President’s Monday Briefing – Aug. 23, 2010

COM Names Five Finalists for Superintendent/President

Five candidates have been named as finalists in the search for a new Superintendent/President at College of Marin to replace Dr. Frances L. White who retired in June of this year. The national search drew 65 candidates from across the country. A search committee composed of college faculty, staff, students, community members, and administrative employees interviewed 11 semi-finalist candidates. The names of the final five candidates have been forwarded to the College of Marin Board of Trustees for consideration. The hiring process also includes opportunities for college and community members to meet the candidates. Campus and community forums for each candidate will be held on Monday, August 30, Tuesday, August 31, Wednesday, September 1, Thursday, September 2, and Friday, September 3, 2010; from noon to 1 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus in the Olney Hall Auditorium; from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Indian Valley Campus in Miwok 181; and a third public forum will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Kentfield Campus in the Olney Hall Auditorium. A complete schedule of events and biographical information about the candidates is available at http://www.marin.edu/News/press_release/081710.htm

Peggy Isozaki appointed Vice President of College Operations

Peggy Isozaki is serving as Vice President of College Operations while Al Harrison, replaces Dr. Frances White as Superintendent/President. Peggy has more than 30 years of diverse financial experience in the public and private sectors. Her last six years have been with the Marin Community College District, most recently as Director of Fiscal Services. Prior to that she worked with Fellows Placement in Chicago as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and with Pacific Telesis Group in San Francisco where she worked in various senior roles in the accounting, investor relations and treasury organizations. She began her career as a certified public accountant at John F. Forbes & Co., now KPMG. Peggy is a graduate of UC Berkeley with a BS in Business Administration.
Rattlesnakes at IVC
Last week three rattlesnakes were found on the Indian Valley Campus within a two day period. One was in front of Building 11 and two more were at the Miwok Cluster. Please make sure that you are especially careful when walking on campus, stay on pathways, and keep an eye out for snakes wherever you are walking. Construction and the return of students may have them disoriented and moving around. If you come across any snake; leave it alone, give it plenty of room, and do not attempt to move it, pick it up or throw things at it. Inform your students to be aware.

Contact campus police dispatch at (415) 485-9696 or Maintenance and Operations (415) 485-9451. Please do not prop open doors to buildings or classrooms as this allows easy access for snakes and other wild life that are native to this campus.

IT Update

MyCOM
- ArtSTOR: This new digital slide library subscription will be available through MyCOM shortly. It is intended for faculty to build collections of works for classes but the service is available to the MyCOM community.
- Barnes and Noble: IT is working with Barnes and Noble to provide a link so students can more easily purchase their course materials online in conjunction with course registration.
- NelNet: COM has signed an agreement to use NelNet. This product will replace TouchNet, our online credit card processor. NelNet has the advantage of offering payment plans. Launch is slated for the week of Aug. 23.
- Learning Resources tab: A new MyCOM tab has been designed to accommodate key learning resources content. Once approved, this tab will offer the ArtSTOR link and other links that are useful to faculty and students alike.
- Luminis 4.2: This is the latest version of the MyCOM portal software and was installed on Aug. 8. It is much more secure and will not work with older ‘insecure’ versions of Internet Explorer (IE) and other popular browsers. Individuals using older versions (e.g. IE 6 and earlier) will need to upgrade in order to use MyCOM. This applies to PCs on- and off-campus.

WebCT/BlackBoard
- COM has signed a one-year agreement that moves us from a 3,000-seat license to unlimited. After the one year extension, the enterprise product will need to be moved—at significant additional expense—or we will need to evaluate and choose another product.

Resource25
- COM has approved R25 (room and event management software) as one of the action steps of the IT Strategic Plan. We are scheduling product installation and staff training as soon as possible. Cari Torres is leading this project.
DegreeWorks
- COM has approved DegreeWorks (a comprehensive set of Web-based academic advising, degree audit, and transfer articulation tools) as one of the action steps of the IT Strategic Plan. We will start this project once Resource25 is in production.

Community Education Web site
- This site was hosted off-campus and with a lot of hard work it is now part of the Marin Web site. Please take a look: http://www.marin.edu/communityeducation/

Upcoming Events

Transfer Agreement Guaranteed (TAG) Workshop This Week
Seven UC campuses offer guaranteed admission to California community college students who meet specific requirements. Students participating in a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program will receive early review of their academic records, early admission notification, and specific guidance about major preparation and general education coursework. Students planning on transferring to a UC campus in fall 2011 should attend the TAG Workshop on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2010, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Science Center, Room 144. Contact the Transfer/Career Center at (415) 485-9671 or e-mail transfercenter@marin.edu to reserve your seat. Students can begin the application now BUT may only submit online from Sept. 1 to 30, 2010.

