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Accreditation visiting team provides their “Exit Report”

Here is my summary of the Exit Report—it was an extremely positive one. It was clear to me that the visiting team really saw Skyline in all its glory. I was proud of the college and of our self study. What we heard yesterday was just the preliminary findings reported by the Visiting Team Chair, Robert Garber. These are my quick notes on them, not the ultimate, official wording:

Overall comments about the college and our self study report—the team appreciated the following:

- The quality, clarity, and honesty of our self study
- The preparation for and support for the visit including not only those involved in the self-study, but also the ITS staff who were so responsive to the team’s needs and to the Cafeteria staff for their assistance and the great food
- The quality of the documentation, and the fact that the evidence was made available to the team electronically in advance of the visit (via CD and on the website)
- The broad participation across the college and the district in the self study and in the visit, and the very collaborative spirit the team saw
- Our clear efforts to address the recommendations from the prior visiting team
- The college’s Planning Agendas and the plans to address them which are already well under way.

Commendations to the college for the following:

- The SLOAC Committee, the framework for development and implementation of SLOs, and the supportive culture at the college for that work
- The comprehensive research program, planning and assessment of plans, and the innovative Balanced Scorecard
- The high level of trust, collegiality, and the participatory governance which lead to a sense a pride in the college, collaboration, and shared aspirations for a bright future
- Effective and pervasive use of technology for instructional programs, support services, communication and participation
- The focus on cultural competence and diversity, as exemplified by the ethnic studies graduation requirement, the numerous high quality cultural events and the interest in diverse hiring
- The commitment to delivering very high quality student services
- The beautiful new and modernized facilities, including the Student Center, the athletic fields and others, and the blend of the newer architecture with the existing buildings; also the well maintained grounds and clean facilities
- The innovative use of funds for College Vista and its ability to attract faculty and staff.

Recommendations

- **College**
 1. Develop, approve and publish a code of ethics for all employee groups.

2. With district ITS, integrate technology planning with institutional planning, including a stable, long-term plan for renewing computer technology.
 3. Submit to the accrediting commission the substantive change proposal for the college's many programs for which 50% or more is available online. (*This site visit serves as the requisite sub change site visit required by the commission, so now it is a matter of completing the last of the paperwork.*)
 4. Build upon the SLO structure and accelerate full implementation and integration, and utilize assessment findings in college decision making.
 5. Develop and implement a policy for evaluation of the college's governance structure on a regular basis, widely communicate it and use it as the basis for improvement.
- **District** (these three will be the same for all three of the district's colleges)
 1. Develop and implement policies and procedures to incorporate SLOs into evaluation for those with direct responsibility for student learning.
 2. Develop rules and regulations for evaluation of college presidents.
 3. Undertake regular evaluation of the delineation of functions between the colleges and the district and the effectiveness of that delineation.

What's next: The team will send us a draft report in a few weeks for us to check for errors of fact. They will then submit it to the accrediting commission, which will act on our accreditation status. Every college is required to submit a midterm report in three years. The commission might leave it at that, or they might take one of these actions: ask that the midterm report be a Focused Midterm Report (that is, that we show particular progress in one or more areas); or require a Progress Report submitted sooner than the three year time frame; or require a special visit to accompany either a Focused Midterm or a Progress Report. We will receive that result by the beginning of February, along with the visiting team's final report. Today's Exit Report was videotaped, thanks to Jim Petromilli, and will be available later today on the district-wide iTunesU website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/find.html> (or go via our A-Z menu from our front page).

THANK YOU to the following people for their roles in bringing this huge and vital project to such a successful conclusion (for all the details and their precise roles, go to <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/process.html#steerings>):

