



Victoria P. Morrow, President  
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### **President's report to the Board of Trustees**

My monthly report to the Board of Trustees is available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

### **Death of a Skyline student**

I am sad to report that one of our students died over the holidays. His name was Raphael Ernesto Canenguez. You may recall his face from the photo below from the Hip Hop Conference, included in the November 8, 2007 edition of *Skyline Shines*; he is in the center of the photo. He was 21 years old. There will be a Rosary Service at Garden Chapel at 885 El Camino Real in South San Francisco today, with visitation from 5 to 8 pm, and the Rosary at 6:30 pm. The funeral will be held this Saturday, January 26 at 1 pm at St. Augustine Catholic Church at 3700 Callan Blvd. in South San Francisco. For more information contact Brendan Peoples (415-728-6547 or Donald Bradley (650-921-4246).



### **Design Build Project**

First of all, let me remind you of the Open Forum on our next big construction project:

**Wednesday, January 30  
2 pm, Room 2306**

Second, I had promised you some advance notice on the scenarios we are drafting to allow for some thought about them in advance of the Forum, but we are still in the process of collecting the detailed information we need to draft some scenarios, so I will not be able provide that in advance. At the Forum you will have a chance to hear about the ideas being explored along with their implications for our plans and for the cost of our project, to comment on all those and to suggest other possibilities.

**Faculty Door Cards—we are well on our way...**

...to the 100% mark for full-time faculty. At this point, 89% of the full-time faculty had submitted their electronic door cards, making it easy for students to arrange to contact them. Thanks to everyone who has done it so far, and the many part-timers who are doing the same. If you need a hand getting yours done, contact Theresa Tentes. It takes only a minute.

**Skyline ceramics students shine**

Skyline ceramics students' artwork shines at the first ever Coastside Student Invitational, titled "Ceramics and Mosaics", at the Sanchez Art Center Gallery in Pacifica. The exhibition features the selected works of college, high school and elementary school students from San Mateo County. Participating in this year's exhibition are the College of San Mateo, Skyline College, Hillsdale High School, Terra Nova High School, Westmoor High School, Ingrid B. Lacy Middle School, and Ocean Shore Elementary School. This student show is held in conjunction with the solo exhibition of accomplished Bay Area ceramic sculptor Jon Toki. The show runs from January 11<sup>th</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Gallery Hours are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 1-5pm. Pictured below are Erika Peterson, Stephanie Clemons and Linda Fahey with their work. Thanks to instructor Tiffany Schmierer, Skyline Ceramics Instructor, for the photos.



**Survey of Student Engagement to be conducted this spring**

Skyline College students will be asked to participate in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) this spring. We will randomly select 70 courses and ask students in these course to take the survey. Faculty of these courses will be asked to administer the survey during one class period anytime between March 24<sup>th</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup>. The sample

will be selected at the beginning of March and faculty will be notified at this time. For more information on the survey and timeline please contact Cathy Hasson at 34454 or [hassonc@smccd.edu](mailto:hassonc@smccd.edu).

### **Even History professors must start at the beginning**

James I. Wong tells me that he became a direct disciple of the Great Grandmaster Poon Sing, perhaps Hong Kong's foremost martial Hung Sing Choy Lay Fut expert. The Shaolin- and Buddhist-influenced Choy Lay Fut system stresses twisting power from the waist and hips, and utilizes long whipping hand movements. Every movement eschews defensive blocking and is technically an attack. In a rare ceremony even for native Chinese practitioners, James was accepted as a non-native Chinese inductee and was approved by nearly two dozen elder disciples. Afterwards, all celebrated the Great Grandmaster's 82nd birthday. Training began by running up (no elevator whatsoever) ten flights of stairs to train on the rooftop as is customary in martial training in Hong Kong. James proceeded to China to begin qigong studies with the Grandmaster John Tsai. Qigong is the use of different breathing patterns with Chinese martial arts for energy flow to achieve therapeutic health benefits. While in China and dealing with delicate business negotiations, matters went smoother when one of the local headmen turned out to be a former Skyline College student, though not one of James's students. James will be making more trans-Pacific flights to continue his intensive studies.

