



May 2008

# President's Cabinet Update

The President's Cabinet is the primary participatory governance unit of San Diego Mesa College. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Those wishing to have items addressed should contact their administrator or governance representative.

## GENERAL

### 2007-08 MEMBERS

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*Academic Affairs*

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*Classified Senate*

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*Associated Students*

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*Associated Students*

At the end of every academic year, I always think we cannot possibly top the achievements attained in the prior year and each year I am wrong. The last two months have been truly exceptional as our spirits buoyed from one major achievement to another, one major event to the next and one unbelievable award after another. This month I learned the full meaning of "May Madness" but I would like to focus on five events: Canyon Day, Mesa's Scholarship Banquet, Commencement, the Golden Scissors Fashion Show and Awards Gala, and the Allied Health Building Groundbreaking Ceremony.

**Canyon Day** was all that it promised to be and more! Suffice it to say that Mesa is now the proud recipient of a City Council declaration proclaiming May 3, 2008, as San Diego Mesa College Canyon Day, the first of what will become an annual and free community celebration that will focus on outreach, education and awareness around the issues of conservation of the environment and preservation of Tecolote Canyon. In addition, one of the most important collateral benefits resulting from Canyon Day was the support we received from numerous community partners. As for me, I thoroughly enjoyed myself and signed on for the "Canyon Hike for 10 Year Olds and Under" (I know my limits). I was fascinated by the hike, flora, fauna and history of our canyon but was equally enthralled by a four-year old fellow hiker who continually said, "I don't see it, I don't see it," in response to our lesson on how to find and stay away from poison oak. The rule, by the way, is, "Leaves of three, let it be!" If you want to know more about Canyon Day, I would like to invite you to visit Mesa's Canyon Day Website at: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/canyonday>

**Mesa's Scholarship Celebration** is more than a community building activity; it is a life building activity. I want to thank all of you who participate, donate, encourage students to apply and volunteer your time to help select scholarship winners. In particular, I want to thank the members of the Mesa College Foundation. As May Madness goes, this is an event that helps us all get a "second wind" as we race from one activity to another because it makes us stop, think and appreciate the hope, the struggle, and the scholarship of our students. This year Mesa awarded more than \$148,000 in scholarships, including the third year in a row award of the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, the largest scholarship in the country. This scholarship awards \$30,000 per year, for two years, enabling the student to transfer to the University of Choice. This year's scholarship winner is Ms. Nasra Nimaga.

**Commencement** on May 9, 2008, was splendorous. Mesa's 44th graduating class was comprised of 1,389 students (1,077 Associate Degrees and 312 Certificates of Achievement). I was thrilled with the record-breaking attendance of faculty and numerous staff volunteers who made this event memorable for students and their families. While the order of the ceremony is well established, each year I am delighted to learn about the unique character of each graduating class. This year we boasted 12 valedictorians and a total of 333 students graduating with honors. The oldest student was 68 years young and the youngest was 18 years old, also making him the youngest transfer student.

As we neared the final stretch, on May 16 another “mega event” the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show and Awards Gala became another record breaker with more than 700 persons in attendance eagerly viewing and cheering on their favorite designer, collection, and runway model. Yes, it is true several administrators, mostly female, with the exception of one male, modeled hats from millinery students under the direction of Professor Diana Cavagnero. I can tell you that walking down that runway is the most terrifying experience of my educational career, but I loved it. This event was a showcase of partnerships bringing together our Fashion and Design faculty, Mesa Dance faculty (choreography and entertainment), Multimedia faculty and students, theatre and lighting, and the Make-up and Cosmetology students from City College. The final word on this event is creativity. Mesa was at its best.

