President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

President Michael Claire ~ July 26, 2017

A Year of Change: The New Faces of CSM

The CSM community has observed the retirement of many of our beloved associates during the past year. While we are sad to see them leave after years of dedicated work, it also has given CSM the opportunity to introduce new staff who will help us shape the future of the college.

Among the talented group of newcomers is Kim Lopez, the new Vice President of Student Services, who most recently held the same position at Cañada College. Kim arrived at Cañada College in 2011 where she served as Dean of Counseling and Enrollment Services until her current appointment. Kim was a faculty member at the College of the Siskiyous (COS), and served as the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at UC San Diego and as the Director of the Ronald E. McNair Program at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. She has worked abroad at the College of Micronesia where she established and directed the college's first Upward Bound program. Kim also taught English as a Second Language in Taipei.

Richard Rojo is the new Director of Community Relations and Marketing. He has more than 20 years of experience in university, non-profit and corporate communications, with deep expertise in the development of institutional positioning and brand management, strategic messages, communications plans, executive communications, institutional changes, crisis and issue management and employee communications. A longtime trusted advisor, Rojo has provided high-level communications advice for three presidents at two universities, as well as directors of arts and non-profit organizations.

CSM also welcomes Lizette Bricker, interim dean of enrollment services; Heidi Diamond, interim dean of business and technology; Elnora Tayag, director of learning commons; John, Atkins, laboratory tech; Eugene Drake, planning and research analyst for PRIE; and Mackenszie Munson, athletic trainer. ∎

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Canvas Officially Launched

In Spring 2016, College of San Mateo (CSM) began the migration to Canvas. This software acts as a virtual classroom that administers, documents, tracks, reports, and delivers educational courses and training programs. This new learning management system replaces WebAccess.

Six faculty members received online training from Canvas and during the summer term used the official SMCCCD Canvas site to deliver eight course sections, both face-to-face and online, to their students. During Fall 2016, an additional 25 faculty members joined the pilot, including many new faculty, resulting in a total of 109 Canvas course sections for this semester. For Spring 2017, there were 61 faculty members in total who joined the pilot to deliver 220 online, hybrid, and face-to-face course sections to their students. On June 6, 2017, Canvas officially replaced WebAccess as our district learning management system. CSM offered 124 course sections in Canvas with 4,285 faculty, staff, and students accessing the system during Summer 2017.

In the Executive Summary prepared by Canvas on July 13th, CSM was acknowledged for offering two of the "Top 5 Courses by Page Views" within the district. Each course had over 290,000 page views. Furthermore, two of the "Top 5 Users by Page Views" in the district are CSM faculty members with an average of over 90,000 page views each. We continue to provide professional development opportunities for our community and are encouraged by the number of faculty, staff and administrators who attend and are excited to start using Canvas. (Submitted by Erica Reynolds) ▮

New CSM METaS Program Ramping Up!

The METaS program is a student-first program to help students succeed in and out of the classroom. The goal of the program is to support Latino and low-income students that are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Funded in Fall 2016 by the Hispanic-Serving Institution – STEM grant, the program will give students the additional resources, such as, classroom support, enrichment programs and faculty development.

Housed in the Division of Math and Science, the METaS program is collaborating with campus partners to provide continuous support for STEM students by fostering a supportive community to help them achieve their academic goals. Throughout the year, we will provide workshops, internship/research opportunities, and other fun and enriching environments. The grant also includes expansion of the Math Resource Center (MRC) and upgrades in classroom technologies.

This year alone, as a start-up, we had over 147 participants for the January and June 2017 Math and Science Jams!

To learn more and get up-to-date information about the very knowledgeable program staff, events and other opportunities visit us at collegeofsanmateo.edu/metas. (Submitted by Jose Rocha) ▮

CSM's Catalog Goes Fully Online

As part of a districtwide effort to improve efficiency and reduce paper usage, CSM is converting its paper catalog into a fully online version. This new catalog format will maintain up-to-date information throughout the year and be fully searchable. It will also be complemented by an archived PDF version that users can download and print. The expected launch date for the new and improved catalog will be the first week of August.

We are excited for the added flexibility, convenience, and print savings this change will bring. A big thanks goes out to project lead, Chris Smith of District ITS, along with CSM Web Programmer Analyst Valerie Tyler and Web Content Coordinator Justin Merritt for all their work on this herculean task. ▌

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Day
Join us as we kick off the fall semester!
Thursday, August 10 • 9:30 am – 1 pm
College Center Building 10

Solar Eclipse Celebration!
Monday, August 21 • 8:30 am – 12 pm
Science Building 36, Rooftop Observatory