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Second Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan coming up

The latest draft of the District Strategic Plan is available for district wide review at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information; see the "District Draft Strategic Plan". The recommendations are on pages xiii-xx. We held an Open Forum last May on an earlier draft, and we have since had a special meeting of community members from the President's Council to hear their input. The Plan has been revised based on that and other input district wide, and in order to provide one last opportunity for Skyline peoples' input, we are going to hold another Open Forum later this month:

Open Forum

Tuesday, September 23
2:10-4:00 pm, Room 2306

We will also provide for electronic input via our website; that mechanism will be available on our website by later today (right below the Plan at the link above). The **deadline for input will be Tuesday, September 30**. The plan is slated to be refined after this round of input, and then the Board plans to take action on it later in the fall semester.

Building 4 inscription proposal deadline fast approaching

This is a reminder about our process for identifying and selecting the two inscriptions for our new Building 4 (Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classrooms and Administration).

Criteria for the content of the inscription

- Length: 51 or 60 characters in length maximum (depending upon the site) including spaces between words.
- Appropriate to the educational mission of the college and inspirational in relation to it.
- Timeless (i.e. no buzz words or jargon) and suitable for a permanent installation.
- Written by an author suitable for this permanent use of a quote.
- Fostering inclusion and community.

Deadline and process for submission of proposals

The deadline for submission of proposals will be **Friday, October 10, 4:30 pm**. They must be submitted to Linda Ghio either in writing or electronically (ghiol@smccd.edu) or placed in *Building 4 Inscription Proposal* boxes which will be located in the One Stop (Building 2, 2nd floor), in the lobby of Building 1, in the Student Center, and in the Library (Building 5, 2nd floor). For questions, contact Mr. Hewitt at 650-738-4313 or email him at Hewitt@smccd.net or see him in the Library, Building 5, Room 5210.

And there is one other building note—you may notice orange markings on the ground north of Building 3 and east of Building 5. They identify the boundaries of new Building 4.

Romance of Magno Rubio comes to Skyline

The Kababayan Program is proud to host the Ma-Yi Theater Production of *The Romance of Magno Rubio* by Lonnie Carter on Thursday, October 9th through Sunday, October 12th, 2008 in the Main Theater. Brought over from New York, *The Romance of Magno Rubio* will be shown for the first time on the West Coast at only two locations: the Bob Hope Theatre in Stockton and Skyline College's Main Theater. The play is being presented with the Little Manila Foundation and Philippine International Aid. The Little Manila Foundation (<http://littlemanila.net>) advocates for the historic preservation of the Little Manila Historic Site in Stockton, California and provides education and leadership to revitalize the Filipina/o

American community, and Philippine International Aid (<http://www.phil-aid.org>) which provides educational assistance to disadvantaged Filipino youth in Manila and in the San Francisco Bay Area. A winner of 8 Obie Awards, *The Romance of Magno Rubio*, based on a short story by Carlos Bulosan, is about a Filipino immigrant worker in 1930s California who dreams of true love. This production stars the 2007 New York cast — Arthur Acuña, Bernardo Bernardo, Ramon de Ocampo, JoJo Gonzales and Paolo Montalban — and is directed by Loy Arcenas.

Student Night is Thursday, October 9. Student Night tickets are only available through the Kababayan Program; all other tickets are available on <http://www.brownpapertickets.com>. For Student Night tickets, please contact Therese Pareja at (650) 392-9252 and theresepareja@yahoo.com or Liza Erpelo at (650) 738-4119 and erpelol@smccd.edu. Ticket sales will start in the Quad next week

Thursday, October 9th at 8 pm

Tickets: \$10 pre-sale, \$15 at the door

Valid student ID required.

Thanks to the generosity of Wells Fargo and Phillipine International Aid's special contributors, all ticktes Friday, Saturday and Sunday are \$25 each. They were originally \$45-65, so that is a wonderful benefit. Faculty and Staff know that they are welcome to attend Student Night on Thursday, but those tickets will only be available at the door on the night of the show on a first-come, first-served basis for \$25. While all proceeds from the show are going to Philippine International Aid, the students in the Kababayan Program are fundraising by seeking sponsorship for advertisements or donations.

Proceeds from the ads will directly support Kababayan Program activities, such as Pilipino Cultural Night, and add to our scholarship funds. The students in *English 104: Applied English Skills for Cultural Production* are all involved in the advertising and fundraising, and will be helping out with technical, behind-the-scenes action as well as coordinating the lobby.