**The Allied Health Groundbreaking Ceremony** on May 21 officially marked the first step in building a \$20 million three-story, 50,000 plus square-foot instructional facility that will house five degree and certificate programs, including: Dental Assisting, Health Information Technology, Medical Assisting, Physical Therapist Assistant, and Radiologic Technology. The building was made possible by Proposition S Bond Funds, but the groundbreaking represents a four-year collaborative design process involving faculty, architects, health care professionals and regional experts in health care facility design. Our partners in the health industry have been extremely complimentary of what will definitely be a “state of the art” education and training facility.

These five events represent major milestones in the life of our campus, but you and I both know that there were dozen of celebrations, ceremonies, groundbreakings and expressions of thanks that abounded during the month of May. We must give thanks for having so much to celebrate and for the kind of work that gives meaning far beyond that which is readily apparent.

Another Great Year!

## Instruction

### **Classified Staff Development Subcommittee**

Members of the Classified Staff Development Subcommittee presented a report on their conference held April 18 and 19, 2008, at Mesa College. The first part of their report included the results of the evaluation from the 2008 Classified Staff Interpersonal and Professional Development Conference. Session evaluations collected feedback for the individual sessions from their respective participants, while the Overall Conference Evaluation gathered assessments of the Conference as an overall event.

Two hundred and forty-six (246) surveys were administered to Classified Staff over twelve sessions. The Session Evaluations were administered via paper-and-pencil to participants at the closing of each session. The Overall Conference Evaluation was administered primarily online to all Conference attendees approximately one month after the event. The response rate was 82%.

Over 96% of the Session Evaluations yielded positive responses including the delivery of the presentation, the training materials used, the involvement of the attendees and the application of the presented information. Over 97% of the respondents to the Overall Conference Evaluation strongly agreed that the event was well organized, the G-building location was suitable and that they would recommend the conference to others.

As next steps, the Classified Staff Development Subcommittee will use these research results when planning the 2009 conference. In addition, comments received from the respondents will be used to guide the number of sessions offered, session length and the identification of presenters as well as which aspects of the event should remain unchanged and which should be different.

The second part of the report was the presentation of a video containing highlights of the two-day conference. Each member of the President's Cabinet was given a conference bag as a memento of the occasion.

### **Program Review Committee Report**

The Committee Report for the 2007-2008 Years Two to Five program reviews contained a memo to the members of the President's Cabinet, reports on the individual programs and several appendices. The Committee's major recommendation to revise the format of the Year One, Form 2, was approved for use Fall, 2008. This document will assume a chart-format to facilitate the writing and the review of the materials submitted by the lead writers. In addition, to assist the lead writer in responding to the questions found on the Year One Response sheet, "Guidelines for Completing Year One, Form 2," was presented and also approved.

For the remainder of this academic year, the Program Review Committee will implement the six (6) recommendations approved by the President's Cabinet on March 4, 2008. These recommendations outline a plan to integrate Administrative Services into the existing program review model. The first step involves the expansion of the committee membership to include Administrative Services representatives. After this step has been completed, a subcommittee will be formed to determine the revisions to be made to existing program review instruments to facilitate the inclusion of the Administrative Services areas. The subcommittee will meet during the summer months to complete its work so that the new model can be implemented during the Fall, 2008 semester.

## Student Services

### Events

During the month of May, Student Services employees helped facilitate three major campus events, including Canyon Day, Commencement (May 18) and the Scholarship Awards Gala (May 9). Thanks to the good leadership of Ashanti Hands and Lina Heil, the first annual Canyon Day, held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, was a tremendous success. Faculty, staff, students and community members enjoyed many activities, including hikes through Tecolote Canyon.

The Scholarship Awards Gala was held at the Doubletree Mission Valley Hotel on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Mesa College has 79 scholarship categories and received more than 470 applications. Eighty-nine awards were presented at the Gala, amounting to more than \$140,000 (including the Jack Kent Scholarship). Thanks, again, to Ashanti and Foundation members for a successful event.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the 2008 Commencement Ceremony was held at USD's Jennie Craig Pavilion. This year, 362 students participated in the graduation ceremony.

