President’s Monday Briefing – Sept. 6, 2010

COM Credit Enrollment Is Up Again This Semester
As of the end of first census on Sept. 6, 2010, 7,789 students had registered for credit classes. This is 329 (4.4 percent) more credit students than last fall semester at census.

Institutional Effectiveness Report:
Progress on Strategic Plan Action Steps as of July 27, 2010
Based upon the three identified college priorities from the Educational Master Plan 2009-2019 (Improve Student Access, Improve Student Learning and Success, and Improve Instructional Technology), seven strategic objectives were developed as part of the Strategic Plan 2009-2012, under which there are twenty-two action steps.

As of July 27, 2010, the college has completed eleven of the twenty-two action steps. The remaining eleven action steps are still in progress, with two years remaining in the defined Strategic Plan time period to complete them.

For details and evidence, please see the following reports at the Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness Web site at http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/InstitutionalPlanningPage.htm:
- Strategic Plan Action Steps Progress Summary Report (Assessment of Institutional Effectiveness)
- Strategic Plan Action Steps Evidence

If you have any questions, please contact Director of Planning, Research, and Institutional Effectiveness Dr. Chialin Hsieh at ext.7545.

Kudos
Social Sciences Professor Yolanda Bellisimo has been appointed by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to the Accreditation and SLO Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year. Congratulations Yolanda on this important appointment, it is an outstanding opportunity to work collaboratively with colleagues across the state to develop sound educational policies for the benefit of our students.
Corte Madera Creek Pedestrian/Bike Path Closure
The Corte Madera Creek Multi-Use Pathway will be closed for use by the public from Bon Air Road to the Stadium Avenue bridge crossing behind Kent Middle School, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, through Wednesday, Dec. 15, for a Ross Valley Sanitary District project.

For a color map of bike and pedestrian detour routes go to http://www.marin.edu/president/MondayBriefing/2010/090610.htm

For more information call:
Ross Valley Sanitary District: (415) 259-2949 ext. 212
Marin County Parks and Open Space: (415) 499-6394

Seasonal Flu Shots
Influenza ("flu") is a contagious disease which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions. For most people the flu lasts only a few days and includes symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and fatigue. By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others. The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots for $20. Clinic dates are as follows:

Kentfield Campus, Health Services Portable
   Friday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon
   Friday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to noon
   Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon
   Friday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon

Indian Valley Campus, AS 121
   Monday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon

The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a shot must be 18 years of age or older. For more information call (415) 485-9458.

COM Summer Swim Program Extended
The summer swim program at Kentfield has been extended through the end of October, or until the weather becomes prohibitive. Pool hours are noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission rates are $5 per day for adults; $3 for children, seniors (55+), and disabled. For more information call (415) 485-9587.
Upcoming Events

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 January 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 that was 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, their 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!

Constitution Day
On Monday, Sept. 20, College of Marin will welcome historian Dr. Patricia Sullivan as we celebrate Constitution Day. Dr. Sullivan will be speaking about civil rights lawyers, the Constitution, and the transformation of America. The presentation will be held at the Kentfield Campus in Olney Hall 96 at 11:30 a.m. All students and the campus community are welcomed. Instructors in related subjects are invited to encourage their students to attend.

Dr. Patricia Sullivan is a civil and human rights speaker who has done extensive research on the first 50 years of the NAACP. Stories of men and women who experienced the struggle for civil rights first-hand are dramatically told in her book Lift Every Voice. Immersed in her subject matter, she is an engaging speaker who educates and inspires. Sullivan teaches history at the University of South Carolina and is a fellow in the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University. She lives in Washington, D.C.
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 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.

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

Performing Arts
Music Department Faculty Recital
Thursday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
FREE admission, parking $3

Wrack
Guest Artist Improv Concert
Friday, Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
Admission is $10 general; $5 students, seniors, alumni; and free for COM Students
Free Parking

Wrack skirts the boundaries of an ever-evolving tradition hovering at the crossroads of other traditions. It is both a chamber ensemble with a highly unusual instrumentation and a book of compositions tailor-made for the personalities of its members. While the compositions’ melodic and contrapuntal content is reminiscent of European-American classical modernism, their modular structures and improvisational procedures are heavily indebted to the innovation of the African-American Creative Music continuum.

