

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU

THE CAMPUS CONNECTION

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Last week, both houses of the Legislature took significant steps to close out the budget process. Specifically, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee 2 on Education Finance and the full Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee met to approve their respective Proposition 98 spending plans.

The Governor's May Revision proposes a \$1.1 billion increase in Proposition 98 for 2017-2018 compared to the funding level proposed in January. However, the Administration proposes to suspend the Test 3B supplemental appropriation for five years from 2016-2017 through 2020-2021. This provision provides an added boost to Proposition 98 funding during years in which support for K-12 education and the community colleges would increase at a slower rate than spending for the rest of the State Budget. The Department of Finance (DOF) forecasts that this provision would reduce Proposition 98 funding by \$867 million by 2020-2021, with the amount eventually restored through maintenance factor payments. Both subcommittees approved the Administration's proposal to suspend Test 3B through 2020-2021.

In January, the Governor proposed to reduce State appropriations that count against the State appropriations (Gann Limit) by exempting \$22 billion in Proposition 98 spending from the current limit. The May Revision did not make any changes to the proposal. Earlier this week, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee had a robust discussion about whether or not the Administration's proposal is legal, with the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) and the Legislature's attorneys opining that it violates law and long-standing fiscal policy and practice. On Thursday, May 25, 2017, the Administration withdrew its Gann Limit proposal.

Both subcommittees adopted the Governor's May Revision proposals to provide \$183.6 million in base funding for community colleges; \$150 million for the Guided Pathways program; and, \$46.2 million for Proposition 39 projects. Additionally, both subcommittees approved \$10 million for the Online Education initiative and \$5 million for the Full-Time Student Success Program.

The subcommittees differed on a few of the community college May Revision proposals, which means they will be decided by the two-house Conference Committee. These items include:

- **Deferred Maintenance:** The May Revision proposes \$135.8 million; the Senate approved \$87.1 million, and the Assembly approved \$62.4 million
- **Free College:** The Assembly approved \$32 million, while the Senate and Governor did not propose any funding for this purpose
- **Innovation Awards:** The Assembly and Senate rejected the May Revision proposal to provide \$20 million for Innovation Awards
- **Strong Workforce Program:** Both the Senate and Assembly rejected the May Revision proposal to shift \$15 million from Career Technical Education Pathways to the community colleges Strong Workforce Program

Now that the full budget committees of both houses have adopted their budget, floor votes are expected this week. A two-house Budget Conference Committee will be convened shortly to resolve differences between the two versions of the budget.

The constitutional deadline for legislative passage of the State Budget is June 15, 2017.

Overall:

- I expect a successful search and that the new Vice President of Administrative Services will be starting in July.
- It looks like we will have around 2,700 FTES this year. As we have been discussing, we are down a bit from last year due to several contributing factors.
- Kim Freeze has created between 50 and 60 new non-credit classes. The Curriculum Committee has been busy submitting classes to the State for approval. All seven of the Agriculture classes have been approved by the State. Dr. Scott expects that we will be able to offer some of the new non-credit classes this summer. We expect to be offering some of these new Agricultural classes this fall.
- The lifelong learning class schedules have been mailed out to all households in our service area. Kim Freeze has been receiving a lot of feedback in regards to this publication.
- I attended a Region I Community College President's meeting at Butte College on Monday, May 15. Only Shasta College is thinking that they may reach their FTES CAP this year.
- The Dean of Agriculture at Chico State University came to a Belcampo Farms tour that I and Mark Klever attended. As a result of conversations and networking at that event, the Chico State Agricultural Department shared that they are very interested in working with COS in developing our agriculture program.
- Based on our success with the current Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) \$200,000 project, we may want to apply again next year for another \$200,000 project. There is also an opportunity for Region 1 colleges in the north to apply for a joint \$200,000 to work together on a project that would be beneficial to all of us.
- I am optimistic that our enrollment will not decrease much during the FY 2017-2018. We have already mitigated some of the losses from the San Francisco Police Academy leaving us. Only 14 of 72 California Community College Districts have shown growth this year. I expect that our Base FTES will grow again next year as we have several initiatives underway that should lead to increased enrollments. Some of the opportunities that we are pursuing include providing training needs for county employees and possibly COS administering the California Highway Patrol Academy.
- We had about 90 people attend the COS End-of-Year-Party at the Thomason's home Thursday, May 25. Great fellowship, great food, and live music from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and everyone had a good time.
- We are updating our website, and it will have a new updated look.
- Advertisements for COS are being shown on all six screens at the Mt. Shasta Cinemas.
- There was a lifelong learning meeting at the Yreka Campus last week. Kim Freeze and Mark Klever are working together on this project. Our new email group for lifelong learning has had tremendous response since the mailing went out to the community.
- The Foundation Golf Tournament is planned for June 17 and the Annual Scholarship Dinner will be in September.
- The lease purchase financing for \$4,000,000 closes June 6.
- The Technology Plan is being finalized and we hope that it will be ready to go the Board of Trustees by their October Board meeting.
- Interviews for Connie Warren's position in the Business Office are scheduled for May 31 with final interviews scheduled for the end of June. We hope that the position will be filled by the end of June.
- Ellucian Consultants will be on campus June 5 to June 7 to work on the Finance revitalization process. This will be a review of what we are doing, what is working, and not working. They will have a week to make recommendations to take care of any problems. We have emphasized that what has been installed needs to be fully functional.
- Carpeting will be installed in the Academic Success Center (ASC) area between June 12 and June 23.
- The Custodial team will begin deep cleaning in our buildings on June 5 at both campuses.