### New Employees

Mr. Brian Stockert has been selected as the new DSPS Program Activity Manager for Mesa College. Brian comes to Mesa from San Diego City College where he has provided academic and career counseling to students with disabilities since 2004. Prior to that, Brian counseled disabled students at San Diego Continuing Education for 10 years. Brian earned a B.A. in Behavioral Science and an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from National University and has specialized in Learning Disabilities throughout his career at the District. Brian will be assuming his role on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Other

San Diego Mesa College's Categorical Programs are conducting self-evaluations in preparation for a site visit during the fall semester. There will be a district-wide coordinated effort for collecting data and completing the reporting process. Joi Blake will be working with Matriculation, Adela Jacobson with EOPS, and Julie Pludow is taking the lead for DSPS.

Our Health Services Department is pursuing two grants (suicide prevention and health services grants). If funded, the approximate award for each grant will be \$100,000.

Myra Gonzales (EOPS/CARE) is taking the lead in developing a summer institute to serve foster youth. The FAST Scholars Summer Institute will provide a critical bridge to education for this underserved population. The department is also pursuing funding opportunities to support additional programs and activities for foster youth.

## Administrative Services

### **FACILITIES UPDATE**

#### **Mesa College Facility Master Plan Update**

#### ***"PARDON OUR DUST"***

- For updated construction information, please visit our web site: <http://www.sdmesa.edu/parking>
- The updated completion date for the Parking Structure and Police Substation is February 2009 for the Parking Structure and May 2009 for the Police Substation. Once completed, the Parking Structure will provide parking for 1,087 autos.
- Student Lot #3 is closed permanently. This area will be home to the new Allied Health Building (Fall 2009) and eventually the new San Diego Unified MET School.
- Effective May 2008, the temporary Armstrong Connector will be down to three lanes to accommodate the construction of the Allied Health Building. There will be two lanes entering Mesa College and one lane exiting Mesa College via the Armstrong Connector.
- Allied Health Ground Breaking Ceremony was held Wednesday, May 21, 2008. Estimated completion date is Fall 2009.
- On May 15, 2008, a revised Mesa College Facility Master Plan was presented by Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker. Still outstanding is the timeline associated with the revised master plan. Upon receipt of the timeline, the information concerning the changes will be disseminated through the shared governance committees throughout the campus.

- Student Services Building Committee lead by Vice President of Student Services, Barbara Kavalier, is currently working with their building architect, Hanna Gabriel and Wells.
- During Summer 2008, work will begin to transform the west wall in the cafeteria into a Mesa College Facility Master Plan display. Lina Heil and her staff are working on creating the information wall.

## **FINANCE/BUDGET UPDATE**

### **2007-2008 Budget**

- Year-End Deadline Dates have either passed or are quickly approaching - depending on the type of transaction.
  - Please refer to the memo addressed to all Mesa College Managers and Supervisors.
  - Any exceptions to the deadlines will need approval from the appropriate Vice President/President in conjunction with the campus Business Office as the college has to justify to the District Business Office all exceptions.

### **2008-2009 Budget**

- Per the Budget Model, Mesa will be funded at the same FTES rate in FY 2008-09 as in FY 2007-08.
- June 2008, Vice Chancellor Davis will be briefing the District Budget Committee on the following:
  - Governor's May Revise
  - Impact to District and Campuses
  - Plan for FY 2008-09
- District and Campus REMINDER....
  - General Funds are not to be used for food for staff members (Lunches at staff meetings, Hiring Committees, Year-End Lunches, etc.)
  - Alternative sources of funding will need to be secured from trust accounts and/or Grants (if allowable)

## **PERSONNEL UPDATE**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF CHANGES**

- Short-Term Assignment

Yvonne Bergland, Acting Vice President, Instruction

### **ACADEMIC STAFF CHANGES**

- Retirements

Margie del Castillo, Counselor  
 Shirley Junior, Professor, Child Development  
 Edward Newton, Professor, ACP  
 Judy Stamm, Professor, Physical Education



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