President’s Weekly Briefing—October 15, 2014

Online Safe Space Training
You can help make your corner of College of Marin a welcoming space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer/questioning (LGBTIQ) students and others. Safe Space is an exciting new program at COM that helps employees advocate for the needs and concerns of LGBTIQ students. Safe Space training, which is based on similar programs at other colleges, universities, and high schools, will give you basic information and tools to support LGBTIQ students. Once you’ve completed the training, you can request a Safe Space placard to display in your work area as a signal to students and others that you are committed to the support and advocacy of the LGBTIQ community. The goal is that these Safe Space placards will be displayed in every corner of College of Marin, sending a message of support and inclusion to LGBTIQ students. Get more information about Safe Space and take the training online. The training takes about 30 minutes. If you need help, contact Matthew Dimopoulos or Dave Patterson.

Community Education Registration
The Community Education department successfully launched their online registration system in August with in-person and phone registration available at the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses. ESCOM membership has more than doubled and students have welcomed the membership programs which offer class discounts and additional benefits.

The second quarter of the fall term begins this month, with many exciting classes still open. Community Education has something for everyone; jewelry and metalsmithing, bird watching, underwater hockey, boxing for fitness, traditional Hawaiian dance, career choices, home winemaking, and more. Check out the website and course offerings at marincommunityed.com. Call (415) 485-9305 to register or for more information.

Classified Senate Halloween BBQ
It is that time of year again, so dust off that fabulous costume or start creating one, and plan on attending the annual Classified Senate Halloween Fundraiser and BBQ. The festivities will be held on Thursday, October 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge. The theme for this year is black and white so let your imagination and creativity run wild. Come dressed to impress and enter the costume contest. Costume contestants must arrive by noon; winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. Judges will select the best black and white costume, the scariest costume, and best group costumes. I have approved two hours of release time so feel free to stop by and buy your BBQ burgers or dogs, try your luck at the raffle held at 1 p.m., and support your fellow classified professionals. Meals are from $5-$10.

The Classified Senate is still accepting donations for raffle prizes. Donations can be dropped off at SMN 203 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact Laura Cooper to make arrangements. All College of Marin employees are invited to attend.
Seasonal Flu Shots
The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students, faculty, and staff for $10; and to the community for $20. Fees go to help support our Nursing Program.

Flu shots are available by appointment at the following dates and times:
Mondays  1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays  8 a.m. – noon
Wednesdays  8 a.m. – noon and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Fridays  8 a.m. – noon

Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment or more information. The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans.

Anyone wishing to receive a flu shot must be 18 years of age or older.

College Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Seeks New Members
Anyone interested in serving on the College of Marin Measure C Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee for the Measure C bond program may apply to one of seven available positions. The deadline to apply is October 31, 2014. The committee is seeking members with specific perspectives, including someone representing the community at large, a bona-fide taxpayer’s association, a student enrolled and active in a community college support group, a member of a senior citizens’ organization, a member active in a business organization representing the business community located in the district, and a member active in a college support organization. Oversight committee members cannot be College of Marin employees, officials, vendors, consultants, or contractors. The College of Marin Board of Trustees will appoint new members in November. For application information contact the Modernization Department at (415) 485-9518 or download the application.

The independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee, established by a College of Marin Board of Trustees resolution in 2004, is responsible for ensuring the College’s financial accountability for projects funded by a $249.5 million bond earmarked for facilities modernization. The bond, passed by Marin County voters in the November 2004 election, earned more than 63 percent voter approval. Measure C was a Proposition 39 bond that required the formation of a Citizens’ Oversight Committee.
Upcoming Events

Music Faculty Recital to Benefit Contemporary Opera Marin
Masterpieces and Rediscovered Gems of the 20th Century

Pianist Paul Smith is joined by fellow faculty members Tara Flandreau and Anne Lerner-Wright along with guest artists Susannah Barley and Nick Xelenis in a concert of works for piano, strings, and clarinet. Enjoy performances of Stravinsky’s Suite from The Soldier’s Tale, Bennett’s Ballad from Porgy and Bess, Korngold’s Suite for Piano Left Hand and Strings, Fibich’s Allegro for Clarinet Quintet, and Handel in the Strand by Percy Grainger.

Saturday, October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall, PA72
Performing Arts Building, Kentfield Campus

Sunday, October 19, 4 p.m.
The Dance Palace
503 B Street
Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

FREE admission; no reservations required. All donations go to support Contemporary Opera Marin. Call (415) 485-9460 for more information.

League of Women Voters Present Non-partisan Ballot Information
Do you have questions about the ballot issues for the upcoming November 4 election? On Monday, October 20, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the League of Women Voters will present pros and cons of the six state ballot propositions. This free presentation, sponsored by Emeritus Students College of Marin, is strictly non-partisan and open to the public.

