New Legislation Will Make It Easier for California Community College Students to Transfer to Four-Year Universities

Last week new historic legislation was signed into law by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger that will help improve community college transfer rates. According to State Chancellor Jack Scott this has been a long time in coming. As envisioned by the late Clark Kerr, the key architect of the California Master Plan for Higher Education of 1960, the California Community Colleges were to be a key link to providing universal access to any of the state’s public four-year universities through the transfer process. This legislation takes a monumental step in helping to deliver on the original promise of the Master Plan to open access to any community college student seeking a four-year degree.

California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO) Jack Scott described the Governor’s signing of the two bills as a major victory for California Community College students pursuing their dream to receive a baccalaureate degree from the California State University (CSU).

Senate Bill 1440 guarantees admission to a CSU campus for any community college student who completes the newly established associate degree for transfer. This associate degree will be in every community college and will be limited to 60 units. In turn, CSU will admit each holder of this transfer degree with junior standing and require no more than 60 additional units for graduation. It further provides students who earn this degree with priority consideration for admission into a similar major and to their local CSU.

Assembly bill 2302 requires that the California Community Colleges work collaboratively with the CSU to inform students and the general public about this new opportunity and encourages the University of California to examine what it would take to join in this new transfer reform effort.

Now that the bills have been signed there is more work to do. The Academic Affairs and Student Services Divisions of the Chancellor’s Office are working with the statewide Academic Senate and the CSU Chancellor’s Office on the various issues related to degree development, degree approval, and matriculation so that the process may be streamlined and moved along as quickly as possible. C CCCO Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Barry A. Russell, Ph.D. cautions that it would be unwise for a college to change degrees, articulate directly with CSUs, or develop transfer patterns because they may have to re-visit the issue again once the guidelines and processes have been determined. If you have questions, please send them directly to sb1440questions@cccco.edu.
White House Summit on Community Colleges
On Tuesday, October 5, Dr. Jill Biden will convene the first-ever White House Summit on Community Colleges. The Summit will bring together community college administrators, faculty, and students, business and philanthropic leaders, as well as federal and state policy leaders. Summit participants were selected through a process of consulting many community college stakeholders. This representative group of individuals will discuss how community colleges can help ensure that the United States has the best educated workforce in the world and how community colleges may also help achieve President Obama’s goal of leading the world with the highest proportion of college graduates by 2020. For more information about the event go to http://www.whitehouse.gov/communitycollege/details.

Both the opening and closing sessions of this landmark event will be streamed live on www.WhiteHouse.gov/live and timing details are below.

Opening Plenary Session: 12:15 p.m. EDT (Streamed LIVE on http://www.whitehouse.gov/live)

Closing Session: 3 p.m. EDT (Streamed LIVE on http://www.whitehouse.gov/live)

Plant Sale and Open Farm Celebration
On Saturday, October 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. COM will host a plant sale and open farm celebration at the IVC Organic Farm and Garden. In addition to sales and other fun activities, there will be live music with the trio Wagon. Families, friends, student and all are invited to attend the event featuring plant and produce sales, live music, fruit tastings, bouquet-making, and tours—fun for the whole family! For more information: jbrager@conservationcorpsnorthbay.org or (415) 720-2051. Plants and produce for sale include broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, lettuce, parsley, herbs, perennial flowers, sweet pie pumpkins, lettuce, kale, chard, winter squash, tomatoes, corn, and more.

Farewell Chief Lacy!
College of Marin Chief of Police Charles “Chuck” Lacy retired on Oct. 1, 2010 after a 42-year distinguished career in law enforcement that began in the midst of the anti-war and civil rights movements on the UC Berkeley campus, spanned a large-scale evolution within the field of policing and ended with a 10-year tenure as head of the College of Marin Police Department. Raul R. Botello will be the Acting Chief of Police at COM until a permanent replacement is hired. Botello has over 27 years of law enforcement experience with Bay Area Rapid Transit District Police Department (BART PD), including working as a uniformed patrol officer, field training officer, and detective. He has been working at the College of Marin Police Department as an hourly substitute since January 2007.
October Distance Education Newsletter Is Now Available Online

As Distance Ed develops at COM and we seek to improve student success, we need to be especially attentive to streamlining procedures, formalizing policies, and managing growth. ACCJC WASC standards for Distance Education are available, and they are especially important as COM prepares for its future. To view the October DE@COM Newsletter, scroll down to the bottom of the Distance Education Web site: [http://www.marin.edu/distance/index.htm](http://www.marin.edu/distance/index.htm). For more information about DE@COM, please contact alisa.klinger@marin.edu.

