



Victoria P. Morrow, President
April 4, 2008

Governance Forum—Monday, April 7, 2 pm, Room 6202

The College Council decided that this Open Forum would be a great way to develop a deeper understanding of what works, what does not, and what would work better. So the Open Forum will be a very candid, loosely structured discussion. We are holding it as part of our follow up on both our own Accreditation Planning Agendas and the recommendation from the visiting team, listed here:

- **Our Accreditation Self Study Planning Agendas:**
 - Develop strategies to better communicate the planning and budget processes (IVA1).
 - Through College Council, evaluate the committee structure and number of initiatives undertaken in any one semester (IVA3).
 - Through College Council, develop streamlined communication processes to keep college constituents informed (IVA3).
- **Accreditation visiting team commendation and recommendation related to shared governance :**
 - Commendation #3: The team commends the college's very high level of trust, collegiality and participative governance that results in a college atmosphere marked by institutional pride, enthusiastic collaboration among constituency groups, and sincere aspirations for a bright future for Skyline College.
 - Recommendation #8: The team recommends that the college develop and implement a policy that specifically evaluates the institution's governance and decision-making structures on a regular basis to assure their integrity and effectiveness. The results of these reviews should be widely communicated to the college community and used as the basis for continuous improvement. (Standard IV.A.5)

We will address each of the four areas noted above in our Planning Agendas--**planning and budget processes, committee structure and initiatives, communication processes, and governance structure overall.** The ultimate outcomes of this discussion are these:

- Modify the governance structure based upon the above. This modification would go through the usual review and approval process via our constituency groups and the College Council.
- Develop a policy for regular review of the college's governance and decision-making structures. This would also go through the usual review and approval process via our constituency groups and the College Council.

President's Breakfast a huge success

We had a big and happy crowd at this year's President's Breakfast—close to 300 people, many of whom had never attended before, and all of whom were excited to hear about the great things that we are doing at Skyline. The breakfast is our annual fund raising event for the President's Innovation Fund (PIF). The final count on the donations is not in yet, but we know already that we exceeded the \$60,000 goal. Thanks to the incredible people who planned this beautiful event: The President's Council Breakfast Committee, and college people Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman, Joanne Truong, Roxanne Brewer, Linda Ghio, and Nikki Santiago

And that leads us to this: the proposal deadline for President's Innovation Fund projects for next year is coming up!

If you are interested in submitting a President's Innovation Fund (PIF) proposal for 2007-08, **the deadline is Wednesday, April 30, 4:30 pm** in the President's Office. For the guidelines and the proposal form, see the Faculty and Staff page on our website at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. Here in the photo are the PIF winners in the current year, whose projects are under way right now.



Skyline Shines Awards: Call for Nominations

Skyline is blessed with many people who are eligible recipients of the Skyline Shines Award. The Award, now in its third year, is designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline to shine in terms of its quality of programs and services and its reputation for quality. Two awards are made annually, one to a member or group of the Skyline employees and one to a member or group from the community. Nominations must be made by **4:30 pm on Wednesday, April 30** using the official Nomination Form (at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under "Skyline Shines Awards"). The nomination describes the ways in which the nominee(s) help the college live up to the college's values (also provided with the form). Nominations should be sent to Linda Ghio, Assistant to the President. They may be submitted in electronic form, mailed, or faxed. Her email address is ghiol@smccd.edu. For nominations sent by US mail, the address is

Linda Ghio, President's Office
Skyline College
3300 College Drive
San Bruno, CA 94066

Send faxed submissions to her at 650-738-4338. If you have questions, contact her at the email address above, or at 650-738-4183. Let's recognize once again some of these wonderful friends!

Hermanos Education Summit: Effecting Change in the Community: it is coming on April 12

Skyline College, South San Francisco, San Bruno, and the Hermanos Program will host the 1st Annual Educational Summit on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at South San Francisco High School. This event will engage the community and inspire middle school students to succeed in and out of the classroom. The Summit will encourage dialogue amongst students, families and the community of South San Francisco and San Bruno. Check-in will begin at 8:30am and the Summit will end at 2pm. It will include workshops focused around 3 major themes: the educational experience of Latinos; the impact of gangs in the community; and the Hermanos experience. Mark Raffaelli, Chief of Police, South San Francisco, and Neil Telford, Chief of Police, San Bruno will be serving as the BBQ Chefs for this event. This event is FREE and open to students, families and the community. An iPod Shuffle will be given away at the Summit. Space is limited! Please call 650-738-7039 or email corralln@smccd.edu by Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Jefferson High School students visit Skyline

Here is what Nate Nevado and Marisa Mariano had to say about it:

As quoted by the Educational Advisor, Jackie Amparo, "The array of services and programs offered to the students was very well illustrated. I loved the motivation and passion the student panel had. Our students really connected with them. One of the most organized campus tour I've been on." Based on the submitted evaluation

forms for the campus tour and student panel, many students throughly enjoyed the day's event, learning about the many programs and services that Skyline College provided based from our students' perspective.

