President’s Monday Briefing – March 22, 2010

2010 Golden Bell Awards
Each year one part-time and one full-time faculty member are nominated to be honored at the Marin County Office of Education Golden Bell Awards ceremony. This year the Academic Senate has awarded this honor to Chemistry Professor Patrick Kelly and English Instructional Specialist Meg Pasquel. The special recognition is sponsored by the county schools and takes place at the annual Golden Bell Education Evening. Faculty members honored with this award are known among their colleagues for making a discernable difference in the lives of students by inspiring, mentoring, and teaching. Congratulations and thank you for the dedication and hard work that you put in to help our students achieve their potential.

Kudos
Fine Arts and Humanities instructor Katrina Wagner has been accepted into the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “Native Cultures of Western Alaska and the Pacific Northwest Coast.” The four week institute takes place from June 13 to July 12 and involves lectures by experts in the fields of archeology, anthropology, and art history; field trips to native people’s villages; conversations with and demonstrations by native artists; and on-site explorations of native arts and architecture of Pacific Northwest natives in Juneau, Alaska and the Queen Charlotte Islands in Vancouver, B.C.

While on sabbatical several years ago she traveled to many countries in North, Central, and South America, and the Caribbean. These travels led to course development in ethnic studies and the humanities, as well as two art history field courses. She hopes to develop a field course to Alaska as a result of participating in the Summer Institute. Wagner holds an M.A. in English from UC Berkeley and an M.F.A. in art from California College of the Arts.

In Memoriam
Former College of Marin Board of Trustees President John D. Mackey passed away two weeks ago after a brief battle with leukemia. His optimism, sharp wit, and unmatched intellect were legendary. He had an insatiable appetite for knowledge, was extremely well read and possessed an inexhaustible vocabulary. In his more than 50 years in the stock and bond business, he was a member of the State Commission on Corporate Governance, a president of the Board of Trustees of the College of Marin, Chair of the USF Center for the Pacific Rim, and held other offices. Jack was highly respected among his peers, dearly loved by all who knew him, and will be sorely missed. A memorial service is being planned. Please check http://www.jackmackey.net for updates. A private remembrance was held by his family.
Personnel Actions

Appointment of Classified Personnel
- Michelle Greitzer has accepted the full-time supervisory position of Accountant – Fiscal Services effective March 15, 2010.
- Kathy Takemoto has accepted the full-time position of Workforce and Partnership Program Specialist in the Workforce Development Department effective March 8, 2010.

Appointment of Classified Management Personnel
- Marshall Northcott has accepted the full-time management position of Director of IT effective April 1, 2010.

Retirement of Classified Personnel

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- V-Anne Chernock has submitted her letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective July 30, 2010.

Blood Drive
Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS) is sponsoring a blood drive and needs the help of College of Marin staff and students. The drive will be held Monday, March 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Student Services Building. AGS will raffle off Starbucks gift cards. Please sign up in advance by e-mailing Nick Molina at nmolina@mycom.marin.edu.

Educational Excellence Innovation Fund is now Accepting Proposals
The Educational Excellence Innovation Fund provides seed money that encourages College of Marin’s faculty and staff to dream out loud. The Educational Excellence Innovation Fund (EEIF) has four areas of concentration:

1. Leverage for Fund Development
   - Provides start-up planning and financial support to faculty and staff in devising programs and services:
     - Closely linked to college/district strategic goals/priorities.
     - Possesses significant potential for development of linkages with external organizations such as business, industry, government agencies and community organizations.
     - Has a high level of potential for procurement of additional private or public sector funding as a result of Educational Excellence Innovation Fund support.
     - Coordinated with the activities of the Educational Excellence Innovation Fund, the President’s Circle, and College of Marin Foundation.

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2. New programs reflecting business and workforce training
   - Addresses emerging workforce issues in the Bay Area and/or Marin County.
   - Provides learning opportunities into the environmental, medical, or technological workforce.
   - Increases career opportunities and skills development.

3. New pedagogies, learning styles, and learning communities
   - Introduces new teaching methods, such as utilizing technology and web-based instruction.
   - Implements faculty development of educational web sites.
   - Creates distance learning and on-line options for instructional delivery.

4. Program revitalization
   - Adds new components to existing programs.
   - Creates partnerships with business to expand program offerings.

