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President's Report to the Board of Trustees posted

My monthly report to the Board is available on our website at

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

Open Forum on the Budget

About fifty Skyline people gathered for yesterday's Open Forum on the budget. The forum was videotaped and the video will be available on our website later today at <http://www.smccd.edu/itunesu/>. I recommend that everyone view it to get a more detailed understanding of our current challenges and steps being taken. Kathy Blackwood, district Chief Financial Officer, and Jim Keller, Executive Vice Chancellor, provided an update on the state budget and its projected severe impact on our district under every scenario, including a threat to the district's ability to move into basic aid status. Ray Hernandez and Eloisa Briones, Co-Chairs of our College Budget Committee (CBC), reviewed the work the CBC has been doing to address the budget challenges, including the assumptions guiding their work, the array of cost cutting and revenue generating strategies being employed, and the multi-level approach to potential budget reductions, depending on the depth of the cuts required. Harry Joel, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, reviewed the plans and timing for managed hiring. I reviewed the various ways that people can share their ideas, including talking with CBC members, supervisors, and using the Budget eSuggestion Box (the link is at the bottom of *Skyline Shines* every week). The Governor's May Revise will be published on May 28, after the May 19 special election. The CBC will meet again next week to continue its work and identify the best ways to communicate and keep everyone informed over the summer. It is clear from all of the information we have that our district and our college will need to make some profound changes to adapt to these new budgetary constraints and still do the very best job possible of serving our community.

Skyline Baseball and Badminton end season on high note

Skyline College finished up the spring sports season this past weekend as the Trojans Baseball team was knocked out of the playoffs and Women's Badminton finished the state championships. In baseball, Skyline lost their best of three series against Cosumnes River College two games to one. In the opener, on Friday, May 8th, the Trojans jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but the Hawks answered with 6 runs in the 4th inning in route to a 7-3 victory. On Saturday morning May 9th, behind the strong pitching performance of Marcus Pointer, Skyline defeated Cosumnes River 6-2 forcing a decisive third game later that day. In the finale, Skyline jumped out to a 1-0 lead after 5 innings on the no-hit pitching performance of Ben Ruder. Cosumnes rallied against the bull-pen to gain a 2-1 advantage before the Trojans rallied to tie the game at 2-2. Unfortunately, the Hawks in their final at-bat, were able to string three consecutive hits together forcing across the winning run. Skyline finished the season 26-17. Congratulations to Coach Dino Nomicos, his staff and all the members of the team. In Women's Badminton, Skyline had a doubles team and individual reach the quarterfinals. In singles, Nour Abudamous from Skyline advanced through two rounds before losing in the quarterfinals to the eventual state runner-up Shannon Hsu of Irvine Valley College. In doubles, the team of Abudamous and Rachele Berania from Skyline won their first match before losing a quarterfinal battle to the team of Hsu and Vimla Phongasvi of Irvine Valley College. Hsu and Phongasvi would eventually be crowned state champions in doubles play. Skyline finished the season 6-2. Congratulations to Coach Jan Fosberg, her staff and all the members of the team. The

Badminton picture is of Nour Abudamous and Rachelle Berania, mentioned above. The baseball pitcher is Marcus Pointer.



Photos by Kevin Corsiglia

Compressed Calendar Survey available now, until Friday, May 22

As part of a shared governance committee representing Skyline College, Adolfo Leiva (Classified), Joe Morello (Management), and Leigh Anne Sippel (Faculty) have been participating in a feasibility study regarding a compressed calendar. As part of the study, they have developed a survey for our campus. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and will aid us in identifying issues, soliciting input and generating interest. You need not know anything about a compressed calendar to take the survey. You'll be given an overview of the concept and asked a series of questions. This survey is not a vote on accepting or rejecting the concept of a compressed calendar. Classified, faculty and management are encouraged to participate. As an added incentive, anyone who participates in the survey is eligible to **win a 8GB Nano Touch**. The link to access the survey is below. The deadline for completing the survey is by Friday, May 22nd. Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

<http://remark.smccd.edu/cgi-bin/rws4.pl?FORM=B107-CompressedCalendarSurveyv1>

Classified Employee Appreciation Week will be recognized next week, May 17-23

Classified School Employee Week began as a resolution at CSEA's Annual Conference in 1984. Two years later, it was adopted as California Senate Bill 1552 and decreed to be an official recognition of classified school employees. Skyline College Classified Council and CSEA Chapter 33 from Skyline College are hosting a continental breakfast in the staff/faculty lunch room in building 6, on Monday, May 18, 2009 from 8:30 am to 9:30 am. The breakfast is open to all classified employees. There will be coffee, juice, fruit, muffins and other homemade pastries.

Skyline College participates in Veterans' Fair

Skyline College, along with several community agencies and other community colleges in the Bay Area, participated in a Veteran's Fair last Saturday, May 9th at the VA Center in San Bruno. Congresswoman Jackie Speier spoke about her support for the new changes and benefits in the Veteran's new GI Bill. At least one hundred veterans attended the fair and one of our current student-veterans, Rocky Giovannetti, helped represent Skyline College and worked at our Skyline Table, along with Admissions and Records Veterans Liaison Sylvia Martinez; Mason Feldman, Campus Ambassador; and Rick Wallace, Dean of Counseling. Other community agencies and colleges in attendance were CSM, Canada, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, San Francisco/San Mateo Workforce Services, Ed Fund and more. Many veterans families were in attendance as well.