Instruction:

- Full-time faculty searches for Music, Political Science, and Communications Studies are nearing completion.
- The nursing program completed the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) self-study and there were no non-compliance findings. There will be a few recommendations but nothing to worry about.
- POST will be coming to do a site visit in July for the police academy. We should have the approval by the end of August and we are expecting to have the first COS Police Academy classes during the spring of 2018.
- Remedial math shows completion increasing from 18 percent to 28 percent.

Student Services:

- The SOAR team has been very busy at the local high schools with two sessions at Yreka, one at Weed, three at Mt. Shasta, one at Butte Valley, Etna, Golden Eagle North, Golden Eagle South, Jefferson, and McCloud. As a result, we have already registered 130 students. In the next two weeks, we will have sessions at Modoc, Dunsmuir, and Happy Camp. Siskiyou Promise information has been distributed during those sessions. This may contribute to the high number of Promise students already registered. We are giving a presentation at Big Valley High School in two weeks.
- The Upward Bound Summer Program will be starting soon.
- The Financial Aid office is winding down the 2016-2017 year. Summer BOGGs are being done manually, but it is a small group. A disbursement is scheduled for June 5. Book vouchers will also be available for students for the summer session.
- The Financial Aid Office will be running satisfactory academic progress at the end of the fall semester for the winter intersession. Any students in good standing who are also enrolled in spring can combine the intersession class units with spring semester units and be considered full-time for Pell Grant disbursements. There will be no winter intersession disbursements. If the student is eligible they can receive BOGG for the winter intersession.
- Summer PELL is coming back July 1, 2017. If a student has used their financial aid for fall and spring, and they have no Pell Grant money for summer, they can use 2017-2018 PELL during that time. There will be no additional Pell Grant funds for summer.
- We expect to fill the currently vacant Student Services Specialist position in the Financial Aid office in June.
- The compressed calendar means football players will be on campus earlier this year. The Resident Advisor (RA) training will be conducted earlier in order to accommodate this change. Doug Haugen will work with Charlie Roche so that that the dorms are not overwhelmed by the football players moving in so early. Doug is also working with Cindy Martel regarding meal planning for the early arrivals.
- Football players will move into the Lodges August 5 and Soccer players will move in on August 7.
- Regular students will be moving into the Lodges on August 23.
- Lodge Staff are evaluating the potential use of a combination microwave/refrigerator unit that they are considering as an option for all of the rooms. Maintenance is involved so that we ensure that our electrical system will be able to support both of these units running at the same time. The microwaves will also have a smoke detector built in it so that if someone burns something like popcorn in the microwave, the unit will shut itself off. Students would be renting them from a third party vendor that would deliver and pick up the units. We believe that this would be a nice feature for residents.
- Doug Haugen attended a STAGE meeting recently and informed them that our classes will be starting at 7:25 a.m. in the fall. They will consider our change. The STAGE is having trouble keeping ridership up on Saturdays so they may cancel service for that day. The STAGE is offering a Free-Fare Friday in August during the County Fair.
- Planning is underway for the fall Week of Welcome with Student Services.

We have had an excellent year thus far and I look forward to accomplishing, or starting, several more significant efforts, between now and June 30.

FOUNDATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Marketing/Advertsing (REG365)

For the past month, COS has been “on the air.” A commercial promoting registration for 2017-2018 and announcing summer session ran during the month of May. Beginning June 6, an updated commercial promoting registration for the fall semester will begin. Commercials are running on KTVL (Channel 10 – CBS) and KDRV (Channel 12 – ABC). In addition to the TV advertising, a digital marketing campaign is also running.

Also beginning in June, we will be running a 15-second spot prior to all summer movie showings at the Mt. Shasta Cinemas on all six movie screens. During the summer, Siskiyou County and the Mt. Shasta area receive many visitors who are looking for a cool way to spend a few hours during the day. Running a spot at the local movie theater is a great way to promote the College and let the community and visitors know about us.

A new “look” book is in development. This is a coordinated effort between Public Relations/Marketing and the Student Services Office. The look book will not replace our general College brochure, but will enhance the information provided “at a glance.” We are excited about this new publication!

Have you had a chance to view our website? On June 1, we launched a “brand-new” look for the COS website. For the past several months, Anne-Marie Kuhlemann, Michael Reetz, and I have been working on a new design for the COS website. The new homepage has been completely redesigned, updated layout and new colors, and features new navigation. The website update or “refresh,” as I like to call it will be completed as a two-phase process.

- **Phase One** – new home page that is mobile responsive and includes a change to the color scheme of all the other pages. This first phase was completed June 1.
- **Phase Two** – will consist of redeveloping the remaining pages to also be mobile responsive. The second phase will take a few months to complete. We are hoping to complete phase two by the start of the fall semester.

As with any update or new implementation, there will be pages to be added or are still in the update mode and may not be shown (yet) in the navigation. If you notice something missing or not working correctly, please send an email to weblinks@siskiyous.edu.

Our website is one of the #1 ways to connect with our students – new, current, and future and we want it to be the best it can be and as user friendly as possible!!

Summer Camps

Holy Cow!! It’s almost summer time! This summer, we are offering youth summer camp options: www.siskiyous.edu/camps/ – forms and more information online.

- Back after a taking a break is the **Summer Show Choir and Jazz Camp**. COS Music Instructor, Ron Slabbinck, will be the Camp Coordinator/Director. This camp will be held at the Weed Campus in the Theater, June 25 – July 1. Students can register for camp as a Resident or Day Camper.
- Ed Kephart, new Head Soccer Coach, is holding a **Soccer Camp** at the Weed Campus, June 19 – July 23. The camp will run from 9am to 12pm during the week.
- Kyle Heath, Head Basketball Coach for the Men’s Team, is holding a Basketball Camp at the Weed Campus, July 10 – July 13. The camp will run from 1 p.m. to 5pm in the Gym.

Foundation Scholarships

- Presentation of 2017-2018 scholarship awards to Siskiyou County high school students has begun. Scholarship awards for high school seniors are presented at their senior awards night or graduation and COS continuing students were notified by mail. The total scholarship award amount for 2017-2018 is \$16,600. Of the 35 applications received, 27 applicants will be receiving scholarships next year. Special thanks to all our presenters: Regina Weston, Bruce Deutsch, Mark Healy, Ann Kaster, and Alan Dyar! Current COS students who will be continuing their education at the College next fall, received notification of their scholarship awards May 19.

Siskiyou Promise

As of May 31, we have 114 applicants for the **Siskiyou Promise Scholarship**. This is great news and is reflective of all the hard work that has been happening to promote and prepare for our second year of the Program. Even though we are off to a great start, it is still very important to continue spreading the word in the community about the Siskiyou Promise opportunity for Siskiyou County high school students who are graduating this month. Information on how to apply can be found online at www.siskiyous.edu/promise/. It's very important to encourage students to apply for financial aid (fill out and submit a FAFSA) to be an eligible candidate to receive the Siskiyou Promise. Many parents I've talked with have said to me their child did not submit a FAFSA as they "probably" wouldn't qualify for financial aid. That's when I remind them it's not about receiving federal financial aid, but to qualify for the Siskiyou Promise, it is one of the steps that need be taken in order to determine award funding.

Save the Date!!

The COS Foundation and Athletic Department will host the "*Swing into Action*" Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 17, at the Lake Shastina Golf Resort. Tournament registration is open. Cost to participate is \$75 per player or \$300 for a team of four. Funds raised will support the COS Athletic Department and our many sports. Contact Dawnie if you would like to play in the tournament or download the registration form: <http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/events.htm>.

