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Deadline for PIF proposals: 4:30 pm, April 30

President's Innovation Fund (PIF) projects are designed to encourage Skyline faculty and staff to "dream out loud." If you are interested in submitting a proposal for 2009-10, **the deadline is Thursday, April 30, 4:30 pm** in the President's Office. The guidelines and the proposal form are on our Web site at this address: <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> (under President's Innovation Fund). We will also have an interest this year in projects involving celebration of the college's 40th Anniversary.

Deadline for Skyline Shines Award nominations: 4:30 pm, April 30

The Skyline Shines Award, now in its fourth 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 Thursday, April 30** using the official Nomination Form at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html> (under "Skyline Shines Awards"). The nominations must describe the ways in which nominee(s) help the college live up to the college's values (the criteria are included with the form). Nominations should be sent to Linda Ghio, Assistant to the President. They may be mailed, faxed (650-738-4338), or emailed to ghiol@smccd.edu.

Student scholarship application numbers are rising

This year our Financial Aid office received over 155 Skyline College institutional scholarship applications, more than in any previous year. The Scholarship Committee will be reading the applications throughout the next couple of weeks and will meet to select the recipients in early April. Selected students will be notified by Monday, April 6, and will be asked to participate in the Student Recognition Awards Ceremony on Thursday, May 7th from 4 to 6 pm in the Skyline Main Theatre, where they will meet their donors as well as receive recognition for their outstanding academic achievement. Good luck to all applicants, and thanks in advance to our colleagues serving on the committee: Rakefet Avramovitz, Rosemary Bell, Alma Cervantes, Kevin Corsiglia, Katharine Harer, Melissa Komadina, Cindy Moss, and Linda Van Sciver.

Skyline student shines in science

Skyline student Jonathan Tolentino presented his original research at the spring meeting of the American Society for Microbiology-Northern California Branch, on Saturday, March 14th. Jonathan did his research with Chris Case in Biology 690. Jonathan and his lab partner, Claudia Briones, designed and implemented their experiments to investigate "Antibacterial activity of herbal extracts used in Native American traditional medicine." The judges, from industry and government agencies, described their experiments as "elegant" and awarded Jonathan first place.



Institutional Planning Committee (IPC) update

The IPC met last Wednesday. Prior meeting minutes are archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/GovCommittees/instPlanning/index.html>.

1. **Update on Hewlett Culture of Inquiry/Capacity Grant:** Rob Johnstone, Dean of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness, briefly shared with the committee his work as a Project Director for a Hewlett grant on how to develop cultures of evidence and inquiry in the California Community Colleges. As part of this grant, the research team is reviewing statewide and national measures of effectiveness in developmental education and suggesting a small subset for use in California. Further, the grant team has just finished a major statewide survey investigating the capacity to produce, understand, and translate research data and evidence into action. Rob will share some initial results from these two analyses at the next meeting.
2. **District Strategic Plan Recommendations:** The IPC discussed and then achieved consensus on the “Top 10” of the 51 strategic recommendations the college would prioritize in the next 12 to 18 months. It was acknowledged that the college is already working on far more than 10 of these items; these 10 were deemed to be important enough to devote continued/additional energy to in the nearer term. The team identified Recommendation 2.2a – “Identify Gaps in Student Achievement” as its highest priority, and then listed nine more. They are, ordered by the numbering in the District Plan and edited for brevity:
 - 1.1a – Develop/Implement an Enrollment Management Plan
 - 1.2b – Develop a Holistic Diversity Framework
 - 2.2a – Identify Gaps in Student Achievement (HIGHEST PRIORITY)
 - 2.2c – Offer a Middle College
 - 2.4a – Review/Expand Current Articulation Agreements
 - 2.4b – Encourage/Facilitate Degree Attainment
 - 3.1b – Identify Emerging Workforce Development Opportunities
 - 3.2b – Increase Financial Aid Awareness
 - 4.5a – Strengthen Professional Development Opportunities
 - 5.1c – Provide Extensive, Integrated, and Coordinated Research & Planning
3. **Segmentation Research:** Rob introduced his first draft of segmentation research designed to learn more about our student segments from their class-taking patterns. The group discussed implications, especially of single course takers (30-35% of the population), and developed additional research questions to further explore the segments. The committee will revisit these questions at the next IPC.
4. **Future Agenda Items:** Continuation of segmentation research discussion; Hewlett Capacity Grant Discussion; Review of Annual Unit Planning Process; Review of Three-Year Work Plan Structure and Progress.

Coming up...

Friday, March 20

- Baseball vs. De Anza College, 2pm
- Last day to submit application for Skyline Stars: Transfer Student Hall, Building 2 Room 2227, 4pm
- Nature Insideout- works by Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios, and Patricia K. Kelly through April 3, Gallery Theatre

Saturday, March 21

- Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science Conference, Main Theatre, 8am-4pm
- Badminton Coast Conference Tournament, City College of San Francisco, 10am

Sunday, March 22

- Cosmetology Department, Dining for Change Fundraiser, Cosmetology Department: Pacific Heights Building, 10am-3pm

Tuesday, March 24

- Baseball vs. Hartnell College, 2pm

Thursday, March 26

- President's Breakfast, South San Francisco Conference Center, 7:30-8:30am
- Baseball vs. Ohlone College, 2pm

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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