President’s Monday Briefing – Oct. 18, 2010

WASC Evaluation Team Will Visit COM Next Week
College of Marin will host a WASC Comprehensive Evaluation Team Visit Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, through Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010. Team members include Dr. Jose Ortiz, Team Chair, Superintendent/President of Allan Hancock College; Ms. Nancy Meddings, Team Assistant, Interim Dean, Library and Learning Resources at Allan Hancock College; Dr. Kevin Bontenbal, Instructional Technology Librarian at Cuesta College; Dr. Kathleen Burke-Kelly, President of Los Angeles Pierce College; Mr. Robert Isomoto, Vice President of Business and Administration at Santa Monica College; Dr. Richard Mahon, Associate Professor of Humanities at Riverside City College; Dr. Tanya Renner, Professor of Psychology at Kapiolani Community College; Ms. Rhea Riegel, Institutional Research Coordinator at Fresno City College; Mr. Gilbert Rodriguez, Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences at Los Medanos College; Dr. Rachel Rosenthal, Vice President, Instruction at Sierra College; and Dr. Martin Spring, Dean, Counseling and Special Services at Mira Costa College.

Team Members will meet with various individuals and constituent groups during their visit. Currently the team has scheduled the following All Campus events:

Welcome and Introduction of Comprehensive Evaluation Team Members (KTD)
Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, at 8:30 a.m., Deedy Staff Lounge, Student Services, Kentfield Campus

All Campus Input Meeting (KTD)
Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, at 12:45 p.m., Olney Hall 96, Kentfield Campus

All Campus Input Meeting (IVC)
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at noon, Miwok 181, Indian Valley Campus

All Campus Input Meeting (KTD)
Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, at noon, Olney Hall 96, Kentfield Campus

Exit Interview with the Campus Community (KTD)
Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 1:30pm, Fusselman Hall 120, Kentfield Campus

For more information on the Comprehensive Evaluation Team’s site visit please visit http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/SiteVisitSchedule.htm
For more information on the Comprehensive Evaluation Team, including biographies, please visit http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/ComprehensiveEvaluationVisitTeam.htm

COM Moves from Blackboard to Moodle for Distance Education
College of Marin most likely will be moving towards using Moodle as our distance education course management system (CMS) next fall after our license with Blackboard expires at the end of June 2011. Moodle requires no purchase or annual license fee and is much more user friendly according to faculty and students who have used it.

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Many colleges have migrated to this system with positive results. There is a wonderful training opportunity for current distance education (DE) faculty and those interested in teaching DE in the future to become familiarized with Moodle. @ONE is a California Community College funded consortium that offers instructional technology training. They have scheduled two series of Moodle trainings beginning Nov. 1, 2010. The first will be an introductory series and the second will be a follow-up training for those who took the introductory series. Please go to www.cccone.org for more details under Upcoming Online Courses.

The college encourages your participation in this online training. The cost is $55 per series. You can get reimbursed by this simple process: 1) sign up and pay; 2) print out the receipt; 3) submit a Claim for Reimbursement form along with the receipt to Carol Scialli in the Office of the Vice President of Student Learning.

**Forum on Financial Aid Options**
Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey, in conjunction with COM and Associated Students College of Marin, will host a forum on financial aid on Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Olney Hall 96, Kentfield Campus. The forum will provide an opportunity to speak with experts from local colleges and universities about student aid options, public and institutional awards, financial planning, and transferring between schools.

Featuring representatives from:
- U.S. Department of Education
- College of Marin
- University of California, Berkeley
- Sonoma State University
- Dominican University of California
- Veterans Benefits Specialist

For more information or to request special accommodations, please call Anita Franzi at Representative Woolsey’s Marin Office at (415) 507-9554.

**Revised Integrated Planning Manual Approved**
College Council approved the revised *College of Marin Integrated Planning Manual* on Oct. 14, 2010, as recommended by the Planning and Resource Allocation Committee (PRAC). The 2009 *Integrated Planning Manual* was developed to guide integrated, institutional planning at College of Marin. The 2010 revisions are a result of ongoing assessment of timelines and specific functions associated with the college’s planning and resource allocation process made by PRAC. The manual fulfills one more important step in providing evidence to the Accreditation Self Study Team that arrives on campus Oct. 26 that the college has improved its planning processes. The *Integrated Planning Manual* is posted on the [Institutional Planning Web Page](#).
COM’s Bone Marrow Drive a Great Success!
The first COM Student Nurse Association Bone Marrow Drive was a great success! There were 148 people who signed up to be on the national bone marrow registry. To put this in perspective, Kaiser informed Director of Health Sciences Roz Hartman that they had 31 people registered after spending an eight-hour day at UC Davis; and that their best community college up to this point has been DeAnza where they got 100+ registrants over three to four days. COM’s drive took place over two-days; four hours each day. A resounding thank you goes out to all who volunteered! Thanks to Melodie Kee, many members of the Student Nurse Association, along with Nursing Faculty Advisor Molly Johnson, who were instrumental in organizing this event.