**College Council update:** The College Council met on Wednesday, January 23. This is a synopsis of the meeting. Official minutes will be posted once they are approved at the next meeting. Prior minutes are posted at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/committees/index.html>.

- 1. Budget update:** Vicki Morrow provided an update on the impact of the state budget situation for the district and college and noted that Kathy Blackwood will be sending out periodic updates district wide. The college will be hiring two full-time faculty in the fall, but they will be replacements. There will be no new positions for faculty or classified staff for now. A more detailed briefing will be provided by Eloisa Briones at the College Budget Committee next week.
- 2. Proposed advisory committee for professional development:** Phyllis Taylor, Professional Development Coordinator, described her visits to the Academic Senate and to the Classified Council to discuss the proposal. The Council members reported that their constituent groups had discussed the proposal, and the Council acted to approved the creation of Professional Enrichment and Development Advisory Committee (PEDAC) and its charge. The committee has been added to the college's Compendium of Committees at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/committees/index.html>.
- 3. Design/Build Project update:** Vicki Morrow described the feedback received to date through the online and paper comment forms. She provided an update on the status of the college's Design Build project and plans for the Open Forum next Wednesday afternoon, 2 pm, Room 2306.
- 4. Fall Flex Days, 2008:** The Council discussed how best to utilize the Opening Days next Fall Semester which will be on Thursday, August 14, and Friday, August 15. The district wide meeting will be on the morning of Thursday, August 14, and will be held at Canada College, followed by lunch there. The Council's discussion focused on Skyline returning to having our college-wide meeting, the group photo, and the Academic Senate and Classified Council meetings on the afternoon of the first day. This pattern would leave the second day more flexible for structuring all-day division events or other Flex activities. The plan would include a college-wide lunch on the second day such as we had last fall. This idea will be discussed in the constituent groups and a decision will be made at the February 27 College Council meeting.
- 5. Accreditation Planning Agendas on governance and communication:** The college's accreditation planning agendas and our draft visiting team report recommended that we look at how our governance structure works and how can we make communication work better. The Council had previously agreed that we need to probe those issues in order to address them effectively, and that a college wide forum or focus groups would be the best way to do that. The Council discussed what would be the appropriate time to have those discussions. It was agreed that these discussions should wait until after spring break and would include both constituency specific conversations as well as mixed group discussions. Cathy Hasson will be consulted relative to how best to structure this process.
- 6. District Shared Governance Council (DSGC) and the timing of College Council meetings:** Adolfo Leiva had introduced the issue is that DSGC meetings are the first Monday of every month, and that by the time of the College Council meeting, 3 weeks have passed and members have already met with their constituencies too. The Council discussed the relationship between the two groups and the distinction between communication to constituencies and reporting back to College Council. As a result of this discussion, no change was recommended but the members can work with communicating with their constituencies to gain information needed before the College Council meetings.
- 7. Next meeting: February 27**

**Coming Up ...**

**Friday, January 25**

- Men's Basketball at SF City, 7 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Las Positas at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Barstow at Skyline, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, January 26**

- Baseball vs. Barstow at Skyline, 11 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 30**

- Women's Basketball at Cabrillo College, 7 p.m.
- Design Build Project Open Forum, 2 p.m., Room 2306

**Thursday, January 31**

- Baseball vs. West Valley at Skyline, 2 p.m.

**Friday, February 1**

- Men's Basketball vs. Las Positas at Skyline, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. CSM at Skyline, 5:30 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Sierra College at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Facilities/Maintenance Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., former Facilities Bldg.

You can see the event calendar at [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/calendar.html)  
 To add events to the calendar, visit [www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html](http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skypio/events.html)

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If you do, just email me about it. Thanks.

**Do you have a suggestion?**

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- 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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