President’s Weekly Briefing—May 25, 2011

College of Marin Will Hold Its 84th Commencement This Saturday
COM’s 84th Commencement will take place on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m. in the Diamond Physical Education Center gymnasium. About 120 of the 273 students receiving degrees are expected to participate in the ceremony on Saturday. College of Marin will be awarding 152 associate in arts degrees, 79 associate in science degrees and 60 certificates. Some students have earned more than one of the above.

The youngest graduate is Brian Wheaton, 17, who also earned the Irwin P. Diamond Outstanding Graduate Scholarship Award for earning the highest GPA of all transfer students. The oldest graduate is Gisela A. Buckmaster, 75.

Dean of Workforce Development, College and Community Partnerships Nanda Schorske will introduce our student speaker Tsedal Agidew. President of the Board of Trustees Diana Conti will introduce our commencement address speaker, JuanCarlos Arauz, Ed.D. Academic Senate President Sara McKinnon will give the closing address.

Guests may arrive between 9 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No tickets are required. For more information, contact Student Affairs at (415) 485-9376 or visit www.marin.edu/commencement/.

Coffee and Conversation Forum
The final “Coffee and Conversation” forum of this academic year will be held this Thursday, May 26, at 9 a.m. in Building 17, room 100 at the Indian Valley Campus. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to bring their ideas, questions and other subjects of interest.

Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon—Venue Change
Due to uncertainty in the weather, the annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 26, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Diamond PE Center Gymnasium. Awards will be presented honoring our outstanding faculty, staff and departments. The event is co-sponsored by College Council and the Academic and Classified Senates.

Registered Nursing Program Pinning Ceremony
The 2011 Registered Nursing Program will hold their pinning ceremony on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Theatre at the Kentfield Campus. A reception preceding the ceremony will begin at 5 p.m.

2011 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
The College of Marin Foundation cordially invites the campus community to the Foundation’s Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, Friday, May 27, 2011, at 5 p.m. on the first floor of the Student Services Building, Kentfield Campus. This year, 102 students are receiving 142 awards and scholarships totaling $56,225. A reception will follow the ceremony.
Have Fun and Volunteer for the COM Booth at the Marin County Fair
Volunteers are needed for two-hour or four-hour shifts at the COM booth at the Marin County Fair, daily from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., June 30 through July 4. The fair offers fireworks and live music nightly and plenty of family fun. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Nicole Cruz at Nicole.Cruz@marin.edu with “County Fair” in the subject area, including your available days and times, as well as an off-campus phone number where you can be reached.

PRIE Update and May Data Nugget
The Office of Planning, Research and Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) recently presented progress reports to College Council and PRAC to meet timelines included in the Integrated Planning Manual. The presentations included a demonstration of the Institutional Effectiveness Report Website which houses a variety of reports and planning documents. The reports can be found under the “Institutional Research” subheading on the Institutional Planning Web Page. COM Strategic Plan action steps were also updated for members of the PRAC Committee. These can be found on the Strategic Plan Progress Tracking System link on the Institutional Planning Web page.

To address WASC Recommendation #4 regarding strengthening the role of research through broad institutional dialogue and critical analysis, PRIE is posting and disseminating a targeted piece of data each month. The May Data Nugget compares student success rates between College of Marin and the state between 2009 and 2010. One item of note is that Math and Basic Skills Math showed some improvement from 2009 to 2010. The May Data Nugget is posted on the PRIE website and was presented at the May 12 College Council meeting.

College of Marin Athletic Hall of Fame
College of Marin will be hosting its second Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony and banquet on Saturday, June 4, at the San Geronimo Golf Course, 5800 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, San Geronimo. There will be a no-host social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the induction at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $50 each. For more information please contact Diane Kukahiko at (415) 485-9580 or Diane.Kukahiko@marin.edu.

The 2011 College of Marin inductees include:
  Harry Pieper (football and track 1948-1983)
  Joe Morello (baseball 1949-1950)
  Peter Arrigoni (baseball, football, and track 1949-1951)
  Honor Jackson (football 1967-1968)
  Al Endriss (baseball 1982-1997)

Personnel Recommendations from the May 17 Board of Trustees Meeting

Classified Personnel Actions
  • Monica Rudolph has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant to the Math and Sciences Department effective April 4, 2011.

Sabbatical Leave Replacements
Mr. Boyd Jarrell has been appointed to a sabbatical leave replacement position in Music for the fall semester 2011 and spring semester 2012.

Mr. Jamie Tipton has been appointed to a sabbatical leave replacement position in English for fall semester 2011.

Student Election Results
There were 176 ballots cast in this year’s student government election. This was the first Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) election done electronically. Information Technician Melody Creel did a tremendous job in putting the ballot together and working with IT to get students’ emails where we sent the notice about the election and to vote accordingly. The official results are below.

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All positions with write-ins still need to be accepted by the elected individuals. The position of Director of Student Services is vacant.

In addition to these elected positions it is also important to note that students overwhelmingly approved the consolidation of the Associated Students Indian Valley Campus (ASIVC) and ASCOM government bodies. This means ASCOM will now officially represent both campuses as it has for the last 10 years, since ASIVC has been inactive. Students also overwhelmingly approved the merger of ASCOM and the Student Senate. Now, one student body will represent legislative/policy issues as well as the campus activities and social fabric of student life.

