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If you have not signed up for emergency text messages, now is the time

As I have said in our recent Open Forums, the district has been working on a change to our text messaging service in order to ensure that the messages go out quickly. That work is complete and we now have assurance of speedy delivery of emergency text messages. I encourage everyone to sign up for the service, so I am repeating here a Tuesday message from Eric Raznick of our district ITS department.



As the recent incident at Skyline College reminded us, having a communications system that enables us to send campus emergency messages rapidly is essential in today's world. One of the ways colleges can send out emergency information is to use a text messaging system. The District has had a system in place since the Fall of 2007. We have been very successful in receiving signups and have utilized the system on a couple of occasions to send out alerts on campus closures due to power failures and, of course, during the recent event at Skyline. Although the system did send out the messages, some people did not receive the messages in a timely manner.

ITS is pleased to announce that we now have a new system in place to send out emergency text message alerts. The new system has the ability to send thousands of messages in a very short time. The services is called AlertU and has been installed at a number of other colleges and universities for some time. Cell phone numbers for staff who previously enrolled in our old system were moved to AlertU. Students who are enrolled in a course in the Fall 2009 term were also moved to AlertU.

If you have not signed up before or just want to make sure your number has been correctly recorded, you can find out at <http://www.smccd.edu/alertu/>

An added benefit of the new system is that you do not have to be a student or employee to enroll. Anyone interested in subscribing (parents, contractors working on campus, outside law enforcement, the media, etc) are welcome to enroll. A complete FAQ on the new system is available at <http://www.smccd.edu/alertu/default.shtml#faq>.

The Program Improvement and Viability (PIV) process is under way

The Skyline College Curriculum Committee has launched the Program Improvement and Viability (PIV) Process to develop recommendations for programs placed under consideration. The recommendations may be to continue the program, modify the program, place the program on hiatus or discontinue the program. Several steps have been taken toward implementing the process.

- Vice President Stanback Stroud went to the first academic senate meeting to alert the faculty leaders of the need to use the governance process in place in order to make programmatic decisions as a result of the budget situation.
- The Academic Senate President, Curriculum Committee Chair, Instructional Deans, and Vice President of Instruction formed a PIV leadership team to ensure open communication. The team will meet on a regular basis (weekly – bi-weekly) in order to keep communication lines open.

- The Academic Senate has appointed the task force members and is waiting to confirm the final appointee from the Social Science Creative Arts Division. The committee members are
 - Fermin Irigoyen – Language Arts
 - Ray Hernandez – Science, Math, Technology
 - Joe Morello – Physical Education, Athletics and Dance
 - Christine Roumbanis – Business Division
 - Regina Stanback Stroud – Vice President, Instruction
 - Arthur Takayama-Social Science-Creative Arts
 - ASSC representative - TBA
- Deans, the Academic Senate and Curriculum Committee members have been alerted to their appropriate role in proposing programs for consideration in the process. (Any constituency or group can initiate the process.)
- The initial open forum/information session was held on September 30, 2009 at 2:10 p.m. in room 1111.
- A guiding timeline has been developed to implement the process that culminates in a recommendation to the president by early December. (See slide in Power Point Presentation referenced below.)

Last Wednesday, approximately 50 faculty and staff attended the information session which was held during the regular curriculum committee meeting in Room 1111. Vice President Stanback Stroud gave a brief overview of the process and what has occurred thus far. The Program Improvement and Viability Process Discussion PowerPoint can be found on the curriculum committee resource page (<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/currcom/resources.html>). The presentation was followed by a brief Q & A where faculty and staff asked for clarification related to timelines, process, and outcomes of the process. Topics discussed included:

- The use of adjunct faculty
- The impact of the process on particular groups of employees
- Collaboration with the other colleges/centralization of programs
- Timeline
- Criteria for considering programs
- Connection of process to the budget committee
- Partnerships with community
- Schedule reduction/Summer schedule reduction
- Budget cuts at the district office
- Impact of process on development of new programs and services
- Impact of program elimination or schedule reduction on FTES cap

The next steps will include the committee meeting, refining the criteria for considering program, reviewing the programs placed under consideration and deliberating to make recommendations. Additional resources such as program review material, program data and the Educational Master Plan will be used to inform the discussions. For further information about the PIV, please contact the Christine Roumbanis, Chair of the Curriculum Committee or Regina Stanback Stroud, Vice President, Instruction.

