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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

I made my monthly report to the Board of Trustees last Wednesday, and you can see that report at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information.

Basic Skills Initiative is launched

Skyline has new state funding to develop and implement a plan for creating a comprehensive developmental education program at the college, and all the decisions of what to design and implement are going to be faculty and staff driven. The BSI Project is being coordinated by Rachel Bell, Rick Hough, and Jacquie Escobar. The BSI Steering Committee is Vicki Morrow, Regina Stanback-Stroud, Lori Adrian, Mike Williamson, Connie Beringer, Rick Wallace, Leslie Shelton, Cathy Hasson, Leigh Anne Sippel, and Andy Davis. Additionally, we have 26 Best Practice groups leading the self-assessment stage. Each group will meet twice, examine one best practice, answer 4 questions about it, and submit their recommendations and action plans. We are providing thank you gift certificates to the Serramonte Mall for those who participate in the self-assessment stage (\$120 for group chairs and \$100 for group members). For more information, go to the Basic Skills homepage: <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/bellr/BSIhome.htm>. To become a member of a best practice group, contact Rachel Bell at bellr@smccd.edu, x4349.

Board of Trustees learns about our SLOAC work

This Wednesday night, the three SLOAC coordinators—Karen Wong from Skyline, Sandra Comerford from CSM and Ray Lapuz from Canada—provided a terrific briefing on our Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Cycle to the Board of Trustees. It was a beautifully designed presentation, and all three teachers showed off their classroom skills as well. But clearest of all was the solid and sophisticated work that has been going on in terms of implementing our SLOAC. You can always update yourself on it at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skysloac/index.htm>.

Thanks to our Accreditation Team

I would like to repeat here Ray Hernandez' message to the college last week, just to be sure everyone sees it. He and Donna Bestock co-chaired the process.

The Accreditation Self Study process began in Fall 2005 and the College community dialogued, investigated, collaborated, and wrote to reflect and document how the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) standards were met. The [Accreditation Team](#) and the College has completed its work. The self study document of our accreditation process was officially approved by all constituency groups and the SMCCD board and the final document was sent to the Accreditation team last month in preparation for their site visit scheduled for Monday, October 22nd through Thursday, October 25th.

You may view the document either by going to the Skyline College Accreditation Website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/> and clicking on 'Self Study Final Report' or by

visiting your division office where hard copies of the report are available. Copies are also available in the library and through the Academic Senate and the Classified Council.

Information regarding the accreditation site visit and the site visiting team will be shared within the next few weeks.

On behalf of the Skyline College Steering Committee, we'd like to thank everyone who has contributed their time and efforts to this important process. Skyline College is confident that this self study provides a comprehensive voice representative of all areas of the campus community.

“Chileans in the Gold Rush” draws a crowd

There were about 140 of us in the Main Theater yesterday to hear President Emeritus of Menlo College, Carlos Lopez, tell the story of the very influential group of Chileans who were immigrants to California during the Gold Rush, the “48ers”, as he dubbed them. Thanks to Barbara Daley and Eric Brenner for the President’s Innovation Fund proposal that led to this series, to other Library faculty and staff who helped, and to the President’s Council and all the donors who provided the funding.



Information on the Design/Build project

I have been providing periodic updates here in *Skyline Shines* on our future construction planning. If you would like a summary of where we are and what comes next, you can find a briefing on it at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html> under Educational and Facilities Master Planning.

CalPASS kickoff brings English, Math and ESOL faculty together across the segments

Last Monday, over 30 faculty and administrators from K-12, our district and the CSU came together with leadership from the Cal-PASS project—California Partnership for Achieving Student Success. The project provides faculty within the same discipline, across the segments, the opportunity to come together and look at data on how their students are doing as they move through their education, and consider ways in which the alignment of curriculum might promote greater student success. For more information on the project, see this website: <http://www.cal-pass.org/>. Skyline’s Lucia Lachmayr, Professor of English, is the regional coordinator for the project, and will be assisting at the faculty subgroup meetings, the first of which occurred at this September 24 event. The Professional Learning Councils (PLC’s), which will meet once a month, are keeping up the momentum by meeting in their subgroups starting next week. The schedules for the discipline meetings are as follows:

English Professional Learning Council: 10/1 (Monday) from 4:30-6:00 (and the 1st Monday of every month)

Math Professional Learning Council: 10/2 (Tuesday) from 4:00-5:30 (and the 2nd Tuesday of every month).

