



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

The report I provided to the Board last Wednesday night is on our website at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skynotes/index.html>.

Update on the Design/Build Project

In order to provide an update on the Design/Build Project, there will be a meeting of the **Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project** group on **Thursday, May 8, 2-4 pm, Room 2306**. Please feel free to join us. Many people are up to date on the particular parts of the new buildings which involve their programs, but others may want that information too. We will review plans for the new Multicultural Center, Cosmetology, Classroom and Administration Building (Building 4N) and for the new Automotive Building (Building 11N), as well as for the roadways, parking, and landscaping which are part of the project. Depicted below are rough schematic drawings of Bldg. 4N from various directions, provided by WRNS Architects.



View of Building 4N from College Drive toward the southwest.



View of Building 4N from the center of campus; view from the turnaround on the north side, facing southeast.

Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan

The District Strategic Plan Task Force has prepared a draft of the Strategic Plan and will be available for district wide review by next week. In order to provide an opportunity for Skyline people to take a look at it and provide input, we are going to hold an

Open Forum

Wednesday, May 14
2-4 pm, Room 2306

We will also provide for electronic input via our website. I will let you know when it goes up on the website. The plan is slated to be refined after this round of input, then shared with the community over the summer, and there will be further opportunity for district wide input early in the fall. The Board is expected to take action on it later in the fall semester.

Our Basic Skills Plan is complete and now the implementation begins

This week we submitted our Basic Skills Plan to the state. This is a truly awesome piece of work and something of which all of us can be very proud. This plan is sophisticated in its conception and far-reaching in its impact. It is particularly satisfying that we were able to proceed with all the recommendations from the many working groups. Rachel Bell has been a terrific leader for this complex effort, and the combination with Rick Hough and Jacquie has been unstoppable. There has been broad college wide engagement in it and our plan reflects that. The whole college and its future will benefit from this important work. Here are all the people I would like to thank for their intelligence, creativity and commitment to serving our students:

BSI Coordinators			
Rachel Bell	English Department, Faculty		
Jacque Escobar	Counseling Department, Faculty		
Rick Hough	Math Department, Faculty		
BSI Steering Committee			
Adrian, Lori	Vice President, Student Services		
Bell, Rachel	Chair, Professor – English		
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Escobar, Jacqueline	Professor, Counseling		
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Wallace, Rick	Dean, Counseling		
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BSI Assessment and Implementation Participants			
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The Plan can be seen on our BSI website at <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/bellr/BSIprogressSpring08.htm>. Just scroll to the right at the top of the page.

Pister Scholarship winner is named: Nicole LaRoche

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Skyline Student Nicole LaRoche, who has won the University of California, Santa Cruz's 2008 Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award. Nicole earned the prestigious award that consists of a \$10,000 annual scholarship, awardable over two years, as well as a paid or volunteer summer work experience complementing her academic studies, between junior and senior year. While at Skyline, Nicole has been active in MESA (Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement), Phi Theta Kappa and worked in the Photography Department. She previously earned

an Associate of Arts degree in photography from the Academy of Art University. She will attend UCSC in the fall to study Marine Biology with the goal of becoming a marine life photographer. The Karl S. Pister Leadership Opportunity Award recognizes students who have made a demonstrated commitment to assisting and improving the lives of others and fosters the transfer of accomplished students from community colleges in the UCSC region. Up to 13 scholarships are given by UCSC each year to candidates who are nominated by the presidents of the 13 community colleges in the region surrounding UCSC.



PCN's Lovewrecked: *Diary of a Manilaman* has one more show this Saturday

Lovewrecked is the fourth PCN (Pilipino Cultural Night) production, and continues the track record of productions which are informative, imaginative and fun. The students write, direct, produce and perform the event each year. It is always a probing look into Filipino and Filipino-American culture and this year is no exception. The last I heard, the tickets for Saturday were nearly, but not completely sold out, so if you have been intending to go, now is the time to snag one of those remaining tickets. Call or email Liza Erpelo. I guarantee a wonderful experience—some history, many laughs, wonderful dancing. Thanks to Liza Erpelo and Nate Nevado for all of their work with the students to help bring this complex effort to the stage, and thanks to our gifted students as well.



The PAK brings it on!

Last week, on April 23, three of Skyline's cultural Learning Communities—Puente, ASTEP, and Kababayan, the trio called PAK—collaborated in a poetry slam, open microphone and mixer. The lobby of the Main Theater was the venue. It was jammed with talented, lively and enthusiastic student writers who stepped up to the microphone with a combination of pride and fear, and let us hear their words. They shared a meal, cheered each other on and had a great time. For me, this was another one of those events involving our students in action that makes me very glad to be part of Skyline. Thanks to the advisors to these groups for their assistance in making it happen: Nate Nevado, Murrell Green, Lucia Lachmayr, Liza Erpelo and Luis Escobar as advisors who helped with the planning and logistics of the event. Key student leaders who brought this terrific event into being were from Puente, Ruth Ordenana; from the Black Student Union, Jay (JB) August and Clarissa Williams; and from the Filipino Student Union, Therese Meehleib and Mike Fontelara.