Skyline College and its EOPS/CARE program celebrate 40 years of achievement

You are cordially invited to join the EOPS/CARE program students and staff for an art exhibit featuring the artwork of EOPS students. This exhibit on display in the Gallery will showcase photography, painting, ceramics, sculpture and textile artwork, and honors the accomplishments of Skyline's EOPS program. Contributing artists include Henry Carreno, multimedia studies major from El Salvador; May Thin Zar, a former fabric designer from Myanmar, currently studying accounting; Gavin Rafferty, nursing major; Irvin Castro, industrial design/art major; Alexander Lim, art major; Franciel Estandarte, cosmetology student; and Milan Subedi, a music major from Nepal. EOPS students are all first generation college students that are working to overcome educational and economic challenges. This exhibit will allow us to see the creative, expressive side of EOPS students, so that we can get a full picture of the students served by EOPS and Skyline College. The exhibit opens on Tuesday, October 6 and runs through the 13th. An evening reception will be held on Wednesday, October 7 from 6 - 9 pm, with the program at 7 pm.

Former EOPS students will be in attendance at the evening reception celebrating EOPS's 40th anniversary. Here is just one example.



Hermanos and Hermanas Program welcomes a new member to the family

Skyline College welcomes Darlene Cárdenas as the Hermanas and Hermanos Program Counselor/Instructor. With over 10 years experience in student services, she has supported students in achieving their academic, career and personal goals. Prior to her work with the Hermanas and Hermanos Program, she was an advisor with New Student Orientation as well as a counselor with the Educational Opportunity Program at San Francisco State University. Her work as an EOP counselor shaped her vision for the EOP/Summer Bridge Program, and she successfully implemented the first ever advising and career development component of the Summer Bridge Program. Most recently, Darlene worked with a San Francisco based non-profit organization and coordinated job readiness trainings and job placement services for the Summer Youth Employment Program. She is thrilled to join the campus community, and support the mission of the Hermanas and Hermanos Program.

Skyline sculpture students and Running Club members win recognition at the Pacifica Fogfest

Pacifica held its annual Fogfest last weekend, and Skyline was well represented there. The Skyline Runners Club won 3 prizes. In the picture below right are the winners, from left to right: Pacifica Fog Jog 5 mile Race - Skyline Runners Club Winners: Collin Quinlan, 2nd place in the 20-29 age division; Club President Leo Rosales, 2nd place for the 50-59 division and 10th place overall; and Jacob Quinlan, 2nd place in the 14-19 age division. Also, on the left, four of Ellen Lowenstein's sculpture students, a group calling themselves "Skyline Sunjive Sandinista," participated in a sand sculpture contest and won \$300.



Classified staff elect new Classified Council president

The Classified Council has announced the election results for Classified Council President for 2009-2010. Rakefet Avramovitz has been elected and is beginning her duties immediately, including serving on the College Council. Thanks to Rob Johnstone for assisting with the online survey.

ASTEP Family night celebrates the program

Skyline's ASTEP (African American Success Through Excellence and Persistence) program brought students, their families and the faculty together for a meal and a celebration. One student shared her first speech of the semester for Phyllis Taylor's class with the whole group and had the audience in tears as she described the inspiration she felt as a result of her younger sister's graduation from Skyline. Regina Stanback Stroud and I were happy to be a part of it. Members of the faculty spoke as well, and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food. Thanks to the ASTEP faculty and others who were present and who are so committed to the success of their students: Pat Deamer, Tim Dupree, Tony Jackson, Chet Jones, Phyllis Taylor, Pauline Wethington, George Wright, and Maya Watson,

Kapatiran Mentorship Program kicks off for the year

The Kababayan Program had its fifth annual Kapatiran Mentorship Program Meet & Greet on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 in the Main Theater. We have 33 peer mentors and 52 mentees participating in the program, the largest group ever! The Kapatiran Mentorship Program (Tagalog for "brotherhood/sisterhood") pairs up first-semester Kababayan Program members with a peer mentor who is a current Skyline College/Kababayan student, has completed English 100, and has been part of the Kababayan Program for at least one year. Mentees are welcomed into a family comprised of mentors and other fellow mentees and receive crucial support and guidance. These *pamilyas* replicate the cooperative nature of the Filipino culture, emphasizing collective responsibility and guidance for one another through an extended family network. Mentees often return in the following years to become mentors themselves; in this year's group, over half of the mentors were mentees from previous years!

This year, activities for the peer mentorship program will be coordinated by the Filipino Student Union, with assistance from Kababayan Program counselors Nate Nevado, Marisa Mariano, and Melanie Espinueva and Kababayan Program coordinator Liza Erpelo.



