors Transfer Program Coordinator; Brenda Smith, Former UN Club President; Mohsen Imadi of the Permanent Mission of Iran to the UN; and Virginia Rosales, WIT, HTP & UN Club member. Leo Rosales, HTP & UN Club member, took the photo when they all visited New York in July 2008.



First photo by Leo Rosales. Other photos by Virginia Rosales

Skyline's 40th Anniversary Celebration is coming, so it's time for ideas

Next year, 2009-2010m will be Skyline's 40th Anniversary. Planning for the celebration will take place in the spring semester. We welcome ideas for ways to celebrate and to bring in the community, as well as volunteers to join us in the planning. Please click on the link to contribute your ideas!



College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee held its regular meeting on December 4, 2008.

1. **Sharepoint update:** Ray Hernandez, Academic Senate President/CBC Co-Chair, introduced the CBC Sharepoint site that he and Anyta Archer set up for use by committee members as a repository for CBC meeting agendas, minutes of meetings and budget and other materials that the committee reviews. Access to the Sharepoint will be limited to CBC members. The committee will try this new tool and develop the site as we go along.
2. **Budget saving suggestions:** Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services/CBC Co-Chair, distributed copies of the DCBF Budget Saving Suggestions and Skyline's Budget e-Suggestions. The committee discussed them and agreed that they will review these lists further and will share comments at the next meeting. Linda Whitten and Eloisa Briones will forward Skyline's suggestions and comments to the District Committee on Budget and Finance. and updated Budget Reduction Strategies for 2008-09 thru 2009-10.
3. **Preliminary 2008-09 and 2009-10 college budget reductions:** Eloisa distributed the 2008-09 revenue and expenditure scenarios showing budget reductions should the district deficit fall between 3% and 10% of the site allocations. The President, VPs and deans were able to identify \$1.1 million in reductions which can tide the college through cuts up to 5% of the site allocation in the current year. That amount of reductions combines savings from last year, savings created by our high load (WSCH/FTEF), and savings from some vacant positions which will not be filled this year. They also include a move to evening services at the college only two evenings a week, starting in the spring semester. The committee reviewed each reduction strategy and voted to approve their implementation in spring 2009. The committee also reviewed the early 2009-10 resource allocation calculation provided by Kathy Blackwood that assumes no growth and a district deficit of \$6 million. The net reduction to the Skyline site allocation compared to 2008-09 will only be 4.4%. The committee applauded Skyline's growth and productivity which resulted in a \$1.6 million increase in its site allocation. The CBC likewise acknowledged the college's administration for its leadership and the climate of trust that prevails within the institution. The suggested reduction strategies for 2009-10 total over \$500,000 leaving \$1.4 million of reductions that yet to be identified. Potentially, the college will gain savings when employees avail themselves of retirement incentives and when the managed hiring process is rolled out. That will include defunding of some positions.
4. **Chancellor's Forum:** In lieu of a CBC meeting, the Chancellor Galatolo will hold an open forum on Thursday Dec. 11 at 2:10 p.m. at the Main Theater. CBC and the college community will attend.
5. **Next meeting:** The last regular CBC meeting for the fall semester will be held on Wednesday, December 17th. The CBC minutes are archived at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycbc/home.html>.

Coming Up ...

Friday, December 5

- Women's Basketball at Laney College, 7 pm
- The Winter Concert, A Musical Event, 7:30 pm, Main Theatre
- Men's Basketball at Barstow College, 8 pm
- Financial Aid Office closed

Saturday, December 6

- Wrestling at Fresno, 9 am
- Men's Basketball at Reedley College, 4 pm

Sunday, December 7

- Skyline Concert Choir at Sanchez Concert Hall, Pacifica, 3 pm

Monday, December 8

- Study Abroad in China: Information Session, 5:15 pm, Rm 8302

Tuesday, December 9

- Skyline College Art and Ceramics Sale, through Dec. 11
- Financial Aid Office will close at 4:30 pm

- Men's Basketball at Skyline, 7 pm
- Financial Office will close at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10

- Women's Basketball at Skyline, 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 11

- Open Forum with Ron Galatolo, 2:10 pm, Main Theatre

Friday, December 12

- Final Examinations (Day and Evening)
- Women's Basketball at Merritt College, 3 pm
- Annual Hermanos and Hermanas "Noche de Familia," 6 pm, Cafeteria
- Men's Basketball at Skyline, 8 pm

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 suggestions specific to the **budget**, 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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