

Panel Discussion about California's Economic Future Draws Large Crowd



Pictured left to right, Ted Lempert, Mark Trautwein, Greg Conlon, and Peter Schrag.

On April 27, more than 200 people attended a panel discussion at Skyline College focusing on "California in Crisis." In a last-minute switch, panelist Jerry Hill was replaced by former California Assembly member and Berkeley political science professor Ted Lempert.

Panelists discussed issues including California's relatively low education expenditures, high prison costs, the state's unique tax structure, the initiative process, and much more. The one Republican on the panel, Greg Conlon, disagreed with other panelists on

several issues, especially on his party's refusal to place a tax extension on the ballot for voters this summer. While the discussion was often spirited, it remained cordial.



During the question and answer session, student Mikhail Vinokurov asked about California's low education spending given its affluence, compared with other states. Student Priscilla Cortez asked about ways to improve the initiative process. In response to an audience member who claimed to be angry and disgusted by government, panelist Peter Schrag asked if he felt the same anger for Wall Street, the Catholic Church, or other imperfect institutions. Panelist Ted Lempert pointed out that so much of what government does with our tax dollars is invisible to us, from inspecting restaurant kitchens to monitoring air and water quality. Lempert added that we should still be vigilant about the government not performing well.

(Thanks to Jeff Diamond for contributing this article and Myron Peralta for the photos)

Skyline College Community Celebrates Earth Day



On Friday April 22nd Skyline College celebrated Earth Day with the blending of two events. The College hosted both a “green fair” with a variety of engaging exhibits and Veterans from across the Bay Area with an interest in green jobs. This year’s focus was on alternative vehicles with EV vehicles from Nissan, Chevrolet and representatives from Tesla. The key note speaker was Congresswoman Jackie Speier covering topics such as the need for clean energy and less oil dependence, green jobs, and the need for green job training. Many faculty, staff and students made this event so successful. They include: Anjana Richards, students Jarome Vahai and Ray Parenti-Kurtila, Briana McCarthy, Marie Tonione, Genievive Del Mundo, Aaron Wilcher, Lindsey Virdeh, David Hasson, Omer Thompson, David Green stein, Amory Cariadus, Ray Hernandez, Pat Tyler (the earth in front of the stage was her doing!) Jarrod Feiner, Dennis Eadus, Christianne Marra, Media Services and the Custodial staff and especially Congresswoman Speier and her top notch staff.

(Thanks to Mike Williamson and Christianne Marra for contributing this article and photo)

South San Francisco Rotary Announces \$27,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship

Reminder! Let the students know about this extraordinary opportunity. The South San Francisco Rotary Club would like to invite students to apply for the Ambassadorial Scholarship. The Ambassadorial Scholarship Program provides students with the opportunity to study abroad where they are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of good will to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations and other forums.

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college course work, or must have a secondary school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. Additional information about the program can be found at

<http://www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/educationalprograms/ambassadorialscholarships/pages/ridefault.aspx>

The deadline is now! The program is competitive. Students should contact the Co-Chair of the South San Francisco Rotary Scholarship Committee, Sabrena Chapman at 650-624-5473 to apply.

Skyline College Classified Staff Retreat at Cañada Vista



Front row L to R: Nancy Lam, Sandra Hatzistratis, Cass Christian, Kristina Brower, Clydie Rizzo.

Back row L to R: Goldie Lee, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Maggie Baez, Nadia Tariq, Silvia Martinez, Barbara Daley, Marcy Escobar Mora, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Angelica Gorostiza

Skyline staff enjoyed a day of relaxation and rejuvenation at the Classified Staff Retreat on April 20 at the beautiful new Cañada Vista clubhouse. The retreat kicked off with breakfast and a fireside chat that allowed everyone to introduce themselves, and share insights about their life “Before Skyline”. The group then caravanned down to the Filoli Estate, where they were treated to a walking tour through the historic house and its stunning gardens.

An afternoon workshop, led by Cañada College Librarian, Dave Patterson, focused on learning effective search techniques to find resources available through Skyline College Library and the Peninsula Library System (PLS). In addition to discovering that a PLS library card allows access to literally thousands of magazines and newspapers through [Gale PowerSearch](#), *the group learned where to find the best resources for health and wellness, explored Purdue University’s Online Writing Lab (OWL), and found a great collection of encyclopedias online--the [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)*. Move over, Wikipedia!

Kudos to Kathy Fitzpatrick and Sandra Hatzistratis for organizing the retreat, and special thanks to Dave Patterson for his warm and gracious welcome.

