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Recommendations in the Draft District Strategic Plan and the Open Forum next Tuesday

We have now posted a short document (called "District Draft Strategic Plan Recommendations") which is the heart of the latest draft of the District Strategic Plan, along with the more detailed document. Both are at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information. As I mentioned last week, we held an Open Forum last May on an earlier draft, and we have since had a special meeting of community members from the President's Council to hear their input as well. The Plan has been revised based on that and other input district wide, and in order to provide one last opportunity for Skyline peoples' input, we are holding another Open Forum next Tuesday:

Open Forum: Draft Recommendations in the District Strategic Plan

Tuesday, September 23
2:10-4:00 pm, Room 2306

You can also provide electronic input via our website (at the link above right below the draft plan). The **deadline for input will be Tuesday, September 30**. The plan is slated to be refined after this round of input, and then the Board plans to take action on it later in the fall semester.

There is a new Prospectus for the College Success Project (Basic Skills) Coordinator position

As you know, we are referring to our Basic Skills Initiative as the College Success Project because in the course of the extensive planning work the college did last spring, we knitted in the First Year Experience work which had preceded it. We are seeking a Coordinator for the project, and although the Senate published the job description twice—once last spring and once at the beginning of this term—there was not a pool of candidates which the Senate was willing to forward to the administration. Because of that, the Academic Senate advised me that the load allocated for the position should be increased. As a result, the reassigned time for the position is now 100%. The Prospectus for the position has some other refinements that might entice new people to consider the position:

- It clarifies that this role is one of "knitting together" the many components of the project through ensuring good communication and collaboration.
- There is now a description of the time frame for the position.
- The person need not be a web page expert.
- There are some options for when and how the position might start, given that we are now in the middle of the term.

Ray Hernandez has published the new prospectus to the faculty with an **October 6 deadline**, so that the Senate can consider the applications at their October 10 meeting. I think this will be a fascinating and fun assignment and I hope that these changes will cause some of our terrific faculty leaders to step forward and express their interest.

Transfer Day is coming to Skyline

Students will have the opportunity to talk directly with representatives from dozens of four year institutions, and right here on campus in the Student Center. October 1 will be the day, from 10 am to 1 pm.



Transfer Day

GAIN TRANSFER POWER



October 1, 2008
10:00a - 1:00p
Bldg 6, Student Lobby



SEEED's calendar of diversity events now easy to find on our website

In our Monday SEEED meeting, we decided that we want to have the wonderful array of diversity-related events on campus more readily accessible for faculty who may want to knit one or more of them into their curriculum. As a result, that list of events for the year is now available on our Faculty and Staff webpage at <http://www.skylinecollege.edu/skynotes/> under News and Information. All of these events are also listed in the college events calendar, but we thought that having these consolidated for easy reference and planning would be handy. Thanks to Phyllis Taylor for maintaining the calendar.

The China Dance School and Theater performance is this Saturday

The Asian Food Fest was held Monday and Wednesday this week in conjunction with Asian Culture Week, Sept 15-20. Andy Davis and Goldie Lee can be seen below dishing up delicious servings for students. Proceeds benefitted partial scholarships for Skyline College Study Abroad in China Program. The week culminates in a China Dance School & Theater performance on Saturday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre. Tickets are \$18 for advance sales and \$20 at the door. Contact Ellen Lee, lee@smccd.edu, (650) 738-4194. I am looking forward to attending the performance myself. The event will be directed by world-renowned Chinese master K. You. It is being offered as part of an Asian culture grant project led by Hui Pate, and it is sponsored by our PE/Athletics and Dance Division along with the China Dance School and Theater.



Asian Culture Week



Kababayan holds 4th annual Kapatiran Mentorship Program Meet & Greet

The Kababayan Program held its fourth annual Kapatiran Mentorship Program Meet & Greet on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 in the Student Center. There are 25 peer mentors and 38 mentees participating in the program, the largest group ever! The Kapatiran Mentorship Program (Tagalog for “brotherhood/sisterhood”) pairs up first-semester Kababayan Program members with a peer mentor who is a current Skyline College/Kababayan student and has taken or is currently enrolled in a Kababayan course. Mentees are welcomed into a family of mentors and other fellow mentees and receive crucial support and guidance. These *familyas* replicate the cooperative nature of the Filipino culture, emphasizing collective responsibility and guidance for one another through an extended family network. Mentees often return in the following years to become mentors themselves; in this year's group, almost half of the mentors were mentees from previous years! The peer mentorship program is coordinated by Kababayan Program counselors Nate Nevado, Marisa Mariano, and Melanie Espinueva and Kababayan Program coordinator Liza Erpelo.