ESOL Professional Learning Council:10/23 (Tuesday) from 3:30-5:00 (and the 4th Tuesday of every month)

Snacks and a small gift certificate to a bookstore will be provided to participants at every meeting. Special thanks to Skyline instructors Leigh Anne Sippel for volunteering to co-chair the ESOL learning council and Vanson Nguyen for volunteering to co-chair the Math learning council as well as to participating faculty Liza Erpelo, Jacquie Escobar, Georgia Gero, David Hasson and Kathleen Feinblum.

Skyline shines internationally

The Executive Director of the Pasteur Foundation, representing the Institut Pasteur found Skyline's bust of Pasteur through her online searches, locating it at Chris Case's website:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/case/pasteur.html>. The Executive Director asked for information and a high resolution photo for their 120th anniversary. Chris sent the information and the photo, so Skyline College will be in the Institut Pasteur's anniversary publication.

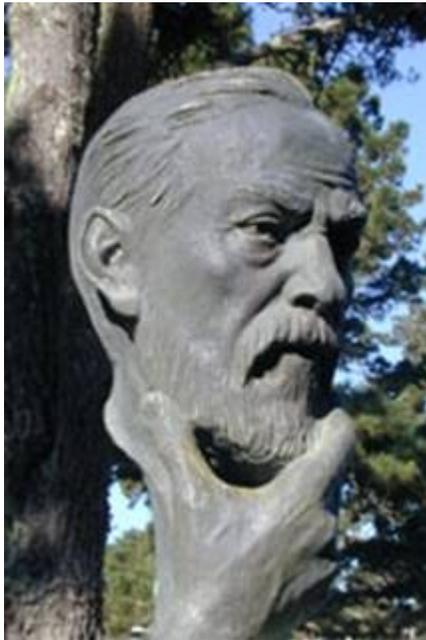


Photo by Chris Case

Strengthening partnerships with local high schools

Skyline is working hard to strengthen our partnerships with our local high schools, in a number of ways:

- **Meetings with the principals and vice principals of the Jefferson Union High School District (JUHSD) and the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD):** The meetings, which are the first of two for the 2007-2008 academic year, are designed to promote ongoing dialogue about current partnership programs as well as to generate new ideas for future initiatives. Ultimately, these dialogues are designed to facilitate the successful transition of high school students to Skyline College. These meetings will be followed by focused meetings on specific initiatives, the high school counselor breakfast, and personal visits to each of the high school sites.
- **Counselor Orientation at the South San Francisco Unified School District (SSFUSD):** Members of our counseling faculty and the Dean of Counseling and Matriculation facilitated a high school counselor orientation at the SSFUSD Office on September 25, 2007 at the invitation of the Superintendent Barbara Olds. A total of 12 SSFUSD counseling and administrative staff participated in the orientation meeting. This activity was a follow-up to a partnership meeting held in August. Special thanks to Jacquie Escobar, Kenny Gonzalez, Joyce Lee, and Rick Wallace who presented on Skyline's comprehensive instructional and student support programs and how these programs are designed to facilitate the successful transition and graduation of students.

Other major themes included Concurrent Enrollment Processes, Transition to College, Special Programs, and Transfer Opportunities. Most of all, this activity provided as a forum for a conversation on how collaboration enhances the ways in which we serve SSFUSD students.

