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President's Report to the Board of Trustees

I gave my monthly report to the Board last Wednesday night, and it is available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>.

Faculty Door Cards

We are off to an outstanding start in supporting our students by providing them easy access to faculty office hours. As of this morning, we have 97% of the full-time faculty door cards available to students on our website. This fall we are also tracking electronic door cards for adjunct faculty, and have reached 24% for that group. Thanks so much to all of you who have done it already! If anyone needs a hand getting it done, please just contact Theresa Tentes at tentes@smccd.edu or 650-738-4321.

Update on the Facilities Master Plan and the next wave of construction

I described in my Opening Day remarks the need for us to scale back our construction plans for the Design/Build portion of the next wave of construction. I reviewed the buildings and Sitework which are part of that project and briefly described five scenarios for achieving the budget reduction for the project. Each would have its own negative and positive effects. I noted that I have invited our Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force (EFMPP) to a meeting on August 30 to advise me on our best approach to the gap between our original plans and our budget. I promised to make available some documents to help people think about all this, and those are now on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. They include a more detailed written description of the background of the issue and the five scenarios, a side-by-side comparison of the negative and positive effects of the scenarios, and a detailed description of all the buildings and the Sitework which were slated to be part of this project. If you are interested in attending the **August 30 meeting of the EFMPP, please join us in Room 6202 from 1-4 pm.**

Opening Day 2007

The materials which were distributed on Opening Day are now posted on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/>. The photo of our new faculty, staff and administrators is also out there—great smiles from a great group!



Photo by Shelly Hausman

We honored the winners of the second annual Skyline Shines Awards:

College employee or group: Phyllis Taylor

Community member or group: Greg Cochran

In College Council next week we will discuss how we liked the schedule this year, with the Skyline college wide events on Tuesday morning instead of Monday afternoon, so be sure to let your representatives on the Council know what you think about that or bounce me an email with your thoughts. Thanks again to everyone who made it all work: Linda Ghio, Julene Rhoan, Shelly Hausman, Sandy Irber, Roxanne Brewer, Theresa Tentes, Golda Gacutan, Mary Anne Leary and Rich Tidd. Thanks to Regina Stanback Stroud, Lori Adrian and Carla Campillo for their help with the presentations, and to Lauren Hernandez, Carla, Adolfo Leiva, Chip Chandler, Rick Hough and Cass Christian for their lively and inspiring words of welcome.

College Council Annual Report, 2006-07

Once again, the College Council has prepared a report of its work for the prior year and you can view it at <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skycouncil/home.html>. It is a great tool for tracking the discussions of specific topics across the year. It is organized alphabetically, by topic, and includes notes from each meeting date when the Council addressed that topic.

Whitten named to state wide Academic Senate advisory committee

Linda Whitten, professor of Business, has been named to the Course Identification Project Advisory Committee for the Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges. She joins colleagues from our system as well as the California State University and the University of California.

College Council Draft Agenda for August 29

1. **Facilities Master Plan:** update on planning for August 30 meeting of the Educational and Facilities Master Plan Project Task Force concerning the scope and budget for the Design/Build project.
2. **Adoption of Thematic Governance Model and Committee Reporting Lines:** these were drafted in their current form in 2006, and were awaiting completion of the Accreditation Self Study for formal adoption.

3. **Fresh Look Project update:** website redesign project, catalog and student handbook design review
4. **Accreditation Planning Agendas:** discussion of accreditation planning agendas related to governance
5. **Commencement time:** report from the Commencement Committee on last May's new 5 pm start time for the ceremony
6. **Opening Day format change to Tuesday morning:** debriefing.
7. **40th Anniversary Planning Committee:** appointments needed; group to begin work in late October.
8. **Meeting schedule for the year:** generally the fourth Wednesday of the month. Consider any needed changes.

Coming up...

- Common Ground event funded by the President's Innovation Fund:
Thursday, November 8
7pm Main Theater
Dr. Nina Jablonski, Chair of Anthropology Pennsylvania State University
Author of numerous articles and the recent book, *Skin: A Natural History* (UC Press)
Lecture on the intersection of biology and culture as they relate to race.

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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