President’s Monday Briefing – May 3, 2010

Annual Faculty and Staff Luncheon
The annual Faculty and Staff Luncheon sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 27, in the campus green area near Fusselman Hall at the Kentfield campus. In an effort to conserve resources, invitations will be sent via campus e-mail. You may RSVP by sending an e-mail to Melinda.Molloy@marin.edu or call ext. 7508 by May 20, 2010.

Flex Update
Mark your calendars for the fall 2010 Flex days. The Independent Flex days are August 11 and August 12. The Mandatory Flex day is Friday, August 13. College Convocation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by department meetings organized by department chairs in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Flex information and scheduled activities will be posted on the Staff Development Page on the college Web site. Click on “Staff Development” under the “Faculty and Staff” tab at www.marin.edu. If you would like to present a workshop on the Independent Flex days or during the semester, please e-mail kathleen.kirkpatrick@marin.edu for a proposal form. You may also download a Flex Workshop Proposal Form on the Staff Development Web page.

Reminder! Spring 2010 Flex Verification Forms are due in Human Resources by Friday, May 28, 2010. The forms can be downloaded from the Staff Development Web page.

Measure C Citizens’ Oversight Committee Members Selected
After careful consideration of the applications submitted based on criteria established by Proposition 39, a Board of Trustees subcommittee has selected the following individuals for two-year terms on the College of Marin Citizens’ Oversight Committee:

Bill Scott  Robert Borinistein
David Colton  Russell E. Brubaker
Joshua Rafner  Scott McKown
Paul Tandler

Members represent the community at large, a bona-fide taxpayer’s association, a student enrolled and active in a community college support group, and a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district.
Assembly Member Jared Huffman Introduces Bill: “Melody’s Law”
In his April newsletter, Assembly Member Jared Huffman gave an update on one of the bills that he is introducing in response to a local event that is close to our community. The bill refers to a tragedy that should not have occurred. Melody Osheroff, daughter of College of Marin Database Administrator Aaron Osheroff, was killed by a drunk motorcycle driver while walking in a crosswalk with her father. Aaron was seriously injured as well. The driver had eight previous DUIs and yet, amazingly, was driving with a valid California driver's license. Huffman feels strongly that driving is a privilege, not a right, and that a person with this reckless propensity to endanger others should simply not be allowed to drive. Huffman met with Aaron and wrote AB 1443 ("Melody's Law"), which will help get chronic drunk drivers off the road and keep them off the road.

Simply stated, the bill gives judges discretion to permanently revoke a driver's license after three DUI occurrences, and after five DUIs a lifetime prohibition on driving is mandatory. It also prevents these chronic offenders from registering a vehicle in California.

ASCOM Election Results Are In!
Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) has a new president. Gerardo Orantes, a very active Puente and LSU student, was elected to this position last week. The race for vice president was very closely contested and votes were counted three times to verify the outcome. Richelle Gomez was elected over Meryl Jordan with a vote of 69 to 67. Nathaniel Parker will continue as student trustee. The students overwhelmingly approved an optional student activities fee of $8 per semester to provide funds for educational and social events for the campus community; as well as supporting campus clubs and organizations, campus activities, and intercollegiate athletics.

Book Barter This Week
A book barter will be held Friday, May 7. Join your fellow book lovers from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the College of Marin Emeritus Center, Student Services Building, Room 146. Bring your own lunch, talk about one of your favorite books, and then exchange your favorites. If you have a gem that you can’t part with, don’t worry. Exchange is not required. Come and enjoy the discussion; read a short passage from your selection – all sorts of book shares are welcome. For more information call (415) 485-9652.

Kudos
Administrative Assistant Laurie Loeffler has been selected to be this year’s recipient for the Ed Stark Achievement Award from the Novato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. An excerpt from the Novato Chamber nomination reads:

Laurie embraces Leadership, encourages full-class participation in activities well beyond graduation, and is ready to volunteer for Leadership programming going forward. She is influential among her peers and has a broad vision for this program.

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In the Leadership tradition, Laurie will be honored and asked to speak during the Novato Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program Graduation on May 12. Congratulations, Laurie, and thank you for going above and beyond in doing your part to contribute to a program that has seen phenomenal growth due to its excellence!

College of Marin Freshman Aaron Waters qualified for the California Community College Swimming and Diving Championship at Mt. Antonio College in Walnut, CA. This past weekend Aaron swam the 100-meter backstroke and finished 11th with his personal best time of 53.36 seconds. This marks the sixth consecutive year that a Mariner has qualified for the State Meet. Waters was also named to the U.S. Community College All-America team at Friday’s meet. Great work, Aaron!

Personnel Actions

Retirement of Academic Personnel

- Sandra Douglas, English/Humanities Instructor, has submitted her letter of resignation for retirement purposes effective May 29, 2010.

Retirement of Management Personnel

- V-Anne Chernock, Director of Modernization, has revised her retirement date from close of business July 30, 2010, to close of business Sept. 10, 2010.