President’s Breakfast a Success
On Tuesday, May 3, 2011, co-chairs Kathie Graham, Dietrich Stroeh, and President’s Circle members welcomed 240 guests to the 6th annual fundraising breakfast supporting the Education Excellence Innovation Fund (EEIF). The event grossed $67,000 for EEIF grants. Faculty, staff, COM Board of Trustees, students and community leaders attended the event, including Steve Page of Infineon Raceway, County Supervisor Steve Kinsey, Paul Cohen of Northern California Carpenters Union, Jim Wood of Marin Magazine, Kevin Bradley of W. Bradley Electric, and Dennis Gilardi of Gilardi and Co. LLC. A special honorary membership in the President’s Circle was awarded to Dr. Joseph R. Fink, President of Dominican University of California, for his continuous support of the EEIF and College of Marin.

Moodle Migration Update
The Moodle Migration Team is pleased to report the following:

- the new COM Moodle server has been built
- over 30 faculty and staff have registered for Moodle training with Remote Learner
- about 10 faculty and staff have pursued Moodle training with @ONE
- the Summer Pilot has been launched with 3 courses in the new DE Tab
- empty Moodle shells will be available June 1 for Phase 1 instructors; check your MyCOM email for a notification sent to you on May 23

If you are ready to Moodle, you can do so beginning June 1. You have until June 27 to copy and paste from your Bb shells. Be sure to archive your Bb materials, so you can refer to them after COM’s license with Bb expires on June 27. See the DE homepage for more detailed information about the Moodle Migration: http://www.marin.edu/distance/

Blackboard course content will NOT be transferred to Moodle automatically. If you want a Bb course transferred to Moodle, please send Ali Klinger an email before June 15 at alisa.klinger@marin.edu with a subject header that reads “Bb Course Transfer Request” and then provide in the message the instructor’s name, the name of the course, the CRN, and the semester and year when you taught it. Also provide the name of the course and the CRN for the fall course shell where you want your Bb content placed in Moodle.

Ali Klinger will provide on-the-ground Moodle training at COM over the summer. Workshops will involve a 30-minute treatment of a topic (Moodle Basics, Communication, Resources, Activities, Quizzes, Grade Book, and Moodle Questions) followed by a 30-minutes Q&A. Stay tuned for a schedule for June and July; it will be posted on the DE homepage http://www.marin.edu/distance/. Thank you for your support during the migration process!

Flex Program Update
The fall 2011 Independent Flex days are Aug. 10 and 11. The Mandatory Flex day is Friday, Aug. 12. College Convocation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in Olney Hall 96 followed by
department meetings organized by your department chair in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Professional Development Committee is currently planning workshops and activities based on institutional priorities identified in the COM Strategic Plan and WASC recommendations and feedback from the spring 2011 Professional Development Needs Assessment.

Flex information and activities will be posted and updated over the summer on the Staff Development Web Page on the College web site. Once the program is finalized, it will be emailed college-wide. Faculty will also be notified via the MyCOM portal.

**Reminder! Spring 2011 Flex Verification Forms are due in Human Resources by Friday, May 27.** The forms can be downloaded from the Staff Development web page.

**Kudos**

Two former students of Environmental Landscape Instructor *Fernando Agudelo-Silva* have gone on from the program and have opened a new local business called Marin Soil Solutions. Tom Bowen and Bill Falk’s business has embraced the benefits of organic gardening through the elimination of chemicals and synthetics and now they are bringing products and services to the market in order to make them available not just to larger commercial ventures, but to anyone wanting to improve their soil organically. Their website is [www.marinsoilsolutions.com](http://www.marinsoilsolutions.com).

Last Thursday, at the final meeting of the semester, Associated Students College of Marin (ASCOM) leadership agreed to have a “relaxation table” for finals week. They have provided free scantrons, pencils, coffee, juice, water, bagels, and cream cheese, plus relaxing music. The table was set up by the Learning Center quad or inside the Student Services Building when it was raining. This gesture has been received with much appreciation from students. *Brittany Bartges* and *Mercedes Ramjerdi* coordinated the effort with assistance from *Raemond Bergstrom-Wood* and others on the board. What a fantastic way to help their fellow students through finals week and to conclude the spring semester! Kudos to all.

**Upcoming Events**

**Contemporary Opera Marin**

*Paul Smith, director*

Saturday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 25, 7:30 p.m.
St. Hilary Church, Tiburon

Contemporary Opera Marin, the opera program of the College of Marin, returns as the resident opera company of the Tiburon Music Festival to perform two rarely-heard chamber works based
on the premise that Antonio Salieri was responsible for Wolfgang Mozart’s death. Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov’s *Mozart and Salieri* explores the idea of musical genius and Albert Lortzing’s *The Life of Mozart* is a large cast music theater work of 1832 that dwells on the more gossipy side of this intrigue. Both works are sung in English and last approximately 40 minutes each and are performed in the beautiful acoustic of St. Hilary Church in Tiburon. *For more information: Tiburon Music Festival, June 18-25* [www.tiburonmusicfestival.org], 415.457.5226

**Paintings by MaryAnn Nardo**
An exhibit sponsored by the Emeritus Students of College of Marin is on display in the Student Services Building, room 146 through June 27.

Have a great week!

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President