Art Faculty Exhibit hours now posted

The Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12 until 3 and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8. The Skyline Art Faculty Exhibit will run from September 2-26. The faculty whose work will be shown include Aya Artola, Jody Keane, Ann Turner, Noah Buchanan, Ilana Crispi, Michael Pauker, Maureen Delaney, Ellen Lowenstein, Paul Bridenbaugh, Arthur Takayama, David Kerr, Elieen David, Tiffany Schmierer, Laura Siegal and Joe Rodriguez. There are

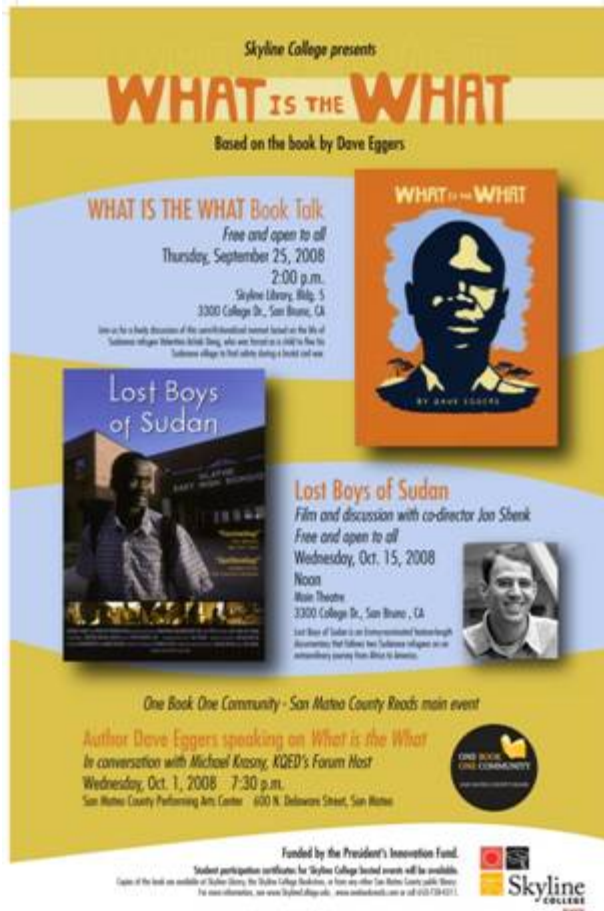
pictures of some of the works to be exhibited on the Gallery webpage at http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skygallery/exhibits/past_exhibits/faculty08/faculty08.html.

Science speaker series comes to Skyline this fall

MESA, the Chemistry Department, and the Bridges to Baccalaureate Program of SFSU are sponsoring a speaker series this Fall on the Skyline campus. The second and third September Seminars will be held at 4pm on Tuesday, September 16, September 23 and September 30 in Room 2-306. The first of these three will be a good introduction for any student who might be interested in studying science or doing undergraduate research, even those students in the earliest semesters of science programs. The presentation will be Student Research Presentations by Student Research Interns. Skyline students who conducted research this past summer in the Bridges to Baccalaureate program and other summer laboratory internships will present their research to the Skyline community. This is an excellent opportunity to get an idea of the wide variety of research projects available to first and second-year science students. The second seminar will be presented by Dr. Leticia Marquez-Magana from SFSU. Her talk is titled "Diversity in Science from Bacteria to Cancer Biology". Her current research involves looking at diversity and equity in cancer research. These questions involve science, public policy, and politics. This seminar should have a wide appeal to students of both life and physical sciences, and those interested in the social and political sciences. The final seminar will feature one of our own professors, Dr. Melissa Michelitsch, speaking on "Mad Cow Disease: Are We at Risk?". She is a Professor of Biotechnology at Skyline. She will discuss her research in the field of prions – the proteins responsible for BSE (mad cow disease) and related conditions in humans. Her research includes development of a test for prions in human blood. She will also share experiences from university and industry research. This is sure to be of interest to those in science and to the general Skyline community as well.