College Council update

1. **Fresh Look Project:** Vicki Morrow reported that the Website Redesign Task Force interviewed vendors and identified one with whom negotiations are now under way. When the project gets to the point that we are undertaking the redesign, there will be broad college wide involvement.
2. **Facilities Master Plan:** Vicki Morrow reported on the status of the Design/Build project. The deadline for firms which are making proposals on the project has been changed to November 16. The briefing on the project is available at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypro/home.html> under Educational and Facilities Master Planning. The College Council will reconsider the name of the new building which is now slated to include the Multicultural Center, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness. For now, it is simply "Building 4N".
3. **Accreditation Planning Agendas:** The Council discussed the three Planning Agendas from our self study which concern governance. (See the Planning Agendas for standards IVA1 and IV A3 at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/study.html>; click on "Planning Agendas"). It was agreed that in the short term we will move immediately to provide within *Skyline Shines* brief meeting summaries (like this one for College Council) for two other central college committees: the College Budget Committee and the Institutional Planning Committee. (See the first of these below, for the College Budget Committee, which met this week.) Also, there was interest in setting up focus groups to probe this topic in a more thorough way (faculty, staff, students, and possibly a combined group). The Council members will discuss this idea with their groups and consider what sorts of times could work.
4. **College Hour:** The Associated Students will identify some alternative models for College Hour in use in other colleges, and bring those to our next Council meeting for further discussion.
5. **Hernandez thesis project:** Ray Hernandez reported on his master's thesis project which will be called "Skyline College: Reducing Environmental Tobacco Smoke on Campus." It will involve a survey of students and employees. He is working with Cathy Hasson on the survey design.
6. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 24

The College Council approved minutes and other committee information are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/committees/index.html>.

College Budget Committee (CBC) update

1. **2006-2007 Financial Report:** Eloisa Briones reviewed the college's expenditures and budget for last year. The college had feared a deficit for the year, but ended up with a small ending balance, which will help the college with its current year deficit.
2. **Report on the District Committee on Budget and Finance:** Linda Whitten reported on the September 18 meeting including an enrollment update and the district's revenue and expenditure budget for 2007-08.
3. **District budget for 2007-08:** Eloisa Briones reviewed a presentation made by Kathy Blackwood, District Chief Financial Officer, at the Board of Trustees meeting this week. It included the final state budget, the district's revenues, the new basic skills funding and district assistance to CSM and Skyline with their projected deficits for the current year.
4. **Review of Skyline's 2007-2008 Budget:** Eloisa Briones reported on Skyline's current expenditures as of September 30. The current budget includes a deficit. We hope to address it through the ending balance from last year and some savings in the current year. The committee discussed the deficit and its implications for hiring. Eloisa said that there should be a better sense of how the year will go by the next meeting. In relation to that, she reported that she is working on modeling the effect on the college's budget of our enrollment growth over the next few years and indicated that at the next meeting, the results of that modeling should be available for the committee's discussion.
5. **Enrollment Update:** Cathy Hasson reported on Skyline's current enrollment situation, including summer and fall FTES and load (WSCH/FTE) as well as providing historical data for each semester for the past several years.

6. **Next Meeting:** October 25, 2:30 pm (the exact start time will be determined once the time of the Accreditation Visiting Team's Exit Interview is established).

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Coming Up ...

Friday, Sept. 28

- Women's Soccer vs. DeAnza at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Cañada at Skyline, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

- Volleyball at Tacoma College, 1 p.m.
- Volleyball at Pierce College (WA), 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at Modesto, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 1

- Classified Staff Bake Sale, 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in front of Building 6

Tuesday, Oct. 2

- Women's Soccer vs. Cabrillo at Skyline, 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at City College SF, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- Volleyball at Chabot College, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Chabot at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Flu Shots, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Health Center

Thursday, Oct. 4

- Relationship Violence Awareness Panel, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Rm 6206.
- Culture Comes Alive presents Josefina Lopez, 12:30- 2 p.m., Gallery Theatre.
- Women's Soccer vs. Contra Costa at Skyline, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 5

- Last Day to apply for a degree/certificate
- Volleyball vs. Foothill at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Las Positas, 4 p.m.

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 an item for *Skyline Shines*?

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

Do you have a suggestion?

You may want to try our new e-Suggestion Box, via the hyperlink in the box below, or on the front page of our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/>.



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/>

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