Photo by Liza Erpelo

Skyline brings financial aid information to Daly City Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

On Saturday, September 26, 2009 Skyline's Financial Aid Office attended the City of Daly City's 7th Annual National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration at the War Memorial Community Center. The theme of this year's event was "*Celebrando La Esperanza y Expandiendo La Prosperidad*"...*Celebrating Hope and Expanding Prosperity*. The goal of the event is to help empower and inspire the community while celebrating the beautiful heritages of the Latin Americas. The evening was filled with musical and dance performances, cultural food booths, and vendor tables providing information about employment, education, housing resources, and economic support services. The event was a city-wide community diversity celebration filled with family activities, entertainment and even piñata fun for all the children. Our

Financial Aid Office provided information about the financial aid process and the various financial aid options such as grants, scholarships, fee waivers, work study, foster youth resources, veterans resources and student loans. They also provided general outreach information regarding Skyline College's programs and services. Other companies in attendance were the San Mateo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, LULAC, City of Daly City's Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), Peninsula Works and others. Thank you to Jocelyn Vila, Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator, Financial Aid Campus Ambassadors Astrid Berrios and Jorge Murillo, and Student Assistant Yesenia Morales for taking the time to attend this event. Astrid, Jorge and Yesenia also provided information about Skyline's Puente Program – all three are current Puente students. A special thank you to Caroline Ocampo from our Public Information Office for referring Skyline to this wonderful event.



Photos and collage by Jocelyn Vila

Skyline's Health Center adds services for students

The staff at Skyline College Health Center has added some services for students. On Tuesdays the San Mateo Mobile Health Clinic is on campus at the Health Center from 4:00 pm—7:00 pm. A Nurse Practitioner and a Doctor are available to see students. For a physical for a program, work or transfer, the cost is \$60. For an office visit the cost is \$25. For many years students in the Cosmetology, Respiratory Therapy, Emergency Medical Technician, Surgical Services programs and students in varsity sports have had difficulty in finding a place to get a low cost health screening. We are now able to offer these services at the Health Center. We have become one of their sites to visit as they move to different locations within the county to provide on-site services, and the services. The Health Center is also now a

part of the Adult Hepatitis Vaccine Program of the Centers for Disease Control. Through this program we can offer our students the Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccines free of charge. We continue to have other vaccines free of charge: tetanus and measles-mumps-rubella; and for female students, 18 years of age and under, the HPV vaccine.

China Dance School's Asian Culture Showcase wows the crowd for the 2nd year

The China Dance School's performance on Saturday night did not disappoint. The Theater was nearly full of admiring fans, including Karen Schwarz, President of the Board of Trustees, and her husband and two grandchildren. Professor Mike Moynihan was there along with some members of his Sociology class, as was Student Trustee Virginia Medrano Rosales.



Photos by Leo Rosales

Smithsonian American Art Museum Director visits Skyline's *Technopia*

Skyline College's Art Gallery was visited on Saturday, September 26th, by Betsy Broun, Director of the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington D.C. The visit was both an honor and a great success. Director Broun spent about an hour scrutinizing the *Technopia* exhibit, curated by Skyline's Gallery Director Paul Bridenbaugh, and she acquired 2 photographs from the exhibit by S.F. based artist Jon Huffman for the Smithsonian's permanent collection. Skyline student gallery assistants Sofia Mas and Chris Florendo were on hand to chat with Director Broun and Sofia Mas conducted an interview with her for the *Skyline View*. At the end of the visit, Ms. Broun told everyone present that exhibits like *Technopia* show once again that it is in college galleries like Skyline's that new ideas and artworks are first presented, playing a vital cultural role in the U.S. In the first photo are Ms. Broun with Paul Bridenbaugh and the two students and in the second, Ms. Broun being interviewed by Sofia Mas.



Our new Compendium of Committees is now posted on the website

We have just posted the 2009-10 edition of our Compendium of Committees on the college's "Governance and Committees" website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/>. The Compendium identifies the college's committees, task forces and work groups, the charge of each, the membership structure and the current members. Thanks to Linda Bertellotti for maintaining this for us. We update it as needed during the year.

Coming up...

Friday, October 2, 2009

- Women's soccer vs. Cabrillo College, 7pm

Tuesday, October 6

- Women's soccer vs. De Anza, Cupertino, 2:30

Tuesday – Tuesday, October 6 through 13

- EOPS & Skyline: 40 years Exhibit and Event, Gallery

Wednesday, October 7

- Reception for EOPS event, Gallery, 6-9pm

Thursday, October 8

- Duniya Dance & Drum Company-One Book One Community, Theater, 7pm

Friday, September 9

- Women's soccer vs. Hartnell College, 3pm

Do you have a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our general **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/general/surveys/index.html>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



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/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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