Proposals should be submitted to the Superintendent/President’s Office by May 7, 2010. Awards will be announced in June.

Faculty Proposals submitted to the Superintendent/President’s Office will be forwarded to U.D.W.C. per Article 8.3 of UPM contract.

Please contact Melinda Molloy in the President’s Office for more information at melinda.molloy@marin.edu.

Board Policies Approved
The following Board policies were approved at the March 16 Board of Trustees meeting.
BP 2310 Regular Meetings of the Board
BP 2330 Quorum and Voting
BP 2360 Minutes
BP 2432 Superintendent/President Succession
BP 2610 Presentation of Initial Collective Bargaining Proposals
BP 2716 Political Activity
BP 2735 Board Member Travel
BP 2740 Board Education
BP 2745 Board Self Evaluation
BP 2800 Naming of Facilities
BP 6300 Fiscal Management
BP 6540 Insurance
Upcoming

Spring Dance Production
College of Marin Dance Department presents their spring dance production *Fast Forward*. Performance dates are April 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. and will take place at the Fine Arts Theatre on the Kentfield campus. Tickets are $15 general; $10 students and seniors. Call the box office at (415) 415.9385 or visit [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu) for more information. *Fast Forward* is choreographed by the College of Marin dance faculty and features an exciting evening of ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and African with guest artist Danse Lumiere. Supported in part by the College of Marin Foundation, Dancers’ Guild, and Sargay Stetson Memorial Dance Fund.

Advanced Voice Class Recital
The Stringless Instrument – Songs based on texts by William Shakespeare
Wednesday. April 7, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, (FA 72)
Free admission

Ongoing

Watercolor Exhibit at Emeritus Center – Final Week
An art exhibit of Bay Area artist Julie Cohn's recent watercolors is on display in the Emeritus Center, Student Services Building, Room 146, through March 25. Come see a collection of Cohn’s recent portraits and figures in The Color of Black and White. The exhibit is sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin.

International Film Festival
College of Marin Modern Languages Department presents the third annual International Film Festival, with films featuring foreign languages taught at the college. The following films, which are FREE and open to the community, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Olney Hall 96, 835 College Ave., Kentfield. Free parking is also available. For more information, including a synopsis of each film, go to [www.marin.edu](http://www.marin.edu).

March 26  Shall We Dance (1996), Japanese
April 2    La Luz Prodigiosa (2003), Spanish
Marin Art and Music Alliance Presents Free Concert Series
Come out and enjoy the sunshine! The Marin Art and Music Alliance (MAMA) with Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) present a free spring concert series. Food is available for purchase beginning at noon. The music starts at 2 p.m. and wraps up at 4 p.m. All concerts take place on the lawn area in front of the Student Services Building. This event is open to the public.

Marin School of the Arts at Novato High
March 25
Three bands will play;
Frisk, Bahiars, and Just Say No to Velociraptors

Swamp Thang Band
April 1

House Party Boogie
April 22

Pool Boy Chuck Steed
April 29

Groovy Judy
May 6

The Bob Hill Band
May 13

7th Street Reggae Band
May 20

College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery Presents Entanglements
The latest Fine Arts Gallery exhibit, Entanglements, will be up through April 1, 2010. Featured artists include Julia Goodman, Amy Keefer, Ali Nasche-Messing, Esther Traugot, and Anneliese Vobis. The gallery is located at 835 College Ave., Kentfield and is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (415) 485-9494 for more information.

COM Athletics
Men’s Baseball vs. Napa Valley College
Tuesday, March 23, 2:30 p.m. in Kentfield
Men’s Baseball vs. Los Medanos College
Thursday, March 25, 2:30 p.m. in Pittsburg
Men’s Baseball vs. Contra Costa College
Saturday, March 27, 1 p.m. in Kentfield

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Women’s Softball vs. Contra Costa College (doubleheader)  
Tuesday, March 23, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in San Pablo

Women’s Softball vs. Los Medanos College (doubleheader)  
Thursday, March 25, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Kentfield

Swimming and Diving – Solano Invitational  
Saturday, March 27, all day in Fairfield

Track and Field  
Saturday, March 25, TBA in Pleasant Hill

Have a great week,

Frances L. White, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President