President’s Weekly Briefing—September 8, 2011

ACCJC/WASC Follow-Up Team Visit
Please be advised that we were notified yesterday that our follow-up visit with ACCJC/WASC has been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31, 2011. The three person visiting team will be led by Dr. Jose Ortiz, Superintendent/President of Allan Hancock College. As we learn more about the structure of the visit, I will ensure that you are apprised. The college is currently finalizing its Follow-Up Report for approval by the Board of Trustees on Sept. 20, 2011 and for submission to ACCJC by Oct. 14, 2011. Let me take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge the work of those individuals who have been involved in the preparation of the follow up report. Kudos!

Fall Enrollment Figures Show a Greater Percentage of Credit Students Are Attending COM Full-time
As of census day, Monday, Sept. 5, 2011, there are 7,387 COM credit students taking 54,225 credits for fall 2011. This is lower by comparison with fall 2010 at first census when there were 7,789 students taking 55,305 credits. Despite the decline in headcount, the average student load has increased this fall semester from 7.1 units to 7.3 units, indicating that students are taking more units than in previous fall semesters. Also, the percentage of students attending full-time has also increased to 25 percent this fall, which is the highest percentage of full-time students to attend COM in the past 10 years.

Kudos
Administration of Justice Professor Walt Kosta received a fellowship for $4000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Community College Humanities Association (CCHA) to study Mayan culture this past summer in Mexico and Belize. A total of 24 college instructors from across the U.S. were selected for the five-week trek. Walt has read more than 85 books on the Maya and considers himself to be an amateur Mayanist. The course, Revisioning the Maya World: New Directions in Scholarship and Teaching, covered Pre-Columbian, Colonial, and Contemporary Maya Culture. The study group visited 25 Mayan ruins, villages, and museums on the Yucatan Peninsula; and attended a number of lectures and demonstrations by noted archeologists, historians, artisans, writers, and poets. Walt has prepared a Power Point presentation that he hopes to share with colleagues as a Flex activity.
COM to Hold Remembrance Ceremonies Commemorating 10th Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks
College of Marin will host Remembrance Ceremonies at both its Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses to mark the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, which occurred on Sept. 11, 2001. The Remembrance Ceremonies will take place on **Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at 10 a.m.** The Kentfield event will be held at the flagpole located in front of the Fine Arts Building next to Circle Drive at the Kentfield Campus, 835 College Ave., Kentfield, CA. The Indian Valley Campus (IVC) ceremony will be held at the flagpole in front of the east wing of Building 27 facing the road, 1800 Ignacio Blvd, Novato, CA. The American flag will be flown at half-staff at both campuses on Sept. 11 and raised on the morning of Sept. 12 following a brief presentation by Dr. Coon at the Kentfield Campus and also a brief presentation by Dean Nanda Schorske at IVC. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

COM to Host Veterans/Armed Forces Career Day Event
College of Marin is hosting a job fair for military veterans on Sept. 14, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., outside in the Learning Resources Center Quad area at the College of Marin Kentfield Campus located at 835 College Ave. Organizations participating in the event include: Express Employment Professionals, Marin Employment Connection/Veterans Work Force Services, and the San Francisco Veterans Association Medical Center, among others.

Blue Star Moms, an organization that prepares and sends care packages to active service men and women, will be present to discuss services and accept donations for the troops. Music will be performed by the Air Force Jazz Trio.

Several branches of the military and law enforcement recruiters will also be on hand, including Army, National Guard, Navy, Marines, and California Highway Patrol. For more information contact Job Placement Technician Carol Perez at (415) 485-9410.

Arabian Nights Opening Night Gala Fundraiser for Performing Arts
On Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, beginning at 6 p.m., the College of Marin Foundation and the Performing Arts Department will hold an opening night gala of their current production of Arabian Nights. Guests will ride a magic carpet into the minareted world of ancient Baghdad. There will be a wine reception and sumptuous buffet from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by the production starting at 8 p.m. In keeping with the exotic theme of the evening’s festivities, the Arabian Nights extravaganza will take place in the Performing Arts “Big Top” Tent Theatre located on the central lawn adjacent to the new Fine Arts Building at the Kentfield Campus. The evening will unfold with the legendary tales of Sheherezade. COM Professor Molly Noble will direct Tony-Award-winning playwright Mary Zimmerman’s re-telling of the mystical 1001 tales. (The tent will serve as performance space during renovation of the Performing Arts Theatre). Seats are limited so order your tickets early. Tickets are $60 per person or $40 per person for season ticket holders. Parking is available on Circle Drive, and at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Dr. Contact the College of Marin Foundation for reservations at (415) 485-9657. Proceeds will benefit the COM Performing Arts Program.
Fall 2011 Moodle Training Schedule
Fall Moodle training sessions are listed below. Each session will be comprised of 30 minutes of instruction and 20 minutes of implementation. All trainings meet in the COM Library Computer Lab at the back of the Learning Resources Center on the Kentfield Campus.

If you have a Moodle shell associated with a fall 2011 course, you may wish to practice attaching documents and images during the training. Even if you do not have a fall 2011 course, you can still update your Moodle Profile and set up messaging. Please bring your MyCOM logon information and a flash drive with some of your materials; for example, you may wish to bring a headshot, a syllabus, and an assignment.

At this time, we are unable to provide Moodle sandboxes (demo shells) to instructors who are not teaching in or with Moodle in fall 2011.

RSVP to Alisa Klinger, alisa.klinger@marin.edu, if you plan to attend.

Additional information is available on the DE homepage at http://www.marin.edu/DE/index.html (be sure to refresh your browser if this is the first time you visit the site this semester as content has been updated and the site redesigned).

Training Schedule
Moodle Activities
Thursday, Sept. 8, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Moodle Grade Book
Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Moodle Basics
Thursday, Sept. 22, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Moodle Open Q & A Session
Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COM Athletics
Men’s Soccer vs. San Francisco City College
Friday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m. in San Francisco
Men’s Soccer vs. Feather River College
Friday, Sept. 16, 2 p.m. in Kentfield

Women’s Soccer vs. Hartnell College
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 4 p.m. in Salinas
Men’s Soccer vs. Feather River College
Friday, Sept. 16, 4 p.m. in Kentfield

Volleyball vs. Skyline College
Friday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. in Kentfield
Volleyball vs. College of the Redwoods
Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m. in Kentfield

Have a great week!

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