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President's Report to the Governing Board February 16, 2010

🐾 Faculty Member to Present Workshop at National Science Conference

Chemistry instructor Laurie LeBlanc has been asked to speak in August at the 21st Biennial Conference on Chemical Education in Denton, Texas on her interdisciplinary project(s) she has been producing over the past three years jointly with chemistry and biology. Ms. LeBlanc has put together a number of modules and has built them around either Bio 221/Chem 141 or Bio 221/Chem 142. These are novel laboratory modules that have a "crime" scenario that makes them interesting to the students. This workshop will focus on integrating chemistry and biology into scenario-based labs. Teams of chemistry and biology students work together to solve "crimes" which require analyses in both disciplines, as well as the ability to problem solve. Students present the results of their work in the form of a formal lab report, a group poster and a presentation. Through the integration of science disciplines real-life teamwork skills emerge, an exchange of information across the discipline boundaries occurs and student creativity is encouraged. Ideas for scenario-based labs will be discussed, as well as options presented for the integration of various disciplines.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Administrator Invited to Speak at UCSD

Executive Dean Henri Migala gave a lecture at UCSD College of Medicine, Division of International Health and Cross-Cultural Medicine, on Thursday, February 18th, on the topic of Global Disease Eradication, specifically polio. Mr. Migala previously worked for the UN's World Health Organization in the global polio eradication program as an advisory and consultant to the Government of Nepal.

🐾 Cuyamaca College Participates in State-wide "Teach-Out"

Faculty, staff, and students gathered in the Student Center Quad on March 4th for "Day of Action", a rally to Fight for California's Future: Restore the Promise of Public Education. Chancellor Miles, Interim President Ron Manzoni, Academic Senate President Michael Wangler, ASCC President Bobby Carino, and others spoke of the current budget cuts in education throughout California. The "Teach-in" sponsored by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) was one of many that were held on college campuses across the state. The "Day of Action" supported students by providing them with the information and tools they need to get their voices heard by our legislators. The Cuyamaca "Teach-Out" encouraged instructors to bring their classes to the event.



🐾 Music Department's Spring Concert Series Begins its Season



The 2010 Spring Concert Series opened on February 25 with a performance by Daniele Spadavecchia and Sicilian Swing, a trio that plays jazz in the style of the great gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt.

On March 2, Kembang Sunda, an Indonesian gamelan ensemble led by adjunct instructor Amy Hacker, performed a program of traditional Sundanese music.

And on March 4 faculty members Taylor Smith and Pat Setzer joined guest sopranos Constance Lawthers and Elisabeth Marti for a program of solos and duets from the late renaissance and early baroque periods. The concert featured works by John Dowland, Henry Purcell, and Claudio Monteverdi.

Upcoming events include the Cuyamaca College Concert Band led by Jeanne Christensen on March 17 and the Chris Klich Jazz Quintet on March 23. All events are in the Performing Arts Theatre in the Communication Arts Building. For details go to www.cuyamaca.edu/performingarts.

🐾 **Water and Wastewater Technology Program Featured in Regional Professional Newsletter**

Cuyamaca College’s Water and Wastewater Technology program was featured in the February issue of “PIPELINE Public Utilities Monthly Update.” A publication of the City of San Diego Public Utilities Department, PIPELINE has a circulation of over 1,600. The publication states that “All Public Utilities Department employees should know about the opportunities provided by the Water and Wastewater Technology Program at Cuyamaca College. It has become a significant force within the community in providing recruitment outreach and training for the water utilities industry. If you are searching for a place to prepare for state certification examinations, to get required contact hours for recertification, or to broaden your technical expertise and make yourself more promotable, Cuyamaca College might be the place for you.”

Two of our Environmental Health and Safety Technology Instructors, David Ivester and Rick Wilson will be presenting at the Pacific Southwest Safety & Health Conference & Exposition March 29-31 at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley. The conference, presented by the American Society of Safety Engineers and the American Industrial Hygiene Association, will feature bonus training to include Rick Wilson speaking on “Collateral Duties – Wearing Many Hats as an EHS Professional” and David Ivester speaking on “Injury & Illness Prevention.”

🐾 **ASL Rocks**

The Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Program, along with Helix High School, sponsored "ASL Rocks 3" on Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, 2010 in the Student Center. Under the leadership of Kelley Nielsen, the ASL program and the Cuyamaca College American Sign Language Association welcomed deaf and hard of hearing students and community members to our campus.



🐾 **Center of Innovation Gets Its Own Space**

The Center for Innovation became a physical reality on February 26, 2010 when it moved into the L Building on the Cuyamaca College campus. Grant managers and staff from the Environmental Training Center (ETC), the Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC), the Center of Excellence (COE), the Region X Consortium, the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (CEC), the Gateway to Green Collar Careers Program, the Solar Thermal and Solar Photovoltaic Installer Training Program, and the Vocational ESL for Automotive and Ornamental Horticulture programs (VESL) moved into the offices. In addition, there is a quiet office for people from across the district to work on grant applications in an environment that is designed to meet their needs.

A 40-person computer lab is now staffed and ready to provide supportive services to people training or retraining for the workforce. The Workplace Training Resource Lab will offer assistance and instruction in basic skills and work readiness. In addition, there are three classrooms that have been designed to meet the needs of the students being trained through the short-term certificate programs through the grants listed above. Two of the classrooms are in the L Building and have been outfitted with tables and chairs as well as new teaching podiums with smart capabilities. The third room is the green training room housed in the F Building that will serve as the primary teaching room for the solar program which will use both in-classroom models and an external roof structure constructed near the B Building to teach the technical and safety skills required to be successful in the solar installer industry.