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Welcome to new part-time faculty and staff

On our Opening Day, we recognize our new full time faculty and staff, but I would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to our invaluable adjunct faculty and part-time classified staff as well.

- **Business Division**
 - Cooperative Education: Nakeesha Purvis, Alexander Jones
 - Cosmetology: Sonia Cleary Godwin (Instructional Aide)
 - Fashion Merchandising: Michael Murphy
 - Hermanos Coordinator: Daniel Tostado
 - Interior Design: Jennifer Dye
 - Logistics: Fatima Guadamuz-Cabral, Graciela Phelps
- **Counseling Division**
 - Workability III Coordinator/Counselor: Beth Biers
 - Hermanas Counselor: Alma Garcia
 - Puente Counselor: Sandra Rodrigues
 - Psychological Services: Liz Llamas, MFT
 - Hermanos Counselor: Fabian Morales
- **Language Arts Division**
 - English: Greg Christensen, Amy Leonard, Sarah Lisha, Richard Mills, Maya Watson
 - ESOL: Julie Carey
 - TRIO: Daryan Chan
- **Physical Education, Athletics and Dance**
 - Dance: Kirsten Feenstra, Amber Steele, Bonifacio Valera
 - Fitness: Amber Steele
- **Science/Mathematics/Technology Division**
 - Biology: Amber Johnson, Kevin Davis

- Computer Science: Kathleen O'Brien
- Geology: John Cook, John Galloway
- Math: Stacey Hubbard
- **Social Science/Creative Arts**
 - Art: Noah Buchanan, Ilana Crispi
- **Student Health Center**
 - Nurses: Jennifer Hirzel, Emily Risk.

Please join me in welcoming these new people when you meet them on campus.

Skyline continues to improve our recycling rates

In my Opening Day remarks, I mentioned Richard Inokuchi's report that Skyline diverted 80% of its waste last year into recycling (far exceeding the state's legal requirement of 50%.) He told us about that in a Flex Day workshop on the topic of sustainability practices. We learned in the workshop that some faculty and staff offices do not have the blue recycling bins. Richard immediately offered to look into that and to secure the necessary numbers of additional bins to support single stream recycling in every office. When I mentioned our 80% waste diversion rate on Opening Day, everyone applauded, so I think there will be a lot of appreciation and participation in this further improvement to our recycling practices. Please join me in thanking Richard for this help with this.

Skyline's new Runners Club takes on 5K run

Skyline has a new Runners Club, and here is a picture of them at their recent 5K Golden Gate Park run (that's Leo Rosales, Club President and photographer in the middle; you may know the gal next to him—Virginia Medrano Rosales, his wife and our Student Trustee). They also participated in the Bay to Breakers this summer. Their advisor is Sunny Diaz.



How to make room reservations

Eloisa Briones will be sending out a college wide message soon describing how to reserve a room for an event or meeting. We hope for the system to work smoothly and efficiently, so be sure to let her know.

Coming Up ...

Friday, Sept. 19

- Women's Soccer at Skyline, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 4 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Hartnell College, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- Chinese Dance Performance - Asian Culture Week, 7:30 p.m., Main Theatre
- Wrestling at Sacramento, 9 a.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 22

- Faculty Art Show through Sept. 26. <http://www.smccd.net/accounts/skygallery/>

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- Sexual Assault Awareness Panel, 11 a.m., Rm 6202
- Women's Soccer at Cañada College, 2 p.m.
- Open Forum on the Draft District Strategic Plan, 2:10 p.m., Rm 2306
- Diversity in Science, "From Bacteria to Cancer Biology" - Free Lecture, 4 p.m., Rm 2306

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Women's Volleyball at Skyline, 6:30 p.m.
- Wrestling at Lemoore, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

- Skyline Reads: *What is the What* book talk, 2 p.m., Library

Friday, Sept. 26

- Men's Soccer at Skyline, 2 p.m.

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 a suggestion?

One way to submit it is through our 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/>.



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/skynotes/>.