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Welcome back for the spring semester! I hope your break was fun, restful and renewing. I look forward to seeing you again.

Governor's budget is a mixed bag

It lifted my heart to hear the governor state last week that he would protect education in his proposed budget. When the budget was revealed, there was, indeed, some good news for our system—for instance, some money to serve more students. But there was also additional reduction to categorical programs with a new cut to EOPS and continuation of the prior cuts to the other categorical programs. The biggest issue with the proposal is that it is founded upon unlikely revenues, such as federal support which did not materialize in the current year and is unlikely to do so for 2010-11. So we are left with a great deal of uncertainty. We will be receiving our usual district wide update soon, so I will leave the details to that message. In the board meeting last Wednesday, the chancellor and the board agreed that our best course at this point is to proceed with the budget reduction planning for 2010-11 that we already have under way and await the May Revision before making any major course corrections. I am considering the College Budget Committee's recommendation submitted to me in late December; I will be responding to that soon and will share with you my recommendations for our budget next year.

Faculty door cards

We are well on our way to a great start to the semester, with faculty quickly posting their door cards online for easy access by students. As of yesterday 65 percent of the full-time faculty had already posted theirs along with 25 percent of the adjunct faculty. Thanks to all of you!

Skyline kicks-off the New Year with *On Course*

On January 7th and 8th about 40 faculty, classified staff, and administrators spent two full days training with On Course principles and strategies. The professional development event was arranged by Melissa Komadina, On Course Coordinator for Skyline College, and the event was funded through the College Success Initiative (CSI). The training was highly experiential and designed to provide the participants with dozens of innovative strategies for empowering students to become active, responsible and successful learners. Overall feedback from the training was positive and participants enjoyed being “the student” in a learner-centered environment and appreciated the experience to work amongst colleagues and to build a sense of community through the On Course



experience. For more information: <http://www.oncourseworkshop.com/>.

**Last chance to submit your great idea for how we should name our quads and pathways—
TODAY!**

As you know, we will be establishing names for our **quads** and **major pathways**. The deadline is today for the submission of proposals. Here are the details.

Areas which would be affected. The major pathways are indicated in yellow in the map below and the quads are indicated in blue. The red dots indicate banners which will carry the pathway names to help with way-finding.



Possible approaches to naming quads and pathways. We may want to use different logic for the quads than for the pathways, or we may want to select a unified approach. Please submit your suggestions via the eSuggestion Box here, or at the bottom of *Skyline Shines*, or on our website (see the eSuggestion Box link on our front page). Here are some possibilities to get your thinking going:

- Descriptive: East, West, South, Central
- Thematic: key words or concepts from our Vision, Mission and Values statements might be used: Diversity, Learning, Communication, Partnership
- Environmentally oriented: Mission Blue Butterfly, Cypress, Ocean View
- Focused on building purposes: Student Quad (Bldg. 6), Trojan Quad (Bldg. 3), Arts Quad (Bldg. 1), Science Quad (Bldg. 7), Auto Quad (Bldgs. 9, 10 and 11), Multicultural Quad (new Bldg. 4 quad entrance)
- Something else entirely!

Process and timeline: The deadline for proposals is TODAY, January 15, via the eSuggestion Box below or on our website. The College Council will consider the proposals at their January meeting and may send out a short list for further input in February. Recommendations will go to the Board of Trustees in April.



[Naming Paths & Quads e-suggestion Box](#)

Here is the fall season sports wrap for Skyline

Skyline teams and students enjoyed a successful fall sports season. 115 students participated in the fall semester in Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Volleyball and Wrestling. Women's Soccer completed the best season in their history with a record of 17-1-4 winning the Coast Conference North Division and advancing in the state playoffs. The team finished the season ranked 5th in California and 13th nationally in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll for community colleges. This national ranking was the first in the history of the program. Men's Soccer completed the season with a record of 4-12-4 finishing in fifth place in the Coast Conference South Division. Volleyball finished the season with a record of 10-15 and a third place finish in the Coast Conference North Division. Wrestling finished the season rated 11th in Northern California and 21st in the state.

Fifteen individuals received recognition as All-League, All-Region, All-State and/or All-American selections. Marie Torres - Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference, All-Northern California, Coast Conference Goalie of the Year, 2nd Team All-West Region); Midori Sera – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference and All-Northern California), Taylor Hill – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Fonda Joab – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Laura Cremen – Women's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Lisa Kurpieski – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jamie Parque – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jenna Motylewki – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Jennifer Alvarez – Women's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); William Sardinah – Men's Soccer (1st Team All-Conference); Kevin Wright – Men's Soccer (2nd Team All-Conference); Caroline Livai - Volleyball (1st Team All-Conference); Sarah Wright – Volleyball (1st Team All-Conference); Kevin Reed – Wrestling (All-Northern California) and Chris Zawaiden (All-Northern California).