To get access to the application and for complete UC TAG requirements go to http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer_admis_guar.html

The Road to Success
College of Marin’s Road to Success will take place Tuesday, Aug. 31, and Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is designed to encourage students (new and continuing) to learn about all of the COM student services, learning resources, programs, and academic departments available to help them succeed in their studies and earn their certificates or degrees at the college. When students “walk the road” by going to each stop throughout campus, they will learn important information about these services and resources, get their questions answered, and have chances to win prizes. For many students this event helps build student awareness of the many resources in place to aid them. For services, programs, and departments, the Road to Success is an opportunity to showcase what you have to offer. Participating faculty can earn flex time by staffing the tables.

Students “Walk the Road” to visit each stop
- Stop 1 Student Services
- Stop 2 Health Center
- Stop 3 Science Center
- Stop 4 Learning Resources Center
- Stop 5 Harlan Center
- Stop 6 Fine Arts

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Various giveaways along the road include a first prize of $250 cash and other cash prizes. Each student is allowed one entry per stop on the Road. Winners will be notified after the event.

For evening students, Tuesday, Aug. 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., a consolidated table will be set up in the quad in front of the Learning Resources Center. For further information, contact Cheo Massion at Cheo.Massion@marin.edu or Becky Reetz at (415) 485-9620 or Becky.Reetz@marin.edu.

The Road to success is sponsored by ASCOM, Basic Skills Initiative Committee, and all Student Services and Departments.

**Book Banter**
Beginning Sept. 10 come join your fellow book lovers on the second Friday of the month at College of Marin’s Emeritus Center from noon to 1:30 p.m. for Book Banter. Often we get really excited—enamored—delighted—by something we are reading and are eager to talk about it and share it with friends. This is your chance. Reading a short passage from your selection will be encouraged. All sorts of book shares are welcome: The idea is to stimulate each other and enjoy a lively discussion. Bring your own lunch and spend part of the afternoon talking about one of your favorite books or authors. Future dates are Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Book Banter will continue Jan. through June 2011. Non-Emeritus members are welcome. Call Karen Hemmeter at (415) 883-9120 or Len Pullan at (415) 381-6952 with questions; otherwise just show up!

**Sunday Salon**
The Emeritus Students College of Marin and The Lark Theater are pleased to continue the film series, Sunday Salon, beginning Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Lark Theater in historic downtown Larkspur. The festivities include a light continental breakfast, then a screening of the film followed by commentary with question and answer period. The film will not be announced in advance to add to the intrigue. Bernice Baeza, Executive Director of the Lark Theater and film marvel, will find the best and most interesting selection to offer and open our eyes and minds to something we undoubtedly missed the first time around.

Series dates are Sept. 12, Oct. 17 and Nov. 7. Tickets are $39 for the series or $15 per film. Emeritus members will receive a discounted price of $36 for the series or $13 per film. To purchase tickets call The Lark at (415) 924-5111. Only Emeritus members qualify for the discount. If you have a non-member friend joining you, his or her price is $39 for the series. Bring your friends, come make new friends, and join in on a stimulating and friendly morning. See you at the movies!

**Transfer Day**
The College of Marin will be holding its Annual Transfer Day on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Services Building, dining area. This event is a great opportunity (continued on next page)
for students, parents, academic advisors and the community to meet representatives from four-year California colleges, universities, private colleges and out-of-state institutions and get their questions answered about the institution, admissions, housing, financial aid, and the general transfer process.

For more information, contact the Transfer/Career Center at (415) 485-9671 or e-mail transfercenter@marin.edu

Ongoing Events

Static Progression
The Fine Arts Gallery is featuring new work by Jason Dunn in the exhibition Sculptures and Vessels now through Sept. 23, 2010. A reception for the artist will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2010, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Andrea Antonaccio at (415) 485-9493 for more information.

Emeritus Exhibit
The College of Marin Emeritus Center is sponsoring an exhibition titled Currents featuring paintings by Sharon Paster now through Sept. 20 in the Student Services Building, Room 148. A reception for the artist will be held Tuesday, Sept. 7, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Emeritus Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call (415) 485-9368 for more information.

Evening Administrators
An administrator is on duty for assistance Monday through Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on both the Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses during the semester. They can be reached at (415) 747-0699 (KTD) or (415) 747-0658 (IVC).

The Office of Instructional Management will have coverage in the evenings (until 7 p.m.) to help resolve room conflicts, assist faculty and students, etc. this week. Please see the schedule below:

August 23, Alganesh Hagos  August 24, Cari Torres  August 25, Tom Hudgens  August 26, Dong Nguyen

Also, James Kuromiya is in by 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and will be able to assist faculty and students and help resolve room conflicts for morning classes.

Have a great week,

Al J. Harrison II
Superintendent/President