Presentation on November Ballot Issues
Monday, October 20, 2:30 p.m.
Emeritus Center, Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus

Fall Career Fair
The Job Placement and Housing Center is holding its annual fall Career Fair on Wednesday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Services Building, first floor, Kentfield Campus. Bring your resume for on-the-spot advice and immediate job applications and meet growing Bay Area employers and employment agencies. Entry-level, technical, and professional positions are available in a wide variety of careers with full-time, part-time, temporary, and volunteer opportunities. For more information contact the Job Placement and Housing Center at (415) 485-9410.
Student Success Speaker Series—Taking Control of your Finances
The speaker series continues with the next presentation on Wednesday, October 22, at noon outside the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. Sara Wotherspoon will give helpful tips for those living paycheck to paycheck and anyone wanting to get their finances under better control. As the principal of Private Ocean, Sarah Wotherspoon MS, CFP® helps clients make smart financial decisions that connect their dollars and cents with what’s most important to them personally. Wotherspoon is passionate about partnering with clients to offer objective and thoughtful advice about all areas of their finances so they have confidence in and ease with their financial lives.

Upcoming Sessions

October 29
Boost your Study Skills though Technology on Campus
Presented by Matthew Dimopoulos, COM Assistive Tech Specialist, Student Accessibility Services

November 5
Need Health Insurance? Check out Covered California 101!
Presented by Thomas Li, Covered California

A complete list of seminars presented this fall is available online.

2014 Fall Dance Concert—Visions
Choreography by COM Dance Faculty
Production Design by e. “Ernie” Ernstrom

The 2014 Fall Dance Concert Visions opens October 31. Come and enjoy pieces created by our faculty to take the audience on a journey where they experience musing in movement and temperament, soaring playfulness, and the spirit of moving forward together as one force. Performances on October 31 and November 1 feature guest artists from the Branson Dance Performance Ensemble directed by Georgia Ortega. The November 7 and 8 performances feature Miya Hisaka and dancers of the San Domenico Dance Ensemble.

October 31, November 1, 7, and 8, at 8 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Tickets are $20 general; $15 seniors; and $10 students, COM employees, and alumni. Buy your tickets through the Box Office at (415) 485-9385.
Transfer Day
This year’s Transfer Day takes place on **Monday, November 3, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Student Services Building**, cafeteria, Kentfield Campus. Students, their families, and members of the community are invited. This free event is open to the public. More than 40 college and university representatives from UCs, CSUs, independent, online, and out-of-state schools will be on campus to meet with students and provide information about transferring from a community college. Representatives will be available to discuss relevant topics such as admission requirements, academic programs, fees, housing, scholarships, and financial aid. They will also highlight majors they offer and provide an overview of campus life. College of Marin counselors and staff will be on hand to make this a special event.

Advanced Voice Class Recital: *Pure Music*—Art Songs by Johannes Brahms
One of classical music's most popular and influential composers—often grouped with Bach and Beethoven as "the Three B's"—Johannes Brahms composed for piano, chamber ensembles, symphony orchestra, and for voice and chorus. He was a significant lieder composer, who wrote over 200 songs, and many of his lieder reflect folk themes or depict scenes of rural life. Although he had a love of order and venerated Beethoven and Mozart, he was heavily influenced by the romantic composers, in particular Robert and Clara Schumann. His songs therefore have a beautiful balance of form and emotion.

**Monday, November 3, 11:10 a.m.**  
Lefort Recital Hall, PA 72, Kentfield Campus

Ongoing Events

Emeritus Center Exhibit Featuring Nancie West Swanberg
Nancie West Swanberg is the featured artist in the Emeritus Center’s current exhibition. Swanberg was born in California and raised in Oregon by her Norwegian immigrant grandparents. She knew at an early age that she wanted to be an artist. She studied at the Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles, the Swedish School of Arts, Crafts and Design, the San Francisco Art Institute, and received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Sonoma State University. Swanberg always considered herself first and foremost a painter, but became a jack-of-all-trades artist, doing book and magazine illustration, working for publishing companies in San Francisco as a staff artist, and eventually working with her partner Larry Evans doing architectural art. Throughout all these years she also continued to paint. The Emeritus Center on the Kentfield Campus is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The show runs through the end of December.
Fall Sports

Women’s Soccer
COM vs. Los Medanos College  
Tuesday, October 21, 2 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Yuba College  
Friday, October 24, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball
COM vs. Contra Costa College  
Wednesday, October 15, 6 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Laney College  
Friday, October 17, 6 p.m. in Oakland

Men’s Soccer
COM vs. Contra Costa College  
Friday, October 17, 4 p.m. in Kentfield
COM vs. Napa Valley College  
Tuesday, October 21, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great weekend,

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