Academically, our teams had a cumulative GPA of 2.98. Special recognition is in order for the accomplishments of our Men's Basketball program. The team had the highest GPA (3.29) of any fall sport. Two basketball players had a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The completion rate for all courses attempted by student-athletes was 90% and 50 students (43%) achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher while completing 12 or more units during the fall semester.

Safety advisory going out to students

One aspect of our follow up to the fall 2009 shooting incident on campus involves ensuring that students are aware of the safety policies on campus. The following message is being emailed to all Skyline students, and I wanted everyone to be aware of it.

Welcome to the Spring 2010 semester. Skyline College is deeply committed to promoting a safe and secure campus. This advisory is to inform you that the possession and use of weapons, including imitations, is strictly prohibited on campus at all times and under any circumstances. The possession or use of weapons is a serious violation of the Student Conduct (Rules and Regulations 7.69) and is subject to serious disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion (Rules and Regulations 7.70). Such possession or use is also a violation of the Penal Code and is subject to criminal action.

If you have any questions, need additional information, or have safety-related information to share, you are encouraged to:

- Call the Public Safety Office at (650) 738-4199 or the Chief of Public Safety at tupperb@smccd.edu
- Visit the Public Safety website at www.skylinecollege.edu
- Call the Anonymous Tip Line at (650) 738-4358
- Contact the Student Disciplinary Officer/Dean of Enrollment Services at (650) 738-4238, hancocks@smccd.edu
- Contact the Vice President of Student Services at (650) 738-4333, adrianl@smccd.edu

Skyline faculty contribute to new *Basic Skills Handbook*

The *Basic Skills Handbook (Constructing a Framework for Success: A Holistic Approach to Basic Skills)*, created by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges, has just been published. Each college will be receiving a hard copy for their library, but meanwhile it has been posted the book on their website at <http://www.cccbsi.org/basic-skills-handbook>. Check out Chapter 7; Karen Wong and Linda Hein contributed lesson plans.

2010 Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholars selected

Skyline Professor of Biology Chris Case is one of 24 community college instructors selected as Phi Theta Kappa's Faculty Scholars, and will serve as a facilitator for the 2010 International Honors Institute. The scholars, all Phi Theta Kappa chapter advisors, were selected based on applications judged on knowledge of the current Honors Study Topic, "The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise," and demonstrated excellence in teaching. The scholars represent 17 states and the Virgin Islands. The Society's Honors Study Topic is an interdisciplinary study used by chapters and colleges as the basis for honors study in colloquies, courses, seminars and the Honors Seminar Series. To prepare for their roles, the group will attend the annual Faculty Scholar Conference, sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities, at Phi Theta Kappa's Center for Excellence in Jackson, Mississippi, February 3-7. The 2010 International Honors Institute will be held June 14-18 at Chapman University in Orange, California. Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Mississippi, is the largest honor society in higher education with 1,250 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than two million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 100,000 students inducted annually.

Scenes from the Puppet World comes to the Skyline Gallery

Skyline College is proud to present *Scenes from the Puppet World*, an installation by Francesca Borgatta, February 2-March 20, 2010. A reception for the artist will be held on Thursday, February 4, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Skyline College Art Gallery (Building 1). Admission is free. To build puppets, Francesca Borgatta combines re-cycled materials with paper, textiles and glue. She gives a figure a name and plays with it, adding new elements to define its character. When two or more puppets seem related, she builds a scene to hold them. Borgatta may write a dialogue to explain their predicament, and invite interaction

with the audience. Large figures are placed in palanquins suspended from the ceiling, capable of limited motion in interaction with the observer. Visual effects include lighting and projection, while audio effects include natural sounds and dialogue. Themes addressed in these constructions involve cultural identity, inter-personal communication, and achieving ecological awareness through the responsible use of natural resources. Borgatta's early training included theater and dance. She apprenticed with Peter Schumann's Bread and Puppet Theater. As a rookie teacher with Inter-Action Trust on Adventure Playgrounds, she built sets and puppets for versions of Gulliver and Tempest. Borgatta studied Javanese Shadow Puppetry with the American Society for Eastern Arts (A.S.E.A.), and learned how ritualized storytelling is combined with the gamelan orchestra. Borgatta explores ways in which traditional puppet forms appear in different cultures, and she adapts these principles to her own puppet-making activities. Gallery hours vary. For current visiting and parking information, please see the gallery website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>.



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 new link to our [Naming Paths & Quads e-suggestion Box](#)



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/>

Skyline Shines is archived at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/skyshines/>

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