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President's Report to the Board of Trustees available online

The report I gave to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday night is available on our website at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>.

Open Forum on the Budget—materials available online

Wednesday afternoon's forum was well attended—about 165 faculty, staff, students and administrators from the college and the district were there, along with Chancellor Galatolo and trustees Karen Schwarz, Richard Holober and Dave Mandelkern. The two hour session included presentations by me, Kathy Blackwood and our College Budget Committee (CBC) Co-Chairs Ray Hernandez and Eloisa Briones. I reviewed the college's budget including our sources of funding (general fund, categoricals and grants), where those resources go, and the process by which our budget reduction decisions are being made. I noted the very positive effect on our budget of Skyline's unprecedented and excellent load (WSCH/FTEF) in recent years and thanked the many faculty, staff and administrators whose special efforts made it possible. Eloisa and Ray reviewed the list of budget reduction strategies which the CBC is considering. I then invited questions and comments from the audience and we spent the rest of the two hour session discussing those. The chancellor participated actively. If you would like to see the PowerPoint presentations that were utilized to present information, you can find them at this address:

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/facstaff/PresidentsOffice/index.html>. That evening the Board of Trustees met and adopted their Reaffirmation of Core Values, a document which was sent to all employees by Barbara Christensen Thursday morning. The College Budget Committee discussed it in detail in their meeting yesterday, as you can see from the CBC Update at the bottom of this edition of *Skyline Shines*.

Skyline's Health Center is busy

Several great activities have been offered recently by our Health Center:

- The Great American SmokeOut was held November 19 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Lung assessments and blood pressures were done by the Respiratory Therapy students. Smoking cessation programs and information were available from Breathe California; acupuncture by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine; "Let's talk about quitting" by Pat Tyler; and "Strategies for quitting" by Northern California Body Talk.
- AIDS Awareness Week was sponsored by ASSC and the Skyline Health Center, November 30–December 6. Three AIDS Memorial Quilts have been on display: 2 panels in building 6, in the staircase, and 1 panel in the library along with a book display by Barbara Daley. Forty students took advantage of free HIV testing on December 1, conducted by the San Mateo County HIV Testing Van in front of the Student Center and at the Health Center.
- H1N1 Flu Clinics were held last week and over seven hundred people were immunized. The Center has a good supply, so it is not too late—you can get a shot next Tuesday, December 15, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the staff lounge in the Cafeteria, and in the evening on December 15 and 15 at the Health Center until 7:30 pm. There is also a Children's Clinic on Monday, December 14 from 4-5 pm in the Cafeteria. Parents must bring the child's yellow immunization /shot record card in order for the child to be immunized.

Here are students in the flu shot line; nurses Emily Risk, Jan Gersonde and Andrea Keagy; and the AIDS quilt.



College Budget Committee (CBC) update

The College Budget Committee met on December 10, 2009 with Academic Senate Ray Hernandez and Director of Business Services Eloisa Briones serving as Co-chairs. Professor Kate Williams-Brown and Board Trustee Dave Mandelkern attended.

1. **Public Comments:** Kate Williams Brown commended the committee for the efforts they have made during a difficult time, appreciating the care about students' learning. The ECE program and community partners are interested in making this a robust program and in providing support in any way they can.
2. **Board of Trustees' "Reaffirmation of Core Values":** President Vicki Morrow summarized the board action taken Wednesday night in which they approved the final version of a document that articulates their values as they look at budget issues and make policy decisions in the coming months. The document was distributed to all employees via email on Thursday by Barbara Christensen. The board places priority on classes above other services, maximizing offerings in the areas of transfer, career technical education and basic skills, at the same time acknowledging that there is room for program eliminations and consolidations. The board is concerned about the degree to which counseling hours are utilized effectively, and urged the colleges to be effective and efficient in scheduling these services. The board wants to ensure there is coordination regarding academic and financial issues across the district. Vicki talked about her responsibility to hear staff's concerns and advice and to serve the board to implement their core values. The board will receive staff recommendations and assess how these align with their core values. The board may or may not concur with the budget reduction recommendations made to them. It does have the right to override the recommendations if these do not align with its Core Values. In light of this, Vicki created a rubric using the elements contained in the board's Core Values statement and suggested that the CBC utilize this rubric to examine each proposed reduction strategy. She also suggested re-examining the CDC issue in light of the board's Core Values.
3. **Productivity & Efficiency report:** Dean Rob Johnstone presented the latest Productivity report that shows that Skyline has already exceeded its FTES goal for 2009-10 with over a month to go still in spring registration. Load is 652 for the fall. Based on last year's growth trends and considering the unprecedented Skyline is experiencing, he projects that the college will have an extremely high level of unfunded FTES this year in spite of a roughly 9 percent section reduction

for spring 2010. Faculty experienced high demand and the classes were easily filled. There was discussion of the potential for enrollment to level out as the college nears maximum capacity. The college's fill rate last spring was 87.8% and it is 93% this fall. He said that we will probably see the same fill rate in the spring. As classes are reduced, concerns were expressed about the impact this will have on students with disabilities and students of color who are pursuing a transfer program, who may or may not have traditional support systems. Trustee Mandelkern indicated that the board is sensitive to student success for those students who have difficulties and noted that they are faced with horrible choices. There is a limited pot of money and the board would like to help the highest number students possible. They understand the importance of student services to student success. They have to respond to the needs of the community and apply the resources to help as many people as possible. They know that everyone is motivated by what best serves our students.

4. **Reduction strategies:** Eloisa distributed the list of budget reduction strategies. Vicki suggested that CBC assess the strategies using the Core Values rubric. She also recommended that the CBC to look at the CDC analysis that Regina and Kate Brown are working on since there may be new information to consider relative to the impact on not only the student-parents but also the ECE students who use the CDC as a lab school. In regard to the Curriculum Committee's lack of action to eliminate programs recommended by the PIV Committee, the trustee Mandelkern indicated that the board feels it is not the end of the story. VPI Regina Stanback Stroud would like to give the Curriculum Committee a chance to look at it one more time and will recommend the calling of an emergency meeting. Vicki said she will be submitting her recommendations concerning Skyline's budget reductions to the chancellor and the board in early January. The CBC voted unanimously to use the Core Value rubric and will be prepared to make a final recommendation to the president at the next meeting.
5. **Next meeting:** CBC will hold its last meeting for the fall semester on Dec. 17th.

Coming up...

Friday, December 11

- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, Game times: 2pm, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm
- Women's Basketball, Merritt College, through December 13

Saturday, December 12

- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, Game times: 1pm, 3pm, 5pm and 7pm

Sunday, December 13

- Final Exams, through December 19
- Men's Basketball, Skyline Classic, Game times: Noon, 2pm and 4pm

Tuesday, December 15

- Voice Class Recital, Gallery, 7:00 pm

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/>

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