UPDATED: Registration Priority Dates for Spring 2011
The registration priority date was updated for concurrently enrolled high school students.
Athletes, CalWORKs, DSPS, EOPS, Veterans Nov. 22, 2010
Continuing Students with 3 Semesters, Noncredit Students Nov. 23, 2010
Continuing Students with 2 Semesters, Recent High School Graduates Dec 1, 2010
Continuing Students with 1 Semester Dec. 8, 2010
New and Readmitted Students Dec. 15, 2010
Concurrently Enrolled High School Students Dec. 16, 2010

Upcoming Events

UC/CSU Application Workshops—Final Workshop This Week
The application filing period is just around the corner and the final workshop will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 19, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Please encourage students planning on transferring to a four-year university in fall 2011 to take the opportunity and attend to help them with their personal statements and applications. Contact Emy Bagtas at (415) 485-9671 for location and additional information.

Disability History Summit and Webinar
In recognition of the first annual Disability History Week in California, College of Marin and the Marin Center for Independent Living will hold a Disability History Summit on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Kentfield Campus in the Student Services Building, Deedy Staff Lounge. The summit includes a screening of the award-winning documentary Disability Culture Rap. The documentary exposes participants to the culture and pride of people with disabilities. The discussion and documentary will be broadcast live via the Web so that attendees may participate. Following the screening and webinar there will be exciting speakers on disability rights, and local organizations will speak about recreational opportunities available to individuals with disabilities in the Bay Area. All participants will have an opportunity to view a nationally renowned Disability History Exhibit produced by Advocating Change Together. The exhibit is a 22-panel collage that traces 3,000 years of seldom-told history of people with disabilities. Lunch will be provided. R.S.V.P to Jessie Sandoval at (415) 459-6245 ext. 27 or mciljessie@gmail.com. For reasonable accommodations please contact Chris Schultz at least 7 days prior to the summit at (415) 485-9601.
COM Basketball Players will Recycle Electronic Goods
On Oct. 23, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the College of Marin Men’s Basketball Program will be holding a fundraiser event on the Kentfield Campus. Members of the community are welcome to bring their electronic goods and appliances to the recycling center that will be set up in Parking Lot 10, behind the Diamond P.E. Center. Electronic recycling involves anything that can be plugged into an electrical outlet. Items that cannot be accepted are batteries and units containing Freon or liquid mercury. A small donation of your choice would be greatly appreciated when you drop off your recycled units. For more information please contact Bruce T. Furuya at (415) 485 9309 or bruce.furuya@marin.edu.

Plant Sale and Open Farm Celebration
On Saturday, Oct. 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: ibrager@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.

Plants and produce from the College of Marin Organic Farm and Garden can also be purchased Thursdays at the San Rafael Farmers Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Marin Civic Center, Veterans Memorial Auditorium’s parking lot. Please remember to bring your own bags as they are not supplied.

Rosalie Moore Centenary Celebration
Join in a celebration of the life and work of award-winning poet Rosalie Moore on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Falkirk Cultural Center, 1408 Mission Avenue, San Rafael. Reading from Moore’s work will be COM Basic Skills Professor and former U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, Doreen Stock, Diana O’Hehir, Jean Pumphrey, Jacqueline Kudler, John Hart, Gerald Fleming, Dolores de Leon, and Barbara Swift Brauer. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Rosalie Moore (1910-2001), co-founder of the Marin Poetry Center, was a member of the Activists group of poets formed under the direction of critic/writer Lawrence Hart. Moore’s work was published widely in periodicals including The New Yorker, Poetry, and Saturday Review. She received the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award in 1949 for her The Grasshopper’s Man, judged by W.H. Auden. Later poetry collections include The Year of the Children (nominated for a Pulitzer), Of Singles and Doubles, and Gutenberg in Strasbourg. She was the recipient of two Guggenheim awards.
Performing Arts

Contemporary Opera Marin
Paul Smith, director
Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
Saturday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.
Muir Beach Community Center
Call (415) 485-9460 for more information

Contemporary Opera Marin presents Creepy Crawly Cabaret. Enjoy an hour-long music theatre piece celebrating Halloween and the Day of the Dead using music by Schubert, Mauricio Kagel, Kevin Scheupbach and Ernesto Lecuona, among others.

Physical Light
Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29 and 30, at 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6, at 8 p.m.
Fine Arts Theatre
Contact Robin Jackson at (415) 485-9385 for more information

The College of Marin Dance Department presents Physical Light—an evening of performances inspired by the qualities found in light: sun bright to midnight dark; pure white to a spectrum of colors. It is the light within the heart and the light that illuminates the human body in motion, allowing dancers to create physical light.

Bergerettes—18th Century French Songs and Romances
Advanced Voice Class
Linda Noble Brown, instructor
Wednesday, Nov. 3, 11:10 a.m.
Lefort Recital Hall (FA 72)
FREE admission, parking $3

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

Exhibition by Jack Carter in Fine Arts Gallery
Currently on display in the Fine Arts Gallery is the work of artist Jack Carter. The show, Painted Words, will be up through Oct. 28. All are welcome to a closing artist reception on Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. For more information call (415) 485-9494.

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. Merritt College
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 4 p.m. in Oakland

Men’s Soccer vs. Napa Valley College
Friday, Oct. 22, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Los Medanos College
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Mendocino College
Friday, Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m. in Ukiah

Women’s Volleyball vs. College of Alameda
Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Results
Men’s Soccer
Oct. 12: Contra Costa College 1, COM 0

Women’s Soccer
Oct. 12: COM 4, Contra Costa College 2

Have a great week,

A.J. Harrison II
Superintendent/President