Golden Vocals—Singer’s Choice Recital
Advanced Voice Class
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
Free admission
Parking $3
Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom
By August Wilson
Directed by W. Allen Taylor
September 29 is a pay-what-you-will preview at 8 p.m.
October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, and 16 at 8 p.m.
October 10 and 17 at 2 p.m.
Fine Arts Theatre
$20 general, $10 for students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni

The play that initiated Wilson’s ten-play series about the African-American experience in America in the 20th Century; this brilliant and explosive piece will keep you riveted in your seat! It’s 1927, and the Jazz Age is in full swing. Set in a run-down recording studio in Chicago, Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom is funny, salty, and carnal and opens a scathing window into repression, racism, and the exploitation of black artists by whites. Don’t miss this iconic piece by one of America’s foremost Pulitzer Prize-winning playwrights.

Parking Information
Due to construction at College of Marin parking availability is reduced. Performances may be accessed by using Parking Lot 16 after 5pm (at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue) and Parking Lot 2 (across Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, accessed via traffic signaled crosswalk.) Additional parking across campus can be accessed via College Avenue. On weekdays and Monday through Thursday evenings, please park in student parking only. Daily parking passes may be purchased from the machines in Lot 2 for $3. Parking for events on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays is free.

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. 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.
COM Athletics

Men’s Soccer vs. Cañada College
    Friday, Sept. 10, 4 p.m. in Redwood City

Women’s Soccer vs. San Francisco City College
    Friday, Sept. 10, 2010, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Call for submissions: Kudos section
Please help recognize the exemplary work and outstanding achievements of our faculty, staff, and students by submitting information for the Kudos section of the weekly President’s Monday Briefing. DEADLINE: Submit the information in the format described below by noon Wednesday for publication in the following Monday’s Briefing. Submit information by e-mail to Nicole Cruz at Nicole.Cruz@marin.edu and Cathy Summa-Wolfe Cathy.SummaWolfe@marin.edu with the word KUDOS in the subject area.

Please include the following information:

Awards recognition
If the individual has won an achievement award, please include the name of the recipient, their COM title, the name of the award, the name of the organization bestowing the award, the date that the award was given, where the award was given, and why the award was given.

Publications
For books, please include the title of the book, the name of the author, their COM title, the name of the publisher, and date of publication. Also, include a brief description about the book and any special recognition that the book and/or the author has received.

Articles
For articles, please include the name of the author, their COM title, the title of the article, the name of the periodical, the volume number, the date of publication, and a brief description of the article, and any special recognition about the article and/or the author.

Art shows
For fine arts shows, please include the name of the artist, their COM title, the location of the show, the name of the show, the title of the work, the medium in which the work was created (oils, ceramics, water color, metal sculpture, etc.), a brief description, and any special recognition that the artist or work has received.

Professional presentations
For presentations at conferences or other events, please include the name of the employee, their title, the name of the conference, the date of the conference, the title of the presentation, and a brief description of the presentation.
Performing Arts
For performing arts events including theater, dance, and music, please include the name of the faculty or staff member, their COM title, the name of the performance, date of the performance, time of the performance, location, fee, contact information, and description.

Athletics achievements
Include the name and title of the coach or coaches, name of team, and a complete description of what they have achieved.

Other
You may also submit recognition of faculty and staff for other reasons at your discretion, including appointments to statewide or local professional organizations, grant awards, development of new program or class, or other acknowledgements.

Call for submissions: Events and community calendars
The Office of Communications and Community Relations would like to help you promote your special event. Please submit information four weeks in advance by e-mail to Nicole Cruz at Nicole.Cruz@marin.edu and Cathy Summa-Wolfe Cathy.SummaWolfe@marin.edu. Include the title EVENTS in the subject area. Please indicate if the public is or is not invited to attend. If the public is invited, the information also will be distributed to local media outlets.

Please forward the information using the following format:
- Name of the event
- Date(s)
- Time(s)
- Location
- Fee
- Contact name and phone number
- Ticket sales information
- Also, include a paragraph describing the event, biographies of performers, and other pertinent information.

Have a great week,

Al J. Harrison II
Superintendent/President