June Events:

Here's what's coming up in June:

May 29 – June 3

- Open Registration (Reg365) for summer/fall/winter/spring continues
- June 1: Classified Employees Day, 9 a.m. at various locations – Weed Campus
- June 1: Siskiyou Dance Company Performance, 6 p.m. at COS Theater
- June 2: Golden Eagle Charter School Graduation, 7 p.m. at COS Theater
- June 3: Siskiyou Dance Company Performance, 6 p.m. at COS Theater

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- June 4: Mattole Valley High School Graduation, 3 p.m. at COS Theater
- June 5: Summer Session Begins
- June 5-23: Weed Campus Academic Success Center (ASC) closed for remodel
- June 6: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting – Closed Session at 5 p.m. Open Public Session at 6 p.m., COS Yreka Campus RHSI Room 121
- June 9: Campus Closed

June 11 - 17

- June 16: Campus Closed
- June 17: COS Swing Into Action Golf Tournament, 9 a.m. at Lake Shastina Golf Resort

June 18 - 24

- June 18: Upward Bound Summer Program Begins
- June 19-23: COS Soccer Camp, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at COS Weed Campus Stadium
- June 23: Campus Closed
- June 24: Mt. Shasta Children's Theater/Shasta Studios Performance Recital, 3 p.m. at COS Theater

June 25 – July 1

- June 25–July 1: COS Vocal Jazz & Show Choir Clinic, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at COS Theater
- June 30: Campus Closed

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The budget process continues at the State level. Both houses have made their recommendations to the Joint Budget Committee. The Senate's list is short with regards to changes from the Governor's proposal and from my perspective some positive changes are there. The Assembly has a longer list and it would be parsing out more pieces of it that may or may not have a positive impact on the community colleges. The Joint Budget Committee is required to have their proposal to the Governor by June 15 so the Governor can act by June 30. I expect that we will hear some news beginning to come out of those discussions over the next week.

The hiring process for my position is almost complete and it is anticipated that we will have the new person onboard sometime in July. I am sure that the transition will be smooth with Dr. Schoonmaker coming onboard at about the same time. I look forward to spending a bit of time with both of them in July before my final departure.

Business Office

The Business office is gearing up for the end of the fiscal year so we are reviewing accounts and tracking outstanding purchase orders. We are asking that as soon as the departments receive their orders and invoices to please submit them quickly for payment. With the flurry of year-end purchasing back in April and May, we have over 60 purchase orders to clear by June 30, 2017. Additionally, we are asking that all invoices be processed as soon as possible in order to start closing out the District records for another year.

The end of the fiscal year brings the beginning of another audit season. After going through a formal Request for Proposal process, the District has a new audit firm who will be coming onto campus in July for compliance and internal control testing and again in October for the financial testing and any necessary follow up. After their visits, we are scheduled to have the final audit report ready for approval at the December Board meeting.

The Business Office will be starting the first phase of our Finance Revitalization with an Ellucian team visit on June 5 through June 7. We will be reviewing six overall areas of the District's finances to determine the specific functional areas to be addressed to help make improvements and gain efficiencies. Even though we will be on our 10-hour day summer schedule, we will have very limited office hours during these three days. We will be checking in routinely, so please send us an e-mail if you need assistance and we will contact you as soon as we are able.

Food Services

Summer hours and activities have begun. The grill area will be open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday for lunch, coffee, and drinks. There are a number of groups who are going to be on campus this summer. Their meal times that you may want to avoid are breakfast 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., lunch 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., and dinner 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. During those times, there will be large groups of young people being fed for Upward Bound and other camps. Beginning the week of June 12 while the groups are here on campus, the faculty and staff are welcome to come choose the specials being offered for lunch or dinner in the back dining area.

Information Technology

Information Technology is continuing to work through issues that have arisen following the Cloud migration with most of them resolved. In addition to the day to day issues, here are a few things we are working on over the next month.

- Remodel of Academic Success Center
- Redesign of Server/Technician area and sound wall
- Yreka wireless solution replacement

Maintenance

Summer cooling and irrigations has begun. A reminder we irrigate to dispose of the water used to cool our buildings. The more we cool the more we need to irrigate.