Surge in International Student Enrollment

There has been almost a 50 percent increase in new credit F-1 international students at the College of Marin, according to Interim Director of International Education Janice Austin. Admissions and Records enrollment shows a significant increase from fall 2009, with 20 new credit international students to fall 2010, with 34 new credit international students, an increase of 14 students. On average, each new international student brings $5,000 revenue to the college, which translates to an additional $70,000 increase for fall 2010.

International Student Count:

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This increase is attributed to improved marketing, including the complete revision of the International Education web site, for outreach to prospective credit and Intensive English Program (IEP) students: [http://www.marin.edu/international_students/index.htm](http://www.marin.edu/international_students/index.htm), development of a College of Marin International Students Facebook page, and creation of targeted print collateral, developed in collaboration with Senior Creative Designer Shook Chung from the Office of Communications and Community Relations. Additional Bay Area recruiting by the Office of International Education has included in-person College of Marin presentations to visiting delegations from Vietnam and China.

Nursing Accreditation Team Visit This Week

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accreditation team is visiting the Nursing Education Program this week from Oct. 5 through Oct.7, 2010.

Upcoming Events

UC/CSU Application Workshops

The application filing period is just around the corner. Please encourage students planning on transferring to a four-year university fall 2011 to take the opportunity and attend any of the following workshops to help them with their personal statements and applications. Contact Emy Bagtas at (415) 485-9671 for additional information.

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### Schedule of UC/CSU Application Workshops

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### Leave them Laughing at the Mill Valley Film Festival

The documentary film about former College of Marin Drama Professor Carla Zilbersmith, *Leave them Laughing*, will make its U.S. premiere at the Mill Valley Film Festival. There will be two screenings; Sunday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 12. At 8:30 p.m. Carla’s son Maclen Zilber will be present on Oct. 10 and Director John Zaritsky and Producer Montana Berg will be present both evenings. For ticket information go to [http://mvff2010.inticketing.com/filmlist.php](http://mvff2010.inticketing.com/filmlist.php).

### Performing Arts

#### Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom

By **August Wilson**

Directed by **W. Allen Taylor**

October 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.

#### Contemporary Opera Marin

Day of the Dead and Halloween Themed Operas

Directed by **Paul Smith**

October 29, 30 and 31

Nov. 5, 6, and 7

Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)

Call (415) 485-9460 for further information
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. There is very limited disabled parking behind the Fine Arts Building in the remaining vestiges of Parking Lot 4. Daily parking passes may be purchased from the machines in Parking Lot 2 for $3. Parking for events on Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays is free.

Ongoing Events

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. Napa Valley College  
Tuesday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m. in Napa

Men’s Soccer vs. Yuba College  
Friday, Oct. 8, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Solano College  
Tuesday, Oct. 5, 3:30 p.m. in Suisun

Women’s Soccer vs. Yuba College  
Friday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball vs. Yuba College  
Wednesday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Volleyball vs. Los Medanos College  
Friday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. in Pittsburg

Results
Men’s Soccer  
Sept. 28: Santa Rosa 7, COM 2  
Oct. 1: Merritt 1, COM 0

Women’s Soccer  
Oct. 1: COM 3, Contra Costa College 0

Women’s Volleyball  
Conference Record: 3-1  
Overall Record: 3-4
Hispanic Heritage Film Festival Was a Success
The Hispanic Heritage Film Festival took place on Sept. 22 and 23. On Wednesday, Sept. 22, there were approximately 35 students, instructors and community members in attendance and on Thursday, Sept. 23 there were 25. There were two moviegoers that came from San Mateo and San Francisco, just to see the films! The organizers of the festival expressed an interest in continuing the relationship and Director of Student Affairs Arnulfo Cedillo on behalf of College of Marin gladly agreed to work with them on future events.

Have a great week,

A.J. Harrison II
Superintendent/President