Skyline presents "What Is The What" events based on the book by Dave Eggers complementing One Book One Community- San Mateo County Reads

I have had the pleasure of reading the book and seeing the film mentioned below, and I recommend them both. The "What Is The What" Book Talk is free and open to all on Thursday, September 25 at 2:00 p.m. at the Skyline Library. Tom Hewitt, Director of Library Services here, will lead the discussion of this semi-fictionalized memoir based on the life of Sudanese refugee Valentino Achak Deng. Deng was forced as a child to flee his Sudanese village to find safety during a brutal civil war. In addition, "Lost Boys of Sudan," a free film and discussion with co-director Jon Shenk, will take place on Wednesday, October 15 at noon at the Main Theatre. "Lost Boys of Sudan" is an Emmy-nominated feature-length documentary that follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America. Events are funded by the President's Innovation Fund. Copies of the book are available at Skyline Library, the Skyline College Bookstore, or from any other San Mateo County public library. For more information, see www.SkylineCollege.edu , www.onebookreads.com or call 650-738-4311.



Hancock named president of CACCRAO for 2008-09

Sherri Hancock, Dean of Enrollment Services, assumed the role of president of the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACCRAO) in July 2008. CACCRAO provides information to its members about professional and programmatic best practices, legislative updates, and policy developments; and holds regional and annual conferences. Please join me in congratulating Sherri.

The Child Development Center has a “wish list”

Please consider donating items to the Child Development Center. You can view their Wish List at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/childcare.html>

New college directory available on our website

Thanks to Regina Stanback Stroud and Antonae Robertson, we now have a very nifty directory for the college on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/fachome.html>, one click from the home page. It includes an alphabetized listing of all employees and a 1 pager for departments (this last can be printed out to keep on your desk if you like). Each of the names in the larger directory is hyperlinked to the district directory entry.

College Council Annual Report for 2007-08 now online

Each year we compile an Annual Report on the work of the College Council, displaying alphabetically by topic everything the Council has discussed, with the detail from the minutes of each date on which that topic was handled. This is the third annual edition, and it, and the prior ones, are all available on our College Council website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>. As we all know, last year was particularly dense with topics of college-wide discussion, so this edition is particularly long. Thanks to Linda Ghio for compiling it and to the hardworking members of the Council for their robust discussion of so many different issues!

Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) update

The IPC held its first meeting of the year this Wednesday, chaired by Rob Johnstone, new Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness. Here is a synopsis of the meeting. Prior meeting minutes are available at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under “Committees.”

1. **Review of IPC Purpose:** The committee recommitted to its three primary goals: coordinating college-wide planning, implementing a college-wide measurement system (the Balanced Scorecard), and developing a college-wide research agenda.

2. **Enrollment Update:** The committee reviewed the latest data on the college's enrollment and load, and both are very strong in Fall 2008, with FTES up at least 6% at census and load hovering near 590. Following a strong summer where the college had a 24% FTES increase, things are definitely on track to reach our 2008-09 FTES goal of a 7% increase.
3. **IPC Goals for 2008-09:** The committee's main goals were established, including further determining a research agenda, reviewing the CCSSE (Community College Survey of Student Engagement) report on the student survey conducted last spring and suggesting next steps; conducting and integrating the Basic Skills Initiative research; further refining the Balanced Scorecard; and reviewing and reflecting on the state's forthcoming Transfer Leadership Center Qualitative Case Study report on Skyline and the other six outstanding colleges.
4. **Balanced Scorecard:** As the 2007-08 year-end report is being finalized, the group discussed in detail the items on the scorecard and suggested revisions.
5. **Next Steps:** The October meeting will focus on final approval of the Fall 2008 College Almanac and the 2007-08 Balanced Scorecard, and on review of the Transfer Center Report. The November meeting will include a presentation on the "Invest in Success" approach developed in the statewide BSI "Poppy Copy" report.

Coming Up ...

Friday, September 12

- Last Day to Drop a Semester Length Class without Appearing on Record
- Wrestling at Santa Rosa, 6 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 1 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Modesto JC, 3:30 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 15

- Asian Culture Week, Sept. 15-20
- Chinese Food Festival, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Quad
- "An American in China" - Free Film - 1 p.m., Main Theatre
- Faculty Art Show continues through Sept. 26

Tuesday, September 16

- Men's Soccer at Modesto JC, 4 p.m.
- Student Research Presentations - Science Seminar Series, 4 p.m., Room 2306

Wednesday, September 17

- Chinese Food Festival, 11:30am – 12:45pm, Quad
- "The Postmodern Life of My Aunt" - Free Film - 1 p.m., Main Theatre

Friday, September 19

- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 4 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Hartnell College, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

- Chinese Dance Performance - Asian Culture Week, 7:30 p.m. Advance sales: \$18 At the door: \$20. Contact (650) 738-4122.
- Wrestling at Sacramento, 9 a.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30 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

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/>.