- **Steering Committee:** Donna Bestock (co-chair), Ray Hernandez (co-chair), Felix Perez, Taylor Angel, Luis Padilla, Donna Elliott, Lori Adrian, Eric Brenner, Regina Stanback Stroud, Connie Beringer, Linda Van Sciver, Carla Campillo Mike Williamson, Cathy Hasson (Accreditation Liaison Officer and Research), Nancy Kaplan Biegel (Report Editor), Anyta Archer (Resource Manager)
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- **Standard III: Resources:** Connie Beringer (co-chair), Linda Van Sciver (co-chair), Eloisa Briones, Chris Case, Kevin Chak, Barbara Daley, Kathleen Feimblum, Bridget Fischer, Kathy Fitzpatrick, Tom Hewitt, Rick Hough, Richard Inokuchi, Wendy Lum, Jennifer Merrill, Rachelle Minony, Jim Petromilli, Phyllis Taylor, Theresa Tentes, Rich Tidd, Tony Vassalle, William Watson, Salah Webb, Amy Windley, Soodi Zamani.
- **Standard IV: Leadership and Governance:** Carla Campillo (co-chair), Mike Williamson (co-chair), Tracy Bailey, Amory Cariadus, Chip Chandler, Linda Ghio, Tony Gulli, Imelda Hermosillo, Nick Kapp, May Lee, Sue Lorenzo, Margery Meadows.
- **And also, some other key people:** Linda Ghio had another role, as our key support person for the team, Barbara Daley and Carol Driscoll did vital work on the evidence files, and from the

administrative offices, we received crucial last minute logistical help from Theresa Tentes and Roxanne Brewer.

And finally please join us all TODAY at our *Viva la Acreditación Fiesta* in the Building 7/8 quad between 12 and 1:30. It will be our chance to thank the many colleagues and students who prepared our self-study and the detailed evidence used by the visiting team and the accrediting commission.



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.

Transfer Day draws 30 transfer institutions to Skyline

Our students had the opportunity to meet admissions representatives from nearly 30 colleges and universities at the annual Transfer Day held on Friday, October 19, 2007, including Columbia University from New York. Columbia is delighted to have three transfer students from Skyline College among their undergraduate student population. Transfer Day provided Skyline students the opportunity to have their transfer questions answered as well as learn about transfer and special programs available at the University of California, California State University, as well as other private and public four-year institutions. The event was hosted by the Counseling Department. Special thanks to Professor Joyce Lee, who provided overall leadership for the event, and Gunilla Harshman, Transfer Center Assistant, who coordinated arrangements; the Counseling faculty for their support and assistance; Assessment Coordinator Andy Davis; Counseling Department staff Patty Mendoza and Goldie Lee; several student assistants, and Rick Wallace, Dean of Counseling and Matriculation. Pictured below are Skyline students Naciacen Bambilla, Daniela Oliva, Lindsay D'Amico and Farah Sheikh.



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El Dia de los Muertos honored next Thursday



Film Screening

“El Día de los Muertos en México”

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007

12 p.m.

Main Theatre

Followed by a panel of Skyline College Faculty and Staff
celebrating the lives of loved ones

Panel includes:

Felix Pérez, Tutorial Assistance Program Director
Jacqueline Escobar, Counselor
Alma Cervantes, Professor of Business
Pablo González, Counselor
Hilda Fernández, English Instructor



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Cosmetology students shine in annual competition

At the October 14 Santa Cruz Mardi Gras Fantasy competition, Skyline's Izabella Szuzuka Wu took second place in the fantasy nail segment (we have the trophy to prove it)! The competition was the Nino Faggiano Student Team competition sponsored by The Cosmetology Associations of Central Bay, Santa Clara Valley and Golden Gate. It included 38 teams of students from cosmetology programs all over northern and central California. Skyline Cosmetology was proudly represented by four (4) teams with students ranging in experience from freshmen to graduating seniors. The theme was Fantasy Mardi Gras. Four groups of students participated (1 model and three competitors). Izabella is a senior student in our program. Her group consisted of Kiley Duncan (senior); Shawna Donnelly (just graduated); and Angela Santini (senior). We are so proud of our extremely talented students. Six of our instructors attended and cheered the teams on to victory.



There's a new website in town—President's Council

We now have a website focused on our President's Council, the group of community leaders who are friends to the college and assist us in raising money for the President's Innovation Fund. You access it from the A-Z listing on the front page of our website or click on this link:

<http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skypio/PresCouncil/index.html> The current members, their brief bios and links to the President's Innovation Fund are all there. Thanks to Sandy Irber and Shelly Hausman for creating the site, and to the members of the Council for their service to the college!

International Latino Film Festival coming to Skyline

The International Latino Film Festival will take place in the Bay Area from November 2-18. One of the sites where films will be shown is right here at Skyline on Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday,

November 15. The films start at 7:00 pm. Admission is \$8.00/\$6.00 students. For information on films, dates and locations, see www.latinofilmfestival.org or call Jacqueline Escobar at 738-4305.