(Thanks to Barbara Daley for contributing this article and to Dave Patterson for the photo.)

Programs and Services

CAOT DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS



CAOT Faculty Member Roumbanis listens attentively to business and industry representatives on advisory committee. Christine Roumbanis

The Computer Applications and Office Technology (CAOT) department held its Annual Advisory Committee Meeting on April 20, 2011. The meeting was coordinated by Alma Cervantes, CAOT Department Coordinator with several new attendees, workforce development representatives, faculty, Administrators, and President Regina Stanback Stroud in attendance. The meeting began with an overview of the college and CAOT department news, changes, and updates. The group then held break-out sessions which provided valuable information with suggestions for updating the curriculum to respond to current industry needs. The meeting was a huge success and with valuable information concerning the importance of including social media technology to meet the needs of industry office environments in today's society



Professors Deamer and Prater of Mathematics and Paralegal Studies participate on the CAOT Advisory Committee (Photo – Christine Roumbanis)

(Thanks to Christine Roumbanis for her contribution to this article.)

You're Invited...

Skyline College's Program Review Presentations

Each year the faculty in a select group of programs conduct an extensive review to determine the effectiveness of each program. Please join us for two afternoons of presentations of their findings and recommendations. The first group of programs made stellar presentations on Wednesday, April 20. The next group is set to present.

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

2:10-4:00 p.m.

Room 6202

*Accounting
Administration of Justice
Paralegal Studies*

Please contact Theresa Tentes in the Office of the Vice President of Instruction at (650) 738-4321 or tentes@smccd.edu for further information.

(Thanks to Maria Norris for contributing this article.)

Skyline College Receives a \$400,000 Grant

The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges has awarded Skyline College a two-year grant in the amount of \$400,000. According to the Chancellor's Office, "the intent of the CTE Pathways Initiative funding is to align K-12 career technical education with local community colleges, based on models consistent with the California Community Colleges' Economic and Workforce Development Program. The Program is also intended to improve education pathways and career-technical awareness for students enrolled in both systems." The funding serves a regional collaborative defined as San Mateo County. Key features of the project include the following:

- Support a career exploration program utilizing the Kuder Navigator system for up to 150 students in up to five middle schools.
- Host two CTE Science Exploration events.
- Host two major Middle School-High School Conferences with CTE Pathways information embedded.
- Fund up to ten High School Field Trips to College to explore admissions and CTE Programs.
- Provide CTE exploration for up to 200 juvenile offenders (Court and Community High School Students).
- Conduct outreach to GED Centers (Coordinated with San Mateo County Workforce Investment Board's Youth Advisory Council).

- Produce and distribute 30,000 San Mateo County Community College District Career Program Booklets throughout the region (includes an interactive online version).
- Develop a certificate to be offered at Skyline College in Automotive Hybrid Technology.
- Support CTE related professional development activities for Middle School, High School and Community College Counselors.
- Implement a faculty externship to tap industry expertise in Hybrid Auto Technologies.

The project will be implemented under the direction of Dr. William Watson, Director, SparkPoint San Mateo Center at Skyline College. For more information about the project, please contact Dr. Watson at 650-738-7035.

(Thanks to William Watson for his contribution to this article.)

MESA Students Attend Leadership Retreat



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Pictured Left to Right: Oscar Ceron, Damien LeClerc, Bassam Esmail (rear), Bardo Castro, Rebecca Belloso, MESA Director Stephen Fredricks, and Jose Sanchez-Sosa (front).

Six students from the Math Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) Program at Skyline College were among the 150 students and staff representing California MESA community college programs that came together in Santa Cruz this past weekend for the 18th Annual MESA Northern California Leadership Retreat. Peers from as far north as the Oregon border all the way to the very southern deserts of the state were together for three days of reflection, inspiration, exploration and skill-building challenges.

Among the many workshops that students could choose from was an evening discussion panel with the administrators and participants of the NASA Student On-Line Application for Recruiting Interns, Fellows and Scholar system (aka the NASA SOLAR system). Another evening panel included the leaders of the Society of the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS). There students had the opportunity to learn about identifying leadership roles that enhance the academic and career goals.

Other workshops included topics on renewable energy, engineering design, chemistry studies, coding and logical thinking, and the economic, social and aesthetic values of conservation and protection of the natural environment.

At this retreat, group effort is the emphasis – all work was done in a team-based way, with projects that were both challenging and fun.

(Thanks to Stephen Fredericks for contributing this article and photo.)

