From: Campus News
To: comall@marin.edu;
Subject: President"s Monday Briefing-March 7, 2011
Date: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 10:58:19 AM

Planning Information for WASC Follow-Up Report Is Available Online

A plan for the completion of the ACCJC/WASC Follow-Up Report is available online at http://www.marin.edu/WORD-PPT/FinalPlanforFollowUpReport.pdf. Please note that Cabinet members have been assigned to serve as liaisons to various committees and provide support in addressing the recommendations. This plan will be discussed in upcoming committee meetings. If you have questions regarding a specific recommendation, please contact the appropriate Cabinet member.

Look for updates on the Follow-Up Report planning process in future editions of the Monday Briefing. I also will provide progress reports in person at open forums that will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus in Deedy Lounge and also on the fourth Thursday of each month, time TBA, at the Indian Valley Campus in Building 17, Room 100.

College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee
Solicits New Members

Five committee members are being sought to serve on the College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program. The committee is seeking applications for members representing the community at large, a bona-fide taxpayer's association, a senior citizens' organization, and a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district. New members will be appointed by the College of Marin Board of Trustees at its April meeting. Applications are due March 31, 2011. Oversight committee members cannot

be employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors of the College of Marin. Application and application information can be found on-line at http://www.marin.edu/MeasureC/coc/index.htm or by calling the Office of the Superintendent/President at (415) 485-9502.

The College of Marin Board of Trustees passed a resolution on Dec. 14, 2004, establishing the independent Citizens' Oversight Committee. The committee is responsible for ensuring the College of Marin's financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization and passed by Marin County Voters in the November 2004 election with more than 63 percent voter approval. Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizen's Oversight Committee.

Distance Education at COM Moves to Moodle

COM is moving to Moodle 2.0 as our distance education (DE) learning management system (LMS) after our license with Blackboard expires at the end of June 2011.The DE Committee of the Academic Senate selected Moodle for its functionality and affordability. Moodle requires no purchase or annual license fee and is much more user friendly according to faculty and students who have used it. Many colleges have migrated to this system with positive results, so COM joins a large community of Moodle users. Moodle 2.0 will be phased-in with training and faculty access beginning this semester.

Moodle Migration Update

-
  - **Alisa Klinger** has been named the Online Learning Faculty Resource Instructor for spring 2011, and she is the Lead on the Moodle Migration Pilot.
  - The Moodle Migration Team reports to Vice President of Student Learning **Angelina Duarte**, and includes **Alisa Klinger, Marshall Northcott, Burton Schane, Steve Brown, Cathy White-Lambert**, and **Kathleen Kirkpatrick**.
  - COM has gone into contract with Remote Learner: Integrated Open Source Learning Services: http://remote-learner.net/
  - Options for self-paced and group training are being finalized for spring and summer, so stay tuned to *DE@COM* for more information: http://www.marin.

edu/distance/

- Dr. Douglas E. Hersh, Dean, Educational Programs, Santa Barbara City College will present at COM on April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon in Learning Resources Center Room 53. At SBCC, he serves The Online College, Learning Technologies, The School of Media Arts, Student Technology Support, and The Faculty Resource Center; and he is credited with bringing the human touch to Distance ED in order to narrow the gap between retention rates in face-to-face programs and those in online programs. Hersh convinced Santa Barbara in 2008 to abandon Blackboard, the LMS industry leader, in favor of Moodle's open-source platform, which he used to build the straightforwardly named "Human Presence Learning Environment." Save the date, and stay tuned for more details about Dr. Hersh's visit to COM.
- Faculty with Blackboard materials may wish to begin archiving their Bb course content. Ali Klinger will provide training for those who seek it on March 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please contact her for details at Alisa.Klinger@marin.edu. Sonoma State University has just completed its migration to Moodle, and offers very detailed archiving directions at http://www.sonoma.edu/moodle/faq/. Faculty still have access to Course Studio until spring 2012, so content can be uploaded there for face-to-face courses.
- Informational updates about the Moodle Migration will be available online at the DE homepage and in *DE@COM*: http://www.marin.edu/distance/

Summer Moodle Migration Pilot (Summer 2011)

While no regular Distance Ed courses will be offered during summer 2011, the following three courses were selected for the Summer Moodle Migration Pilot; they were selected because they are existing Blackboard courses that are taught by faculty with Blackboard and Moodle training and experience:

• ENGL 150 – **Ingrid Kelly**
• ENGL 151 – **Alisa Klinger**
• HED 130 – **Kathleen Smyth**

Fall Moodle Migration Phase 1 (Fall 2011)

Our focus for fall 2011 is to migrate DE courses from Blackboard to Moodle. The Migration also includes any new DE offerings that have received approval from the Curriculum Committee for fall 2011. Former Blackboard courses and new DE courses will, thus, be taught in Moodle during fall 2011. Though the schedule of classes is still being finalized, it appears that Phase 1 will include approximately 31 DE courses/sections.

Other DE courses offered in other Learning Management Systems will not be affected by the Moodle Migration for fall 2011.

Spring Moodle Migration Phase 2 (Spring 2012)
DE courses offered in other Learning Management Systems will be included in Moodle Migration Phase 2 for Spring 2012. We anticipate approximately 9 courses, depending on what courses are offered. By spring 2012, all courses using a Learning Management System will be taught using Moodle.