With the support of administration and the Governing Board, the critical mass of grant funded programs across the district has allowed us to offer more than the technical training to our students who will earn short-term

certificates in these specialized areas. We are now able to offer critical work readiness training to help people succeed in the workplace. This model is being looked at across the state for duplication. Dean Darleen Spoor presented the model at February's Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) Conference and will present again at the March California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) Conference.

🐾 New Staff for Workforce Training

Sandra Moreland has been hired as the Director of the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (CEC) and began on March 8, 2010. She comes with 25 years of workforce development experience. She has strong connections to our Workforce Investment Board and understands their system. She has been employed by the San Diego Workforce Partnership where she served as the Program Director for the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program. Ms. Moreland brings valuable experience to the program and to the Center for Innovation.

Katherine Elder has been hired as The Workplace Training Resource Lab Specialist. She began February 8, 2010 and comes with project management and workforce training experience. Her expertise in program development and data collection will serve the program well.

🐾 Continuing Education Assists with County-wide Refugee Services

In support of the Chancellor's Refugee Summit, Continuing Education has collaborated with many organizations across the county who provide services to the refugees. Two of our students were filmed for a USC project called "The Lost Ones". On March 2-4 the technical assistance providers of the Office of Refugee and Resettlement grantees conducted several trainings on the Cuyamaca College campus for job developers working with refugees. On March 4th we held a workshop titled "Enhancing Cross Cultural Communications" for faculty and staff at the two colleges and district, as well as for the faculty and staff at Grossmont Union High School District and Cajon Valley Union School District. On April 9th we will host a workshop titled "Collaborating for Healthy Communication" sponsored by the San Diego Refugee Forum and the Regional Health Occupations Resource Center housed at Grossmont College. We will roll out the curriculum and training program for healthcare interpreters. This is the only healthcare interpreter training program in Southern California.

🐾 Arbor Day Celebration

Ornamental Horticulture celebrated Arbor Day with the dedication of the Jim Lovewell Memorial Garden, located on the north side of the M Building. Jim was an instructor and grant administrator in the Ornamental Horticulture Program. The garden was built with the help of volunteers and donations given in Mr. Lovewell's name. The remaining donated funds will go toward the OH Scholarship Program.



Jim's daughter Tamara and wife Peggy on the Jim Lovewell Memorial Bench

🐾 Student Affairs Happenings

The Cuyamaca College Outreach Department has been busy throughout the month. The Outreach Department welcomed 51 students from Granite Hills High School and 14 students from Santana High School for fun-filled and informational tours of the Cuyamaca College campus. Outreach also assisted Raad Jerjis and his PDC 124 class with another successful in-house tour. Student Ambassadors conducted a total of 21 different peer-advising sessions within the Grossmont Union High School District. Additionally, Outreach conducted a total of 12 informative classroom presentations throughout the month at numerous high school and community sites. The Student Ambassadors also assisted seven PDC 124 classes being conducted at the various Grossmont Union High School sites in applying and enrolling in their respective PDC courses. Valhalla High School invited Outreach to speak at the Valhalla Parent Night and at a special ELL presentation where parents and high school seniors were given information about Cuyamaca College's enrollment procedure.

Throughout February, Outreach participated in community events throughout the county such as the Carlton Hills Elementary School College Fair, the Clairemont High School Community College Fair, the Steele Canyon College Fair, the Juvenile Court and Community College Fair, the Duncan Hunter Job Fair, the Mt. Miguel Latina Conference, and the SDCOE 2010 Education and Career Day.

The Outreach Department has been going through the grueling process of program review for the past 5 months and we are proud to announce that we are entering the final stages of the process. Finally, Outreach will be kicking off the Cuyamaca Link early matriculation program in five of our feeder high schools during the first part of March. We are very excited about the success and popularity of this program in its second year.

🐾 News from Student Services

The Student Health Center continues to provide the H1N1 vaccination for students, faculty and staff. Acting Associate Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Serene Pritchett reports that plans are coming together for this year’s Commencement. Student Services is looking at several cost-saving measures.



🐾 Library Display

March is Women’s History Month

Stop by the Library and check out the display on “Writing Women Back into History.”

People are encouraged to visit the Library Blog at <http://cuyamaca.blogspot.com> to see how they can win a \$25 gift card from Bath & Body Works.

UPCOMING COLLEGE EVENTS

March 17	Spring Concert Series – Cuyamaca College Concert Band 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre \$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 23	Spring Concert Series – Chris Klich Jazz Quintet 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Theatre \$8 General / \$5 Students & Seniors
March 29	Classified Staff Appreciation Day 8:00 a.m. Grossmont College
April 13	College Hour – Health Fair 10:00 a.m. Student Center Plaza
April 22- May 19	Student Fine Art Exhibition Communication Arts Center, Art Wing
April 24	Spring Garden Festival 9:00 a.m. OH, Water Garden & Museum
May 1	Automotive Skills Day 8:00 a.m. Auto Tech Complex
May 4	Career Faire 9:30 a.m. Student Center Quad

May 6	College Hour – Mexican Cultural Heritage Celebration 11:30 a.m. Student Center Quad	
May 12	Child Development Permit Celebration 1:00 p.m. Child Development Center	
May 12	Forensics Team Speech Night 7:00 p.m. Communication Arts, Digital Theatre	
May 14	EOPS Student Recognition Ceremony 1:00 p.m. Water Conservation Garden	
May 14	Transfer Achievement Celebration 5:30 p.m. Communication Arts Center Theatre	
May 15	Foundation Celebration “Shine On” 5:30 p.m. Student Center	
May 17-21	Children’s Art Auction Auction closes 4:30 p.m. May 21	Child Development Center
June 2	Commencement 5:30 p.m. Athletic Track	

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