



President's Report to the SMCCCD Board of Trustees

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CSM Welcomes New Full-Time Faculty



The college welcomed nine new full-time faculty on August 10. Our new faculty attended an orientation session and met their mentors. The day concluded with a lunch where faculty had a chance to meet board members, Chancellor Galatolo, other CSM administrators and classified staff. The faculty will participate in CSM's new faculty institute for the coming academic year. The event was organized by Theresa Martin, faculty professional development coordinator.

Rene Anderson, Language Arts; Christine Baird, Business/Technology; Jose Gutierrez, Match/Science; Malathi Iyengar, Creative Arts/Social Science; Matthew Montgomery, Academic Support/Learning Technology; Mounjed Moussalem, Business/Technology; Lisa Rael, Math/Science; Katherine Webster, Language Arts; and Elinor Westfold, Language Arts. (Not pictured – Jose Gutierrez and Mounjed Moussalem) ■

CSM Celebrates Opening Day 2017



President Michael Claire welcomed the CSM community back for the 2017-18 academic year with its Opening Day on Tuesday, August 15, held in the Bayview dining room. A College Fair followed by a formal session focusing on student success and innovative programs, and a call to “move the needle” on student success and achievement featured presentations by Jeremiah Sims and Madeleine Murphy.

The formal session was followed by a variety of professional development workshops for the remainder of the day, including division meetings as well as other college flex day activities. A lunch was also hosted.

CSM thanks Theresa Martin, Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza, the Professional Development Committee, and the Academic Senate for their work in organizing CSM flex days. ■

Welcome Day 2017



On Thursday, August 10, CSM hosted the 9th annual Welcome Day for new students and their families. A total of 254 new students and 78 friends and family spent the day learning about what to expect the first week of classes, taking a campus tour, and connecting with student leaders. New students also had the opportunity to learn about various College department and programs, meet their peers through icebreakers, and pick up their

student ID cards from the Center for Student Life and Leadership Development. After the formal program, students, their friends and family, and the campus community was invited to enjoy a free barbeque with musical entertainment by CSM's own Professor Rudy Ramirez and his band, Blue Flamingo. (Submitted by Fauzi Hamadeh) ■

CSM Welcomes New Classified Senate



Over the last few years, a group of CSM staff has been working to re-establish a Classified Senate at the College. CSM had a classified senate several years ago, and both Cañada and Skyline have very active senates.

In May, CSM classified staff voted to adopt the Classified Senate constitution. In June, elections were held for the first officers and senate members. The current officers and senators are: Fauzi Hamadeh, President; David McLain, Vice President; Arianna Avendano, Treasurer; Melina Boyd, Secretary; Kathy McEachron, Events Chair; and Senators Nick Dellaporta, Alicia Frangos, Cynthia James, Margaret McGugan, Carol Ullrich, and Mary Vogt. (Submitted by Fauzi Hamadeh). ■

New Faculty Institute Initiative Event Proves Productive

The New Faculty Institute (NFI), a Center for Academic Excellence initiative, seeks to provide new faculty with resources and activities that promote their teaching and institutional agency. Each year, new faculty are included in a yearlong community of teaching and learning designed to strengthen the link between faculty and student success.

This year, the new faculty orientation involved introductions and a campus scavenger hunt that highlighted the locations of several key student services. New faculty were also asked to reflect on how their experience accessing student services during the scavenger hunt might differ from those of a new student. The new faculty also met after the flex day event to discuss how the things they learned during the flex day might apply to their teaching practice.

Activities engaged and orientated participants in CSM values and familiarized them with its students, programs, and resources. (Submitted by Jeremiah Sims and Ellen Young). ■

CSM Awarded 2016-17 Maker Implementation Grant

College of San Mateo has been awarded a grant by the California Community College Chancellor's Office of \$100,000, renewable for a second year, through a competitive process to create an inclusive makerspace community. The grant will provide internships and develop curriculum to prepare students with innovative and entrepreneurial skills to thrive in the regional economy. Twenty-four colleges received funding to participate in the CCC Maker initiative and collaborate across the state, sharing college makerspace best practices and developing a model for creating college makerspace communities.

California Community Colleges are building makerspaces so students, faculty and staff can interact with others who have shared interests. Together, they can learn to use tools, make class projects and develop their knowledge through exploration and hands-on experiences.

To develop a makerspace proposal, College of San Mateo has identified ecosystem partners, designed a process to plan a makerspace, conducted student activities to access student interest, and engaged faculty in the CCC Maker Initiative.

The vision of the statewide initiative is to drive innovation in education and prepare California Community College students for success in STEM/STEAM careers that demand 21st Century skills. The grant will be administered through Sierra College. ■

CSM Receives MESA Grant

The college will receive \$70,000, renewable for another two years, for a total grant amount of \$210,000.

The MESA Community College Program supports students to successfully transfer to four-year universities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) majors. This support is especially crucial to students who come from low-performing high schools. The MESA Community College Program is a partnership between MESA and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. ■

Promise Scholarship Program Launched!

The College of San Mateo Promise Scholarship supports students by making college more affordable and ensuring that higher education is achievable. Scholarship recipients must agree to enroll full-time at CSM, maintain academic progress, declare a major and complete a comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) by the start of the spring 2018 semester.



Nearly 200 San Mateo County high school graduates and students who have recently completed their GED or Adult Education have been notified that they are eligible for the College of San Mateo Promise Scholarship. The Scholarship covers all student fees (enrollment, health, student representative and body) and provides up to \$300 of textbook support for the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters and up to \$150 for the summer 2018 semester. (Submitted by Kim Lopez) ■

ASCSM Summer Leadership Retreat Brings Staff Together



Between Friday, August 11, and Sunday, August 13, members of the ASCSM student government for 2017-18 participated in the annual summer leadership retreat that allowed them to build closer interpersonal relationships, to learn about different leadership theories, practice communication skills, and to explore their personal MBTI (Myers-Briggs) type. (Submitted by Fauzi Hamadeh) ■

Kudos

CSM's Electronics Program was been selected as the Second Place Prize Winner of the Fluke Pressure Calibration Tool Grant Program. The program will receive, as a prize, two Fluke 729 Automatic Pressure Calibrators. ■