Project news:

- The pavement project bid opening was May 26. During the pre-bid meeting five general contractors attended. The bid has now been awarded and work will begin shortly. We will keep you posted as to where you can and cannot park throughout the summer as this project progresses.
- The renovation of 15 dorm rooms continues. The Juniper food prep and laundry room remodel continues.
- The installation of the wall in the server room starts June 5.
- The ASC carpet project begins June 12 – June 23.
- The Learning Resource Center exterior painting project is scheduled for July 10 – August 11.
- The Yreka landscaping upgrade continues.
- The Yreka I Tech classroom painting in TC 1-2 starts June 12.
- The Yreka Campus fire alarm testing is scheduled for June 16.
- The Yreka I Tech metal duct installation is scheduled for early June once materials arrive.
- The Science building electric lock repair starts June 3 – June 9.
- The kitchen remodel phase II starts June 2 – June 12.
- The Yreka and Weed concrete walk replacements are out for quote.
- The Custodial team begins their summer deep cleaning June 5.
- The Yreka air conditioning replacement for the Technology Building was completed May 19 as was the installation of three electric garage door openers in Yreka and Weed.

INSTRUCTION

Mark Klever attended the Happy Camp College and Career Fair on Friday. See below for thank you email from Happy Camp College Options Advisor:

*When professionals make the trip to this far region in California, our students feel valuable, and "seen." We appreciate the time you set aside to share your **expertise and we are so grateful. We thank you and Todd Scott** for demonstrating **true commitment** to students and for sharing career information to help them plan their future. You provided an amazing service on Friday, and we are so grateful. See photo attached!*

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Serving: Yreka High School, Happy Camp High School and Jackson Street School



On May 4, we had our final Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Team visit. Initial feedback from the team indicates that we are on track and making good progress. We are expecting a formal report soon.

Christina Van Alfen has been working hard to get MOUs and agreements signed with local high school districts so we can begin ramping up our dual enrollment offerings for the fall semester.

Lorinda Meyer is starting to clean out the Academic Success Center to make space for new carpeting and furniture. Radical changes coming there soon! Next stop, Yreka.

With the help of Mike Graves, Elaine Eldridge, Jodi Dawson, and Bart Scott, we will be working on transitioning our curriculum system to eLumen and hope to have it operational by the fall semester.

Kim Freeze and Mark Klever did a wonderful job putting together a non-credit reception at the Yreka Campus on May 23. Many instructors and community members attended to draw interest to the Yreka Campus and the non-credit program.

Nursing

Spring 2017 was the time for the Board of Registered Nursing's continuing approval of the COS Nursing Program. The process is scheduled for every five years, and involves an extensive report prepared by the nursing program, followed by visits from the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to the school and to the clinical sites used by the program. Since the COS Nursing uses sites throughout Northern California, the visit involved considerable travel and extended from April into May. Because of our rural area, COS Nursing has had to be very creative to meet clinical requirements. The LVN to RN Step-Up Program was initiated by partnering with our community healthcare providers in designing a program that involves a number of out-rotations to community health facilities. Since trends in healthcare are evolving to include much more health provision outside of hospitals and in the community, the BRN was especially impressed with the network of clinical experiences that COS Nursing has developed.

The COS Nursing Program also received approval and commendations from the Board of Registered Nursing on a major curriculum revision that will be initiated with the new LVN to RN class that starts in June 2017.

Both the community health effort and the curriculum revision were viewed by the BRN as examples for other nursing schools to follow. As a result, COS is regarded as embracing the forefront in the trends in nursing education, and an example for other schools to follow regarding our creativity and provision of clinical experiences for students.

Nursing license exam pass rates remain exceptionally high in the State in both the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN tests. Recent quarterly reports boast 100 percent pass for both the LVN to RN and Vocational Nursing programs, with annual averages at above 95%.

On May 19, the College of the Siskiyous Nursing LVN to RN Step-up class pinning ceremony was especially well-attended in the COS Ford Theatre. A majority of the full class of 30 new graduates participated in the COS cap and gown ceremony later that evening, and comments were heard about the impressively large group of nursing students at the ceremony.

This summer, COS Nursing once again launches the Certified Nursing Assistant Program, which extends throughout the summer, ending in a pinning ceremony on August 8. The following week, COS Nursing has managed to once again host certification testing locally on the Yreka campus. The CNA program provides an opportunity for interested persons from age 16 up. Many local high school students up through older citizens have taken advantage of this experience, which allows them to obtain a job and launch themselves into a healthcare provider career.