Chambers of Commerce Mixer and Student Art Exhibit

Wednesday, April 30, our annual Chambers of Commerce Mixer and Student Art Exhibit took place in the Gallery Theater. Our Board of Trustees arranged for their meeting that night to be held at Skyline, so that they could readily attend this event beforehand. The show was juried by Bridget Fischer. The Student Show will run until May 14. The Gallery hours are M-W noon to 4 pm, Tues-Thurs 2-4 pm. (If the Gallery is closed during those hours for some reason, Mary Ann Leary has the key and will open the Gallery.) Here are two student artists with their work: Adrian Delgado and B J Lasponas.



Photos by Rakefet Avramovitz

Program Reviews tell the story of success, challenges and creativity in 9 Skyline programs

Last Wednesday, program reviews were presented by faculty and staff from 10 Skyline programs:

- International Trade
- Biological Sciences
- Foreign Languages
- Psychology
- Journalism
- Economics
- Philosophy
- Art
- Computer Applications and Office Technologies

At the beginning of each Program Review session, I have the opportunity to say a few words about why program review matters. Here is what I say: it is our most thoughtful and systematic way of looking into the heart of our programs to assess the currency of our curriculum; consider student success in all of its forms—retention in our courses, persistence from one term to the next, and ultimately, achievement of student learning outcomes; identify the strengths of the programs; identify the needs being experienced by the faculty and staff and students associated with those programs; and meet accreditation standards. I also say that program review is critical to college decisions in a number of areas that are vital to program health—we use these reviews widely and we take them very seriously, in budget allocation, full-time

faculty hiring, support staffing, and facilities remodeling and new construction. In the end, the quality of our program reviews is a matter of our academic integrity. And at the end of these program review presentations, I am always exhilarated by the quality of the work that goes into the programs and into the reviews, and by the vitality and creativity of the Skyline people who prepare them.

International Spring Festival: Celebrating Diversity Through Song & Dance—coming May 9

Skyline College's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) will hold a free event, "International Spring Festival: Celebrating Diversity Through Song & Dance" on Friday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre. Performances will feature songs in English, Portuguese and Spanish; Filipino, hip hop, hula and Tahitian dancing; and Taiko drumming. There will be raffle of a Nintendo Wii Bundle, iPod shuffle and more, to benefit EOPS. The event is supported by the President's Innovation Fund. For information, call 650-738-4139.



Skyline President's Breakfast Video wins fourth award

The Skyline College Office of Development, Marketing and Public Relations recently won a 3rd place state award from the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) for the 2007 President's Breakfast video. Sandy Irber, Director of College Development, Marketing and PR, and Bryan Kingston, of KM2 Communications, collaborated in creating the video. CCPRO is a statewide professional development and service organization that seeks to promote excellence in California's community college public relations. This is the fourth CCPRO award for a President's Breakfast video.

Skyline shines in the nation

Our Beta Theta Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received several prestigious awards at the Phi Theta Kappa International Convention. Chapter members worked hard during 2007 to develop, implement, and evaluate service and scholarship programs. There are about 1600 Phi Theta Kappa chapters, and Beta Theta Omicron's programs were judged outstanding. The chapter received the 2008:

- Beta Alpha Continued Excellence Award (Distinguished Chapter for three consecutive years),
- The Scholarship Hallmark, and
- The Service Hallmark

Additionally, the Chapter won the USA Today Case Study Challenge for a case study on The Global Struggle for Water, developed during the Fall semester by Elizabeth Parr and Mike Hofler. Their case study is online at <http://www.usatoday.com/educate/college/student-home.htm>. Beta Theta Omicron has won the Case Study Challenge five of the six years it's been offered! Individual members received awards for:

- International Distinguished Chapter President, Richard Chiang
- International Distinguished Chapter Officer, Anna Dneprov

Note all the Lucite trophies in the photo! From left: Ashley Good, Chris Case, Kahee Jo, and Denise Owen



California Automotive Teachers meet at Skyline

Last weekend, the spring California Automotive Teachers (CAT) Conference was held at Skyline. One hundred and fifty members attended the conference. On Friday, Dave Amlin, Wayne Brumett, and Marty Gunn from BAR Standards and Training conducted workshops designed to update certified clean air car course instructors regarding the latest changes to the smog check program. They also discussed tentative plans for the 2009 Smog Check Update course that will rollout this September. Approximately ninety instructors attended the two workshops. The Skyline Auto Tech Club hosted a barbecue lunch and then members went on tours to Roy Brizio's Hot Rod Shop and The Military Vehicle Technology Foundation. Jack Rosebro from Perfect Sky hosted an afternoon Toyota PRUIS workshop for thirty-five instructors. Tom Broxholm from Skyline College hosted a Friday evening hands-on POWERPOINT workshop for thirty instructors. CAT Members and their families had time to socialize while they enjoyed Mexican food. Saturday included a variety of workshops spread out over five hours. Twenty-eight exhibitors were in attendance to display their latest tools, materials, software, and equipment. One hundred and eighty people attended the business luncheon/business meeting in the student union building.