College Council update for October 24

- 1. College Hour proposal:** Lauren Hernandez and Anastasia Kuzina from the Associated Students reported on their initial research into the College Hour practices at other community colleges. Their College Hour proposal would involve the suspension of classes. They are looking at a variety of models, and they will continue that work and report back at the November meeting. They will be visiting institutions that have the College Hour. There will also be an on campus survey here of faculty and students.
- 2. Proposed advisory committee for professional development:** Phyllis Taylor, Professional Development Coordinator, and Regina Stanback Stroud presented a proposal for the creation of a college wide advisory committee for professional development. The proposal will be discussed in each of the governance groups and will come back to the College Council in December for further consideration.
- 3. Integrated Marketing Plan Draft:** Sandy Irber presented a draft of an Integrated Marketing Plan to respond to college wide interest in increasing the focus of our marketing efforts in the context of limited resources. It has also been seen by the Institutional Planning Committee and will be discussed by the Academic Senate next month.
- 4. District Shared Governance Council update:** Adolfo Leiva and Carla Campillo updated the Council on discussions of development of a code of ethics for all employees to respond to the accreditation standards; the sexual assault policy; the safety policy; the district strategic plan which is under development; and the draft distance education guidelines.
- 5. Design/Build project update: proposal deadline, timeline and process for sharing it with the college and seeking feedback:** Vicki Morrow indicated that proposals for the college's Design/Build project are due November 16. The project will include two buildings (the Multicultural, Administration, Cosmetology and Wellness Building; and the Automotive Transmission Building) as well as parking lots, entrances, quads and disabled access. The Council provided advice on how best to provide the college as a whole a chance to see and respond to the proposals. That process will include an Open Forum, display of graphic depictions of the proposals, and opportunities for written input. **(SAVE THE DATE of November 30, 1-4 pm for that Open Forum.)**

College Budget Committee Update for October 25

The CBC met for just one hour in order to allow members to participate in the accreditation exit report meeting.

1. **District Committee on Budget and Finance (DCBF):** The committee heard Linda Whitten's report on the DCBF meeting of October 9, 2007. The committee will invite Kathy Blackwood to the November meeting to answer questions regarding the proposal to charge restricted funds and categoricals for their share of post-retirement benefits.
2. **Enrollment update:** Cathy Hasson gave an update on Skyline's enrollment which shows we're up 6% this fall compared to fall 2006 and that we're only 2,782 FTES away from our 6,938 FTES goal for this year.
3. **Multi-year projections of Skyline's budget:** Eloisa Briones presented multi-year projections that estimate the college's site allocations using various growth assumptions for Skyline, CSM and Canada. Despite the growth that the colleges are experiencing, these early projections show deficits in Skyline's general fund from 2008-09 to 2009-10.
4. **Budget Balancing Strategies:** At the next meeting, the committee will review the list of Potential Budget Balancing Strategies developed last year to identify tasks that have already been accomplished and those that still need to be done.

Coming Up ...

Friday, October 26

- Volleyball vs. Chabot College at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.
- Faculty orders for Spring 2008 textbooks are due to Bookstore
- Men's Soccer vs. City College SF at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Free Flu Shot Clinic, Health Care students, anyone over the age of 60 and those at high risk
- Viva la Acreditación, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Quad Bldg 8

Saturday, Oct. 27

- Wrestling at Cuesta, 9 a.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. West Valley at Skyline, noon

Monday, October 29

- Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes, 12-1:45 p.m., Main Theatre.
- "Who Are We? We Are Everyone" art exhibition, hours vary, Gallery Theatre

Tuesday, Oct. 30

- Men's Soccer vs. Las Positas at Skyline, 3 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. E Valley at Skyline, 1 p.m.
- Denim Day fundraiser
- Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes, 12:30-3 p.m., Main Theatre

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- Music Production Workshop, DJ Jeff Jabz, 12-2 p.m., Building 6

Thursday, Nov. 1

- Día de Los Muertos Film and Panel, noon, Main Theatre

Friday, Nov. 2

- Battle of the Emcees: preshow for Rock the School Bells, 12-2 p.m., Building 6
- Volleyball at Foothill College, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Santa Rosa at Skyline, 7 p.m.
- Men's Soccer, vs. Ohlone at Skyline, 1 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Chabot, 1 p.m.
- Deadline for Trustees Fund/PFE proposals

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

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

Do you have a suggestion?

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- 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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