***Brownout!* DVD now available**

BROWNOUT! marks the fifth annual PCN (Pilipino Cultural Night) production for the Kababayan Program.

This year's show had an audience of 350+ on Thursday, April 30th and for the third year in a row, a sold-out Gala Night on Friday, May 1st. Along with advisors Liza Erpelo, Melanie Espinueva, Marisa Mariano, and Nate Nevado, over the course of two semesters, the students in English 104: Applied English Skills in Cultural Production develop and write the script together in the fall, and then direct, produce, and perform the production each spring. While PCN showcases the many talents our students have as singers, actors, and dancers, *BROWNOUT!*, like previous PCNs, also focuses on significant events in Filipino American history, such as the Pensionado program and the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, and emphasizes the importance of learning about Filipino history and telling these stories. This show would not be possible without the help and support of several important people at Skyline College: Kababayan Dance Troupe instructors Bonifacio Valera, Jr. and Victoria Hafalia, Theater Events Manager Alan Ceccarelli, Kathy Zbikowski-Taylor in Graphic Arts/Production, and our deans and their assistants: Connie Beringer and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Donna Bestock and Rakefet Avramovitz, and Joe Morello and Sandra Hatzistratis. All proceeds from the show go towards supporting future productions and activities for the Kababayan Program and its four very active and dynamic student-initiated and student-run programs: Filipino Student Union, Pilipino Cultural Night, Kapatiran Mentorship Program, and Kababayan Dance Troupe.

And even after the show, the fundraising efforts continue: if you are interested in purchasing a *BROWNOUT!* hooded sweatshirt (\$25) or a DVD of the Gala Night show (\$15, available on May 26), please contact Liza Erpelo at erpelol@smccd.edu or x4119.



Parents and students visit Skyline for Concurrent Enrollment Information Night

Nearly 50 parents and students attended Skyline College's Main Theatre on Wednesday evening, May 6, to learn more about our Concurrent Enrollment Program. The one hour information session was attended by high school students and their parents from the Jefferson Union High School District and South San Francisco Unified School District. The presentation was led by Skyline College Counselors Kenny Gonzalez and Nate Nevado. The session provided parents and students the opportunity to ask a wide of array of questions about our Concurrent Enrollment Program. Thank you to the Outreach Team, Kenny Gonzalez, Nate Nevado, Jocelyn Vila and Minerva Velasquez for coordinating this event. Special thanks to the Center for Work Force Development, Loretta Davis, Janelle Tillotson (counseling intern) and Yesenia Morales (Outreach Student Assistant) for all their help in making this a successful event.

“Story Hour” happens at Skyline Library

Skyline Library celebrated Children's Book Week with a “Story Hour” on Wednesday, May 13. Reference Librarian Amy Titus, assisted by her 10 year-old daughter Josie, read stories to two groups of children from the Child Care Center. Barbara Daley of the Library and Michelle Amaral of the Child Care Center got a chance to meet at the recent Classified Staff Retreat, and brainstormed the idea of having a children's story hour during the Library's Children's Book Week celebration. Thanks go to Michelle and all of the staff and teachers at the Center for enthusiastically supporting the event!



Photo by Caroline Ocampo

Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) update

After a brief review of the current budget situation and the near-year-end FTES/Productivity report, the group launched into an investigation of the SMCCD District Segmentation. Highlights included the observation that 41% of SMCCD students in Fall 2008 were taking one course, with another 18% taking 2+ courses with at least one pre-transfer Math, English, or ESL course. Follow-up questions were generated to shed further light on the range of student segments and how we might better serve them. The group also discussed the recent debate and developments on the statewide proposal to remove the research requirement to establishing prerequisites in cross-disciplinary courses (e.g. an English prerequisite for a History course). As the statewide proposals evolve and reach resolution, IPC will monitor any changes and their implications on our students. Finally, the group briefly reviewed the Year-end Goals & Unit Planning processes, and will take up the more thorough and scheduled three-year review of this process in 2009-10.

Errata

Last week's photo of Golda Gacutan was taken by Pablo Gonzalez.

Coming up...

Friday, May 15

- Classified Service Awards Luncheon, Gallery Theatre, 11:30- 1pm
- Butterfly Preschool Graduation, Main Theatre, 3:00 pm
- Transfer Student Success Celebration, Building 6 Cafeteria, 6:30-8pm
- Spring Concert: Community Band and Jazz Band, Main Theatre, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 16

- "The Sky's the Limit" Polynesian Youth Conference, Building 6 and Main Theater, 10-6pm
- Automotive Awards Banquet, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, 6-10pm

Monday, May 18

- CSEA Union Breakfast, Building 6 Cafeteria, 8:30-9:30am

Thursday, May 21

- Talisman Annual Awards Ceremony, Gallery Theatre, 12:30-2:00pm

Friday, May 22

- Final Examination Day Classes Only

Monday, May 25

- Campus Closed- Memorial Day

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>



Here is the **Website Redesign Project e-Suggestion Box**, for feedback on the new website,



For suggestions specific to the **budget**, here is the link:



And for ideas about Skyline's **40th Anniversary** celebration next year, here is the link:



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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