STUDENT SERVICES

Vice President of Student Services

The coordination of Commencement was a major focus in the Vice President of Student Services Office this past May. Some of the changes this year included the use of our cadets who directed parking, a stage backdrop, “selfie” booth, Eddy the Eagle appearance, and an elevated stage for the platform party, which consisted of the Board, President Thomason, Academic Senate President Chris Vancil, Student Trustee Calvin Wagner, and student speaker Jordan Paige Pavlic, our first Siskiyou Promise graduate.

There’s a tremendous amount of details that need to be addressed in order to execute this type of event! It would take up two pages if I listed all of the people who helped and I’m afraid I might leave someone out. Therefore, in summary, thank you faculty, staff, and students for making this a memorable event for our new alumni, and a special “shout out” to Janice Gonzalez and Meghan Witherell, who were the back bone of this event.

As you may have heard, this was our largest graduating class in recent memory. We had 217 petitions and 127 students “walked” at commencement. Congrats to all!!



As we said goodbye to our current students, we also look to our new academic year. So far, we have 713 applications as of May 25, 2017. Our total applications for fall, 2016, were slightly over 1,200, so we are more than half way there! Our international student population is growing, with 12 anticipated new students for fall. In addition to processing applications, our outstanding Counseling and Advising staff were busy providing orientation and advising to new students. They took to the road and conducted orientation sessions, a.k.a. SOAR sessions, at our local high schools, in addition to those held on campus and online.

Finally, summer hours will begin June 5, and Student Services will be available Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Have a wonderful summer!

Admissions and Records

We are very happy to announce that our new Admissions Specialist is doing well. Jennifer Rubio is a great addition to our team. We are currently working with IT to individualize the admissions letters based on the student’s type. The intended result will make their application to registration timeline more efficient.

International Admissions

We have issued approximately twelve I-20s as of today. Students are coming from Australia, New Zealand, UK, China, and the Netherlands.

Registration

Registration is going fast and furious. Currently we have 697 people registered for summer, 696 for fall, 23 for winter, and 187 for spring. We are still processing late spring ISA courses as well as summer programs including Vanguard, Jazz Camp, and Camp Broadway.

Student Ambassadors

The Student Ambassador Program ended its first year. We have good applicants for next year as well as an outline of activities for the year. We hope to have the 2017-2018 crew hired by July and trained before the first week of the fall semester. One of our Ambassadors, Jordan Pavlic, was the Student Speaker at graduation and the other Student Ambassador to graduate was Jazzmin Bryan who led the student procession. Calvin Wagner, represented in his role as Student Trustee also did a great job introducing the speaker and assisting with graduation decorations. Looking forward to what we will see next year!

Graduation

Reviews were great for graduation. We loved that this year it really was a COS Community project and a team effort. We had a dedicated and great team of workers:

- Students Alyssa Clark, Jesse Mullins, Wesley Turnquist, and Sy Sy Hocker worked the doors.
- Yasmin Rodriguez was our check-in lady,
- Ron Slabbinck and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble for their performances.
- Nick Fabio who helped us design the stage, set up, and ran sound for the evening.
- Andrea Craddock and Michele Korkowski who read the student names.
- Dave Clarke who lead the faculty.
- Steve Reynolds who lead the student diploma lines.
- Sheila Grimes and Vickie Donaldson who took over robes and attire for the Board and faculty.
- Jeremiah LaRue who set up the parking plan and his Level II recruits: Jordan Dunn, Chad Henson, Ryan Leahy, Jonathan Junpradub, and Conner Mitchell.
- Amanda Greene, Alysia Garcia, Amanda Alvarez, Dawnie Slabaugh, Vickie Donaldson, Tina Schoffstoll, Regina Weston, Mary Mericle, Doug Haugen, and Calvin Wagner who assisted with decorations.
- Maria Ferrasci and the custodial crew who helped us set up and take down everything (Amanda Davis, Dave Raven, David Harris, Veronica Rivera, and Randy Shaffer).
- My own staff, Mary Mericle and Jennifer Rubio, who assisted in every which way they could.
- Dennis Roberts who was wonderful about complying with Gym accommodations.
- Sunny Greene and Stephanie Wroten who came to rehearsal and helped us work out some technical difficulties.

And special thanks to Amanda Greene and Janice Gonzalez who contributed their great ideas to help make this graduation an event to remember. Looking forward to planning for next year!

Counseling and Student Success

SOAR

In the month of May, the SOAR team made over 13 visits to local high schools (conducting more than one SOAR session at some) and to Modoc high school via Zoom. Through those visits, over 140 students were enrolled full time, many for more than one term. Moreover, more than 80 Siskiyou Promise applications were accepted at these visits.