Thanks to the 15 students from the following programs who came out and shared their experiences with the high school students: Puente, ASTEP, Kababayan, ASSC, Campus Ambassadors, EOPS, TRIO/STAARS, and the Hermanos Program. Thanks also to Kristen Abel and Gunilla Harshman for taking care of the logistics (facilities request, food, signage) and to tour guides Clarissa Williams, Wendy Smith, & Stephanie Nale, for showing them around Skyline College. Faculty welcomed them, facilitated the student panels, and opened their doors to show their programs and services.

To quote Nate and Marisa again:

You are all what make Skyline Shines! To sum it up, I want to quote one of the Jefferson High School student. She said, "I've learned that Skyline College have people that care about you." Again, thank you all for caring about our students.

It could not be said better.

Skyline wins a \$649,000 grant in Surgical Technology

The Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges has awarded Skyline College \$649,134 to support a regional industry-education collaborative in meeting the growing need for surgical technologists. The San Francisco Bay Area boasts three of the top five highest paying metro areas in the nation for surgical technologists according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Despite great pay, hospitals and surgery centers are struggling to ensure staffing for these positions. With strong demand for these high paying jobs, Skyline College, which has the only accredited public surgical technology program in the entire bay area, cannot keep pace with the demand for surgical technologists. Industry partners requested that the community colleges create an additional accredited surgical technology program and strategically locate them to serve more students and employers. In response, this project will partner three Bay Area colleges (Las Positas College, Santa Rosa Junior College and Skyline College) with the regions' healthcare industry to increase training immediately. Key industry partners include Valleycare Health System, Kaiser Permanente, and others. Special thanks to the following: Michael Williamson, Alice Erskine and William Watson from Skyline College. Thanks also to Neal Ely and Vicki Shipman from Las Positas College and Ezbon Jen from Santa Rosa Junior College. The project will be managed by Skyline's Center for Workforce Development.

Annual African American Male Summit probes barriers in Community Colleges faced by African American men

Murrell Green and Nate Nevado attended the first Annual African American Male Summit in Los Angeles. The African American Male Summit was a conference produced by a non-profit organization entitled African American Male Educational Network and Development (A²MEND) and Coastline Community College located in Southern California. The focus of this conference was to take what was called "a startling analysis of the educational epidemic and institutional structures that affect African American males across the United States" and focus on the institutional changes necessary to create affirming academic and professional environments for African American male student access and success.

Ding Jo Currie (president of Coastline Community College) referred to African American males as "the most disenfranchised, marginalized, disadvantaged individuals in the United States". The conference probed strategies and developed commitment in the participants to help build solutions through education. Murrell and Nate brought back a detailed report and recommendations designed to increase the recruitment, retention, and matriculation of African American males and all students of color. Their report is available on the Basic Skills Initiative website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/bellr/BSIfacstaffdev.htm>. Scroll down on that page. Here are Murrell and Nate.



Smoking perceptions and policy survey

The smoking perceptions and policy survey was completed last month. Thank you to the 1300 Skyline students and employees who participated and congratulations to two of our students who won iPod shuffles, along with employees Pat Tyler and Judy Heldberg. Ray Hernandez is now conducting interviews with key people at Skyline directly involved in environmental smoke exposure issues and their policies. These results will be analyzed and reported back to our college community in May. Special thanks to the Bookstore for donating two of the iPod prizes.

Key information from Monday's Open Forum on Safety Cameras and Security is available on our website

If you were unable to attend last Monday's Open Forum but would like to see the PowerPoint presentation which Jose Nunez provided, you can see it on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. It is the first item under "Educational and Facilities Master Planning".

Emergency messages—how to get them on your personal cell phone

If you want to receive a text message on your cell phone in the case of an emergency on campus, it is very easy. Here's how:

- Go to Websmart: <https://websmart.smccd.edu/>
- Log on.
- Scroll to the bottom to the "Emergency Text Message Contact Information" option and click on it.
- Take 30 seconds to fill out the brief information.

Coming Up ...

Friday, April 4

- Proposal Deadline: Trustees' Fund for Program Improvement
- HS Counselor Breakfast, 7:45a.m.-10:30a.m., Room 6202

Saturday, April 5

- Baseball at Mission College, noon
- Skyline Day at Serramonte Center, 1-6 p.m., Daly City

Monday, April 7

- College Forum: Governance at Skyline, 2-4 pm, Room 2306

Tuesday, April 8

- Baseball at West Valley College, 2 p.m.
- Priority Enrollment Program Day for students with verified disabilities

Thursday, April 10

- Classified Staff Retreat, Flamingo Resort, Santa Rosa
- Baseball vs. City College of SF at Skyline, 2 p.m.

- Badminton at Fresno City College, 3 p.m.

Friday, April 11

- Classified Staff Retreat, Flamingo Resort, Santa Rosa
- Morning Music: Music of the Middle East, 9:10 a.m., Room 1111

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 our Web Site Redesign Project, please log in your suggestions and concerns in the "Web Site Redesign Project eSuggestion Box", also on <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/> or click the box below.



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/>.