Awards and Proposals

Skyline Shines Award

Reminder: The Skyline Shines Award is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College shine in terms of the quality of its programs and services as well as its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline College employees and one to a community member or group. Nominations must be made **by 4:30 pm on Today - Friday, April 29** using the official Nomination Form

<http://skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshinesaward.html> under “Skyline Shines Awards.” The nominations must describe the ways in which nominee(s) help the college live up to its values (the criteria are included with the form).

Nominations should be sent to Linda Bertellotti, Assistant to the President. They may be mailed, faxed (650-738-4338), or emailed to: bertellottil@smccd.edu. The address is:

Linda Bertellotti, President’s Office
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066

The College Employee or Group award and the Community Member or Group award

will be selected by the President in consultation with the College Council and President's Council Executive Committee respectively. They will be announced on the college's Opening Day in August 2011.

President's Innovation Fund Proposals - Reminder

It is time to submit proposals for the President's Innovation Fund. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2011-12, **the deadline is Today, Friday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m.** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form are on the college website at:

<http://skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/presinnovationfund.html> (under President's Innovation Fund)

Governance

College Budget Committee

The College Budget Committee (CBC) met on Thursday, April 28 at 2:10 in Room 5131. Fermin Irigoyen, Academic Senate President, and Eloisa Briones, Director of Business Services, co-chaired the College Budget Committee meeting on April 28, 2011.

District Committee on Budget & Finance Report

Linda Whitten and Barbara Lamson shared with the CBC highlights of the April 19th meeting. District Chief Financial Officer Kathy Blackwood updated the resource allocation for the 2011-2012 tentative budget. Assumptions include a system-wide cut of \$800 million to community colleges over two years (FY 2011-2013); 14.3% workload reduction, and a 3% deficit factor. The district intends to run a deficit budget next year and allocate \$5.8 million to the sites to address the FTES reductions. However, this deficit will have to be allocated in 2012-13. Skyline's site allocation for 2011-12 will increase by \$589,410. Skyline's share of the 2012-13 deficit is estimated at almost \$2.4 million.

2011-2012 Fund 1 Tentative Budget Revision Proposal

Back in October, the CBC recommended to the President a tentative fund 1 budget that included the hiring of 6 faculty and 4 classified positions in 2011-2012. Vice President Mike Williamson presented the committee with a summary of the 6 faculty and 4 classified positions that are in the process of being hired. In addition, Mike gave the CBC an update of grant-funded positions that will be filled. He also presented the committee with the proposal to hire 2 additional classified positions. Eloisa distributed the 2011-12 tentative site allocation which Kathy Blackwood presented to the DCBF. Eloisa also updated the CBC's early budget scenarios which shows the college's tentative site allocation and the proposed addition of 2 classified positions. After much deliberation, the CBC voted to recommend to the President the revised tentative budget for 2011-2012 that includes the hiring of 6 faculty and 6 classified positions.

The next College Budget Committee is scheduled on May 26, 2011.

College Council

The College Council met on Wednesday, April 27 at 2:10 in Room 4343. Kathy Fitzpatrick announced that the Classified Council will open the elections over the next few weeks. They are expecting the election of a new President and Vice President. Additionally, the incumbent staff in the treasurer, secretary, parliamentarian, and historian offices will stand for re-election if they are interested in doing so.

ASSC President Ray Parenti-Kurttila indicated that ASSC is holding elections on May 2 – May 5. Additionally ASSC will be holding the Relay to Life event. Ray reported that ASSC funded the Women in Transition luncheon that will be held on May 3 at noon in the Main Theater lobby.

Fermin reported that the Academic Senate approved the Respiratory Therapy hiring committee faculty participants. Additionally, the senate approved \$1,100 for student scholarships and \$500 for textbook rentals. Additional issue include:

- The Senate approved the Technology in the Classroom guidelines revisions to the section on instructor response to inquiry times.
- The Senate asked that we look at the issue of cell phone reliability throughout the campus.
- The Senate will be holding elections between May 3 and 13.
- The last program review presentation will be held on Wednesday, May 4 in room 6203.

Regina reported that the colleges were gearing up to launch the accreditation planning processes across the district. Skyline College will be naming the Co-Chairs before the end of the semester. The next accreditation site visit for Skyline College is scheduled for Fall 2013. The Institutional Planning Committee will be addressing/updating the Mission, Vision, Values and Goals in preparation for the self-study. Additionally, the college will be updating the Educational Master Plan.

Joe Madrigal reported that Commencement is scheduled to be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 27. Participants will check in at 4:15 p.m. for the line-up. Currently there are approximately 585 candidates identified for graduation and to-date, close to 200 have submitted participation forms. Leigh Anne Sippel and Joe Madrigal will be reading the names. Dr. Nick Kapp will be the faculty marshal this year.