The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) is now complete

We've just completed another successful student survey! Nearly 1,100 students from 59 day and evening classes took the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) during the month of April. Educational research on student learning has shown that "Student learning and student retention are correlated strongly with student engagement. The more actively engaged students are — with college faculty and staff, with other students, with the subject matter being learned — the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. This connection has been emphasized in a number of major studies and reports on the undergraduate experience." (CCSSE, 2007) Skyline College is currently involved in the following initiatives that are focused on improving student learning: The Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Cycle (SLOAC), the Basic Skills Initiative, and the First Year Experience Program. All of these initiatives will benefit from research that focuses on uncovering patterns of student learning behavior and student engagement in the learning process. The purpose of this survey study will be to measure students' behavior in their learning process. The survey will provide faculty, staff and administrators with information that will help to evaluate the degree to which students are engaged in good educational practices. This information may be used to help inform program and services planning decisions at the college. In addition, the survey results may be used to contribute to the research and assessment of institutional SLOs, the First Year Experience students and Basic Skills students.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The CBC met on May 1, 2008. The following items were discussed:

1. **DCBF Update:** Eloisa Briones reported on the District Committee on Budget and Finance's April 15th meeting. The committee reviewed the scenario they requested that shows the effect on the site allocations if a two year average FTES is used in the model vs. the three year-average. The committee decided to keep the three year average. The 2008-09 resource allocation is still in the process of completion. CFO Kathy Blackwood updated the committee on ACBO discussions and the work she's doing in relation to the district's compliance with GASB 45 regulations (obligation to budget for projected retiree medical benefits). DCBF will meet again on May 27, 2008.
2. **State Budget Update:** Eric Skinner from the State Chancellor's Office informed statewide CBOs that the Governor announced that the 2008-09 state budget shortfall has increased to \$20.2 billion. Back in February, the Legislative Analyst's Office estimated the shortfall at \$16 billion after which the Legislature and the Governor reduced this to \$8 billion. The Governor's office and the Dept of Finance will provide their official revenue estimates at the May Revision, slated to be published May 14.
3. **District Projections and Skyline's Allocation:** Kathy Blackwood provided the College Business Officers the resource allocation projections for FY 2008-09 to FY 2011-12. CBC reviewed the assumptions used and the district's Revenue and Expenditure Plan for the periods covered. Eloisa Briones went over the summary of Skyline's allocation highlighting the growth dollars that the college earned for exceeding its FTES goal this year. She also pointed out the college's share of the district deficits projected for the next four years. Skyline's estimated expenditures for 2008-09 exceed the site allocation by almost \$1 million. The district has committed to providing a one-time allocation of \$1 million for next year.
4. **Next Meeting:** CBC is scheduled to meet on May 15th; however, the committee decided that, in the absence of new budget information, Eloisa can email updates to the committee as needed. Should there be a need for another meeting, one will be scheduled on May 21st after the May revise and ACBO conference.

Coming Up ...

Saturday, May 3

- Pilipino Cultural Night, 7 p.m., Main Theatre
- Badminton conference finals at Fresno, 10 a.m.
- Priority Enrollment Program Day, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bldg 2

Monday, May 5

- Commencement regalia available at bookstore through May 28
- "Hidden Harm of the Pressure to Succeed" Seminar, 12-2 p.m., Room 6202
- Cinco de Mayo, 11 am to 2 p.m., Main Quad
- Cosmetology Open House, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., Pacific Heights

Tuesday, May 6

- Baseball Playoffs, TBA
- Nominations for the Meyer Excellence in Teaching Award due

Wednesday, May 7

- Blood Drive, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Building 6
- Concurrent Enrollment Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Main Theatre;

- Graduation Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bldg 6
- ASSC Candidate Forum, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Bldg 6
- Food for Life: Asian Food Festival, 12-2 p.m., Quad, Bldg 6
- DSPS Chevy's Fundraising Event, Noon – 10 p.m., Chevy's, 141 Hickey Blvd., SSF. Scholarship winners honored at 6 p.m.

Thursday, May 8

- Badminton State Championships at Skyline through May 10, 3 p.m.
- Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Meeting, 2-4 pm, Room 2306

Friday, May 9

- Baseball playoffs though May 10, TBA
- EOPS International Spring Festival, doors open at 6:30 p.m., Main Theater

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/>.