Classified Request for Leave of Absence/Uncompensated Leave


Board Policies Approved

The following policies were approved at the April 20, 2010 meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- BP 2100 Board Elections
- BP 2305 Annual Organizational Meeting
- BP 2800 Naming of Facilities
- BP 3050 Institutional Code of Ethics
- BP 4106 Nursing Programs
- BP 4107 Health Science Programs
- BP 5030 Fees
- BP 5400 Associated Students Organization
- Bp 5410 Associated Students Elections
- BP 5420 Associated Students Finance
- BP 6200 Budget Preparation
Educational Excellence Innovation Fund Proposals Due this Friday
The Educational Excellence Innovation Fund provides seed money that encourages College of Marin’s faculty and staff to dream out loud. 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 the UPM contract. Please contact Melinda Molloy in the President’s Office for more information at melinda.molloy@marin.edu.

Upcoming

College of Marin to Host Annual Spring Job Fair
The College of Marin Job Placement Center will host its annual spring job fair on Thursday, May 13, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus in the Student Services Building cafeteria. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. A variety of employers from the Bay Area will be available at the event to answer questions and accept resumes.

The COM Job Placement Center establishes and maintains contacts with businesses in the community to provide students with job leads and internships in various fields. Assistance is available to current students, as well as COM alumni of any age and community members. The Job Placement Center is located at the Kentfield Campus in the Student Services Center, Room 206. For more information about the Job Fair please contact Carol Perez at (415) 485-9410.

Transportation Technology Education Complex
Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Thursday, May 13, 2010
Tours and light refreshments from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony starts at 5:30 p.m.
Grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at Pomo Buildings 1 and 2 at the IVC Campus

RSVP to careers@marin.edu if you would like to attend.

Transfer Recognition Reception
The Transfer & Career Center will be hosting its 4th Annual Transfer Recognition Reception to honor and recognize our students who are transferring on to four-year universities. The event will be held Friday, May 14, 2010, in the Student Services Cafeteria at the Kentfield campus. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a ceremony to formally acknowledge our students. I would like to invite everyone who plays such a vital role in student success at the College of Marin to attend this event to honor our students as they make their transition from the college to attaining their educational and professional goals.

Come celebrate our students’ academic achievement. Please confirm your attendance by e-mailing Emy Bagtas at emy.bagtas@marin.edu, by Friday, May 7. For more information call (415) 485-9671.
Ongoing

Marin Art and Music Alliance Presents Free Concert Series
Come out and enjoy the sunshine! The Marin Art and Music Alliance (MAMA) and Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) are presenting 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.

Groovy Judy
May 6

The Bob Hill Band
May 13

7th Street Reggae Band
May 20

Performing Arts

’59 Pink Thunderbird – Laundry & Bourbon and Lone Star
By James McLure
Directed by Jeffrey Bihr

May 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 8 p.m.
May 9 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Studio Theatre
$15 general admission; $10 for students, seniors, COM employees and alumni

It’s a hot afternoon in Maynard, Texas, where the “girls” are folding laundry, sipping bourbon, and sharing local gossip. That same evening, a trio of Texas good-ole-boys are drinking beer and trading tall tales behind a local bar. The comic intertwining of the two scenarios makes for a very funny, delightful evening of theatre.

Director Jeffrey Bihr last directed Born Yesterday for COM. In addition to his teaching duties here at College of Marin, he also teaches and performs at Stanford University as well as with other local companies such as American Conservatory Theatre, Berkeley Rep, and the Aurora Theatre.

Annual Student Spring Show
The College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery currently has on exhibit the Annual Student Spring Show. Artwork will be up through May 21, 2010, and features a variety of different media. 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.
Emeritus Students Exhibit Paintings by Kay Carlson
The current exhibition at the College of Marin Emeritus Center, Splendor of Place by Kay Carlson, runs through June 17. You can see this beautiful collection of paintings in the Student Services Building, Room 146. The exhibition is sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin.

June Yokell’s Paintings at Marin Arts
College of Marin Matriculation Office Technician June Yokell is among seven featured artists in a Marin Arts show May 8 and 9 at the Isabel Cook Center located at 1000 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Anselmo. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free parking is available on both sides of the building or at Redhill Shopping Center. For more information visit www.marinarts.org.

83rd Commencement Exercises
This year’s commencement exercises will take place Saturday, May 29, 2010. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Athletics Complex, Pieper Field, Kentfield Campus. For more information please contact Student Affairs at (415) 485-9376.

Infrastructure Projects Scheduled for Sir Francis Drake Boulevard
Infrastructure improvements on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Ross are in progress. The work will likely result in traffic impacts during the dates specified below. Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) recommends allowing extra travel time and considering using alternate routes. Please see description of project below:

- Pipeline: through June 15. MMWD will be installing 2700 feet of pipe on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Winship Avenue and Lagunitas Road. Work hours are from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. Two lanes of traffic will be open at all times.

COM Athletics
Track and Field
Angelina Pilachelli placed second in the Pole Vault at the Bay Valley Conference championships at Diablo Valley College, vaulting 9 feet 6 ¾ inches. She now moves on to the Nor Cal championships where a sixth or better finish is needed to qualify for the state meet in Lancaster from May 21 through 22.

Have a great week,

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