Regina reported that the Educational Facilities Master Planning Process Taskforce received a presentation of a preliminary conception that incorporated the various ideas provided by the task force. Additional feedback was gathered. The architects made revisions and will be presenting them to the Chancellor's Cabinet, the President's Cabinet and the EFMPP Taskforce.

Regina reported that the SEEED committee has launched its facilitated committee work to develop a holistic diversity framework as included in the overall district strategic plan.

The Council voted unanimously to support Skyline College signing on to the Democracy Commitment, an initiative aimed at increasing community college student civic engagement. Additional information can be found at <http://www.deanza.edu/communityengagement/democracycommitment/>

Guidelines Skyline Shines Submissions

Many of you submit material to be included in Skyline Shines. Thanks so much for taking to time to help me keep the college informed. Here are a few guidelines that will facilitate the publication of Skyline Shines each week.

- Place your submission in a word document with your pictures pasted in the document.
- Use medium sized pictures that are equal to $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a page.
- Use Times New Roman 12pt. font that is justified to the left for the body of the article.
- Don't forget to add a headline/title using 18 pt. bold font that is justified to the middle
- Use the following commonly accepted abbreviations: a.m. or p.m. (i.e. "The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m." " The workshop is scheduled to run from 9:30 a.m. – Noon.")
- Spell out numbers of one or two words. Use figures for numbers that require more than two words to spell out. (i.e. "Almost eight years ago I began taking ceramics courses." And "I counted 176 records on the shelf.")
- If a sentence begins with a number, spell out the number or rewrite the sentence.
- Use the month, day, a comma and the year to indicate the date (i.e. "March 4, 2011" not "March 4th, 2011 or March 2nd, 2011")
- Add the word College when you refer to the name Skyline (i.e. Skyline College instead of Skyline)

Coming Up...

April 29, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Honors Transfer Program 10th Anniversary Gala - Hosting Gallery (Building 4)

April 30, 2011

- 10:00 a.m., Relay for Life at Skyline College - Track (event runs through May 1 at 10:15 a.m.)
- 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Showcase – Theatre (Building 1)

May 2, 2011

- 4:00 p.m., Science Lecture Series – Building 7, Room 7106

May 3, 2011

- Noon – 2:00 p.m., Women in Transition Annual Spring Luncheon - Theatre Lobby (Building 1)
- 3:00 p.m., Badminton vs. Mission College @ Skyline

May 4, 2011

- 2:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Skyline College Program Review Presentations - Building 6, Room 6202
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., FAFSA Workshop - Building 2, Room 2117B

Future Events – Mark Your Calendar!

May 7, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., First Annual Community College LGBTQQIA Conference – Skyline College (register online at www.gsacon.wordpress.com)
- 7:30 p.m., Skyline Concert Choir and Coastside Community Orchestra perform Schubert, Beethoven and Bernstein – Mildred Owen Concert Hall, Pacifica (more information available at www.pacificaperformances.org)

May 10, 2011

- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Financial Literacy Workshop: *Prevent Identity Theft* – Building 6, Room 6202

May 11, 2011

- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Skyline College Blood Drive – Building 7, Room 7215 (make appointments online at www.giveblood.org or visit the Health Center in Building 2, Room 2209)
- 4:00 p.m., Student Recognition and Awards Ceremony – Theatre,

Building 1

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Financial Literacy Workshop: *Prevent Identity Theft* – Building 6, Room 6202

May 13, 2011

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Classified Service Awards Luncheon – Gallery, Building 1

May 16, 2011

- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., District Service Awards Reception – Crystal Springs Golf Course (6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame)

May 18, 2011

- 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Youth Entrepreneurship Summit – Building 6, Room 6202

May 27, 2011

- 5:00 p.m., Commencement – Gymnasium, Building 3

For the latest information on events and activities happening at Skyline College, please view our calendar at the following link:

http://www.skylinecollege.edu/current/calendarsandevents/news_events.html

If you would like to include your college event or activity on the calendar, please submit the information (event, date, time and location) to Christianne Marra in the Public Information Office via email at marrac@smccd.edu.

Publisher's Note: Would you like to submit something to be included in Skyline Shines?

Send a written narrative along with pictures highlighting the item being submitted. Be sure to include the information describing who, what, when, where, and why for a complete article. Items submitted will be considered for inclusion. All items submitted may possibly be modified to satisfy publication needs.

Please send submissions to skylineshines@smccd.edu.

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>



For state level information on community colleges, see these websites:

- The California Community College 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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