Volunteer Long Term Care Insurance Information Meetings

College of Marin will be offering two additional meeting dates for employees (and their families) to learn about the district's new voluntary Long Term Care (LTC) Insurance. Please join our LTC Specialists to provide an overview of planning, eldercare management, and care-giving issues, as well as this new benefit program.

Meetings will be held at both campuses:

Kentfield Campus
Tuesday, March 29
Deedy Lounge
12:30 p.m., (lunch will be provided) or **3 p.m.**(cookies and beverages served)

Indian Valley Campus
Wednesday, March 30
Administrative Services Building, Conference Room 101
12:30 p.m. (lunch will be provided) or **3 p.m.** (cookies and beverages served)

RSVP to **Julie Breakstone** in the Human Resources Office at (415)-485-9340 by March 25.

For more information on this program, please contact our LTC Specialists:
Karen Perry:kperry@jhancock.com at (650) 224-9204 or
Teresa Campama: teresachb@aol.com at (714) 955-3300

March Distance Education Newsletter Is Now Available Online

To view the March DE@COM Newsletter visit http://www.marin.edu/distance/PDFs/DE@COM-03012011.pdf.
For more information about DE@COM, please contact alisa.klinger@marin.edu. The upcoming training schedule for faculty can be found at http://www.marin.edu/distance/index.htm.

Institutional Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

College of Marin will hold the TOEFL on Friday, April 8, 2011, from 9 a.m. to noon. Students should arrive by 8:45 a.m. Students can sign-up beforehand on the sheet in Ohlone 142 or e-mail sara.oser@marin.edu. You may also leave a message at (415) 883-2211, ext. 8579.

There is a space limit of 15 people so students are encouraged to sign-up early. The cost to take the test is $30 and this fee may be paid in the Kentfield or Indian Valley Campus Admissions and Records Office, Building 27, after March 25.

Please keep the receipt and bring it to the test along with photo identification. Hand-scored results will be available by e-mail on April 19, 2010. Official score sheets will be available for pick up at the Intensive English Program (IEP) four to six weeks later. A free practice test is available for checkout at IEP.

The tests will be given at the Indian Valley Campus Intensive English Program (IEP), Ohlone Building 19, Room 158. Parking is available in lot 6; however, a daily or semester parking permit is required. Off campus parking is free.

Marin Symphony Offers Friends at COM Discounted Seats

The Marin Symphony is offering great seats to their friends at College of Marin Sunday, March 13, and Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. for *Love, Sex and Soaps*—Leonard Bernstein's symphonic dances from *West Side Story*.

The concert also features the Marin Symphony Chorus singing opera's greatest hits and Bay Area composer Nathaniel Stookey's *Zipperz** (a soaPOPera) with Broadway performers. Come and enjoy these steamy works about romance for only $20. Call the box office at (415) 499-6800 and mention College of Marin to take advantage of this special offer.
*Zipperz deals with adult subject matter and may not be appropriate for younger audiences.

Upcoming Events

Detective Story

By Sidney Kingsley
Directed by **James Dunn**
March 11, 12, 18, and 19 at 8 p.m.
March 13, 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.
Kentfield Performing Arts Theatre
$20 general, $10 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni

A play noir, *Detective Story* was the script upon which the 1951 Oscar-winning and Golden Globe nominated film was based. Set in a busy New York City police squad room and office, the play takes the audience through the busy workings of the precinct during the course of one day. Every manner of petty criminal, tough cop, eccentric street character is represented in this gritty story that is guaranteed to keep viewers spellbound until its dramatic climax.

Good news! Circle Drive has re-opened so there is convenient parking there as well as in Parking Lot # 2 (across Sir Francis Drake Blvd.) and Parking Lot #17 (at the corner of Laurel and Sir Francis Drake Blvd.).

Two Orchestras Unite

Conducted by **Tara Flandreau** and Cynthia Weichel
Saturday, March 19, 8 p.m. at the Glaser Center, 547 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa
Sunday, March 20, 4 p.m. at Unity in Marin, 600 Palm Dr., Novato
$10 suggested donation.

Conductors **Tara Flandreau** and Cynthia Weichel unite their community college orchestras to present two concerts of celebrated orchestral music to Marin and Sonoma Counties. The program is a benefit for the COM Charles Meacham String Scholarship and the SRJC Student Music Scholarships. Flandreau and Weichel are both former violin students of renowned teacher and COM faculty member Charles Meacham. The program features Vivaldi's Concerto *in B minor for Four Violins*, with Flandreau, Weichel, and orchestra concertmasters **Joanna Pinckney** and Sebastian Shader as soloists. Also on the program is the *Egmont Overture* by Beethoven performed by the Santa Rosa Junior College Orchestra, and the *Classical Symphony* by Prokofiev performed by the COM Symphony Orchestra. The groups will combine for the energetic and cheerful *Symphony No. 104* by Franz Joseph Haydn.

SweetART Show

The College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery presents the second exhibition all about sweethearts and love now through March 17. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ESCOM Painting Exhibition

Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM) is sponsoring an exhibition of paintings by **Cole Posard** now through March 25, 2011. The Emeritus Center at the Kentfield Campus is located in the Student Services Building, Room 146.

COM Athletics

Baseball vs. Los Medanos College
Tuesday, March 8, 2 p.m. in Pittsburg
Baseball vs. Contra Costa College
Thursday, March 10, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
Baseball vs. Laney College
Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. in Kentfield

Softball vs. Napa Valley College—Double Header

Saturday, March 10, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Napa

Track and Field—San Mateo Invitational
Friday, March 11, all day in San Mateo

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President