



President's Council Meeting September 20, 2007

Minutes

Attendees:

Skyline College President Vicki Morrow; President's Council Chair Susan Brissenden-Smith; Alice Bulos, Greg Cochran, Michon Coleman Jim Comstock, Roxanne Cruz, Jamie Fong, Steven House, Jennifer Huang, Maritess Lagandaon, Patricia Lindo, Carolyn Livengood, Jeannene Minnix, Bill Nack, Cherie Napier, Mario Puccinelli, Sepi Richardson, Carol Tanzi, Carol Way, College Development, Marketing and Public Relations: Sandy Irber, Shelly Hausman and Roxanne Brewer

Welcome

Susan Brissenden-Smith welcomed everyone, including new President Council members: Roxanne Cruz, Jamie Fong, Steven House, Jennifer Huang, Patricia Lindo, Linda Monte and William Nack. Appreciation was given to the generous anonymous President's Council donor for the President Council polo shirts! Wear your Skyline shirt on 'Casual Fridays' or around town, a great way to be an Ambassador for the college. A special thanks to Jamie Fong for generously donating the elegant President's Council Browsing Library sign.

President Morrow announced the 2007 winners of the Skyline Shines Awards, which are designed to recognize individuals or groups who help Skyline College shine in terms of the quality of its programs and services and its reputation for quality. Congratulations to President's Council member Greg Cochran (community category) and Faculty member Phyllis Taylor (Skyline employee category).

President Morrow gave an update on the Accreditation process, a periodic evaluation through self study and professional peer review. The college has undertaken a rigorous self-study that reflects and documents how the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) standards have been met. The self study was officially approved by the college and the SMCCCD Board of Trustees prior to submission to ACCJC. The ACCJC team will conduct a site visit beginning Monday, October 22nd through Thursday, October 25th. You may view the document either by going to the Skyline College Accreditation Website: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skyaccred/> and clicking on 'Self Study Final Report.'

President's Breakfast – April 1, 2008

The President's Breakfast video, a key element of our successful breakfast program, was shown. Carol Tanzi and Mario Puccinelli were Co-Chairs of the President's Breakfast. Carol explained that the President's Breakfast is a complimentary fundraising event. Carol stated, "*I do believe you will remember it (student testimonies) for the rest of your life.*" Vicki thanked the President's Council for their continued effort and support of the President's Innovation Fund. It has a profound impact within the

college. Mario expressed that the President's Breakfast raises funds to encourage innovation at Skyline and also regards it as a benefit to the President's Council members by offering networking opportunities.

Carol and Mario encouraged interested members to join the Breakfast Committee. They are passing the baton as co-chairs. If you would be interested in joining the committee to plan and organize the breakfast, please contact Sandy Irber at irber@smccd.edu.

The 2007/2008 President's Breakfast will be held on **April 1st at 7:30 a.m., at the South San Francisco Conference Center.**

President's Innovation Fund Presentation

Felix Perez & Nohel Corral gave an update on the second year of the Hermanos Program, a pilot program at South San Francisco High School (SSFHS) for Latino males that addresses their academic, psychological, and social needs through connecting with family, academic support, mentoring, and resources. The goal is to increase educational opportunities for Latino male students. Of the 17 students in Hermanos last year, 13 are now attending Skyline College, 2 are attending a vocational/tech program and 2 went into the military. Outstanding results! Currently there are 30 SSF high school students enrolled in Hermanos. Graduates of Hermanos now at Skyline are forming a student club to expand the reach of Hermanos on campus and in the community.

Deepening the connection to the College.

Chair, Susan Brissenden-Smith suggested that "Adopting-a-Division" might be a good way to expand the President's Council's relationship to the college. The five Skyline Divisions are: Language Arts, Business, Creative Arts & Social Sciences, Science & Math, and the Physical Education, Athletics, and Dance. The possibilities include: Internships for your business, Skyline student tours to your business, classroom presentations, etc. An exploratory committee will be formed to continue the dialogue. If you are interested in joining this working group, please contact Sandy Irber at irber@smccd.edu.

President's Council Browsing Library

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the Browsing Library!

Bookplates were signed by the donors, put into the books and placed into the bookshelves in the study area on the second floor of the Student and Community Center. A ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the occasion was held, with a group photograph taken. You are welcome to continue to save books for the Browsing Library.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:30 p.m.

Next President's Council Meeting:

November 15th @ 4:00 p.m., Building 6 , Room 203