Assessment

The full-time English faculty met to determine cut scores for ACCUPLACER. We will begin using ACCUPLACER in conjunction with multiple measures for English course placement within the next month.

EOPS/CARE

The CARE interview workshop series was very much appreciated by the students who participated. These participants, eight in total, went through a series of workshops which resulted in them having an updated resume, two new interview outfits, and the experience of interviewing with feedback provided. A special thanks goes to the Foundation for awarding the mini-grant which provided the students a "personal stylist" and interviewing clothes from the Eagles Nest.

The Regional CARE Conference was held June 2 and June 3 in Redding. We had only two students participate this year, but they enjoyed and learned from the workshops and presentations.

Spring semester EOPS and CARE participants who have unmet need and have met the requirements of two counselor contacts and three semester check-ins will receive an EOPS grant. These grants have been the reason many students can continue in school, according to the recipients.

To date, EOPS has received 60+ applications for the fall semester.

Foster Youth Success Program – FYSP

When students self-identify as foster youth or former foster youth through CCCApply, they are sent a letter about, and application for, the Foster Youth Success Program. We have already received 10 applications for the FYSP! This is a larger number than ever before, and an indication that this important support program is growing.

Student Success and Support Programs – SSSP

Valerie attended an Integrated Planning workshop for SSSP, Student Equity, and the Basic Skills Initiative offered through the Chancellor's Office. Maria Fernandez, Deb Chambers, and Carly Zeller also attended. At the conclusion of the workshop, the COS group drafted preliminary goals for the new plan due December 15, 2017. Once a final draft is completed, the plan will be vetted with all invested and required parties before submission to the Chancellor's Office.

Transfer and Articulation

The "go live" date for ASSIST Next Generation, the updated ASSIST site, has been postponed until June, 2018.

Chris LaMarr, a representative for UC Davis visited the campus and presented to 15 interested students. He plans to make Siskiyou one of his regular points of contact.

TRiO - SSS (Student Support Services) and Upward Bound

Upward Bound

Upward Bound (UB) is gearing up for their six-week UB Summer Program. There will be 50 students for the regular UB Summer Program, 20 for Freshman Preview week, and 7 for Senior Summer Bridge week. UB Summer Program will begin June 18 and end July 27. The Closing Ceremony will be at 6 p.m. on July 27 in the COS Theatre.

SSS

To date SSS has received 68 applications for fall.

For the first time ever, SSS will have a Summer Bridge for their participants. It will be held in late July. More details to come.

Financial Aid

Another school year has ended and we are busy preparing for 2017-2018. So far we have awarded 119 students a Pell grant! We have awarded a total of 992 students a Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW) B or C based on their FAFSA record and have awarded a total of 11 from the BOGW paper application.

The Financial Aid Office has also been manually awarding summer BOGW and Pell grants to those students who still have eligibility left. Summer Pell grants will be disbursed June 16 and Book Vouchers will be available for students beginning June 5.

The IRS Data Retrieval Tool will continue to be unavailable for students and their parents until the 2018-2019 FAFSA's are opened October 1, 2017. Students and their parents can continue to complete their 2017-2018 FAFSA's, but will need to manually add their 2015 tax information. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool that allowed students and parents to link their FAFSA to the IRS to electronically add their tax information to their FAFSA was shut down March 10, 2017, due to privacy and security concerns.

The Federal Direct Loan Application will be available on our COS financial aid website on June 1. This will allow us more time to process loans and students will have an accurate view of their financial aid award package.

The Financial Aid Office summer hours beginning June 5 will be: Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., closed Fridays.

Have a great summer!!

Student Equity

We wrapped up our first year of the Siskiyou Promise scholarship with a celebration on May 25 in the campus quad. First year Promise students enjoyed a pizza party and cake, and prizes were given out to those in attendance. Surveys were also given out so that we could be provided feedback on students' overall Promise experience. We are very proud to celebrate our first successful year of the Siskiyou Promise scholarship program, and cannot wait to welcome our 2017-2018 cohort to campus in the fall.

Speaking of the 2017-2018 Siskiyou Promise, we have received well over 100 applications for incoming freshman, and feel that we will either meet or exceed the number of applicants that we had last year. This is wonderful news and we are excited to see the program grow in its second year.

We were also excited to celebrate our first Siskiyou Promise graduate, Jordan Pavlic. We are excited to see what the future holds for Jordan as she heads off to the Oregon Institute of Technology in the fall.

On Saturday, May 27, Regina attended the Dogwood Daze celebration in Dunsmuir, where she provided information on College of the Siskiyous in partnership with the Dunsmuir Community Resource Center. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and it was a fun event for the entire community. Being able to watch the doggy parade from our booth was definitely a highlight.

Student Life

The Lodges wrapped up the spring term with a Monte Carlo/Casino night on May 15. To increase opportunities for participation, games of luck such as bean bag toss, Three-card Monte, Catch Phrase, and others were modified for competition and included as events for the evening. On May 26, the Lodges closed for the summer and staff began cleaning for our first summer conference. Lodges will be hosting 10 conference groups on campus this summer, which are 2 more than was hosted in 2016. These groups will work in and around the renovations of 15 bedrooms and 2 laundry rooms. With the parking lot renovations taking over the Lodge parking areas we're sure to have an exciting summer.

In preparation for the fall term, eight resident assistants have been hired to support students living on campus in the fall 2017. The Resident Advisors' training starts on August 1. Lodges are filling quickly with already 82 applications for 162 bed spaces.

The Associated Student Board selected Calvin Wagner and Wes Turnquist as interim officers for the summer session until fall elections take place.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Greetings from Human Resources! As usual, we've been busy with the retirement party (congrats to all of our retirees!), Classified Staff Day (Jason Aronson looked great in green garden gloves and Stephanie Wroten made a marvelous Vanna White!), completion of our EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) Plan, and a myriad of other things – some boring; some not so much!

A few individuals have asked exactly “who does what” in HR. Below is a list that we hope direct you to the right person when you have questions.

Staff	Responsibilities	Email	Phone Extension
Beverly Muelrath, Administrative Assistant III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Office Management • Mail & College Switchboard • HR Travel Coordination • HR Budget Coordination • Assistant to AVP, HR (if you need Theresa Richmond, call Beverly!) 	bmuelrath@siskiyous.edu	5271 HR Office 5317
Tina Schoffstoll, HR Analyst II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Evaluation Coordination • TB/Fingerprinting Coordination • Keenan Safe Colleges Training • Student Employees • Short-Term & Student Leaves • Volunteers 	tschoffstol@siskiyous.edu	5826
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Kelly Groppi, HR Manager, Employee Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits • Payroll • Faculty & Staff Leaves • Email Account Requests • FT & Administrator Contracts • Worker's Compensation • Retirement Coordination • ACA (Affordable Care Act) 	gropi@siskiyous.edu	5552
Nancy Miller, HR Manager, Classification, Professional Development & Employee Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalency Review & Coordination w/ Equivalency Committee • Employee Relations • Salary Setting • Professional Development • Title IX Deputy Coordinator 	millerN@siskiyous.edu	5359
Theresa Richmond, Associate Vice President – HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversee HR Function • EEO Officer • Title IX Coordinator • Negotiations • Employee & Labor Relations • Executive Cabinet 	trichmond@siskiyous.edu	5317

Have a wonderful summer!

Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile!

ACADEMIC SENATE

My Board report for the July Board of Trustees meeting will be the complete end of the year, State of the College Report for Academic Year 2016-2017. Therefore, I will keep this particular report short in an effort not to be too redundant.

The Senate accomplished or made significant progress on all of its major goals for 2016-2017, including updating the Senate Constitution, revising the General Education program, revising the Program Review process (step one is complete, step two will start in fall 2017) and submitting an updated shared governance model for the Board's consideration. A more detailed analysis of these goals will appear in the State of the college report for July. CurricuNET is no longer being used for curriculum and the eLumen transition has begun. Hopefully, eLumen will prove a more reliable and efficient tool for curriculum.

The Senate continues to be concerned about campus safety and the lack of a consistent security presence on campus. The Senate would also like for the Board to consider placing the hiring of faculty as one of its highest priorities. As the FTES from the San Francisco Police Academy will no longer sustain us, we must look for new ways to generate sustainable, local FTES. The best way to do that is by hiring full-time faculty in key areas.

The College's Accreditation Report is due in early October. The Senate is looking forward to an update on what COS has done to meet the recommendations of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC).

When the Senate returns in August, we will be setting new goals for the Academic Year and following up on any incomplete goals from 2016-2017.

No other reports were submitted this month.