Faculty Senate President’s Board Report

October 26, 2017

Bradley Hughes, Astronomy Professor

 Has been appointed to serve on the Open Exchange Initiative Steering Committee for ASCCC, whose purpose is to advise and make recommendations to the Online Education Initiative (OEI) project staff on the implementation of the OEI Grant for the California Community Colleges, for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Marie Boyd, Curriculum Chair

 October 21- Chaffey College sponsored the Academic Senate for California Committee College’s Career Technical Educational Regional Meeting at the INTECH Center in Fontana. Approximately 50 representatives for community colleges throughout Southern California attended. Training covered understanding strong workforce funding, working with advisory committees, roles and responsibilities of CTE Liaisons and an overview of regional consortia projects and funding.

Diana Cosand, Biology Professor

 Serves on the Board of the Southern California Botanists, which planned the annual symposium entitled Overlooked Plants: The Unseen Flora of California on October 21 at the Seaver Auditorium at Claremont Colleges. Southern California is a global hotspot for biodiversity and cryptic biodiversity that is increasingly important to understand in the face of predicted biodiversity loss caused by climate change.

David Karp and Abel Chen, Business Law Professors

 Is encouraging his students on the Chaffey Law School Pathway to attend the UCLA Pre-Law Society Twenty-Fifth Annual Law Forum on Monday, November 6, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. in the Ackerman Ballroom on the UCLA campus. The California Community College to Law School Pathway participating colleges will be there, as well six of the seventy participating law schools. This is a great opportunity for students planning to attend law school.

Nicole Russell, Art Adjunct Professors

 Designed & manufactured a new line of enamel pins for retailer Urban Outfitters, which are releasing in November 2017.
Joann Eisberg and Bradley Hughes Astronomy Professors; Doug McElroy Adjunct Astronomy Professor

- The Astronomy Professors hosted a series of talks and events, both on and off campus, in celebration of the Great American Solar Eclipse. They included:
  - July 26: Joann Eisberg gave a talk at the Upland Public Library.
  - August 16: Joann Eisberg gave a talk on the Rancho Campus.
  - August 19: Joann Eisberg and Bradley Hughes participated in the “See the Light” speakers series at the Worthy Observatory in Bend, Oregon.
  - August 21: Joann Eisberg and Bradley Hughes view the total eclipse in the Bend, Oregon area.
  - August 21: Adjunct Instructor Douglas McElroy lead a campus-wide viewing event from Chaffey’s main quad. The event made a variety of safe viewing technologies available to hundreds of Chaffey students, staff and faculty during the morning.
  - August 22: Bradley Hughes gave a talk at the Bend Public Library.

Al Yankee, Music Adjunct Professor

- Participated in the Digital Media Skills Advisory Panel held on October 13, at Mind and Mill in Riverside. Funded by the Strong Workforce Program, coordinated by the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, and in collaboration with the Inland Empire Desert Regional Consortia, a panel of Digital Media Business & Industry Professionals consulted with Digital Media Faculty District/School Administrators from IE Community Colleges and Secondary Schools. Chaffey Deans Jason Chevalier and Vanessa Thomas also attended.
- Advocated for arts funding and pro-arts legislation in a personal meeting with Rep. Pete Aguilar on Oct 18, representing the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences in Congressman Aguilar’s district.
- Attended the Science and Nonduality Conference in San Jose Oct 19-22. The mission of Science and Nonduality (SAND) is to forge a new paradigm in spirituality, one that is not dictated by religious dogma, but that is rather based on timeless wisdom traditions of the world, informed by cutting-edge science, and grounded in direct experience.

Chris Trueman, Art Adjunct Professor

- Is part of this group exhibition, Vantage, at Finishing Concepts in Monterey Park. Vantage is a group show that was organized to focus on the importance of seeing artwork in person. As digital and social media have created a powerful outlet for artists to display their work, it has also generated a flood of imagery that is greatly affected by the devices that mediate our experiences. The opening reception will be held November 11, 2017 at Finishing Concepts, 1230 Monterey Pass Rd, Monterey Park, CA 91754.

Ken Koenigshofer, Retired Full Time/Adjunct Psychology Professor

- His article, "General Intelligence: Adaptation to Evolutionarily Familiar Abstract Relational Invariants, Not to Environmental or Evolutionary Novelty," has been accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed Journal of Mind and Behavior published by the University of Maine, and the Institute of Mind and Behavior. His paper presents a new theory of the evolution of general intelligence (the g factor or fluid intelligence) in humans and in a variety of non-human species, delineates several new evolutionary principles governing the biological origins of cognitive
faculties including adaptively specialized learning mechanisms, and proposes an explanation for why human intelligence became so exceptional in the animal world.

On Campus

Neil Watkins, Daniel Keener, and Kim George English Professors

➢ Since the decision by the Trump administration to end DACA, the DREAMers’ Club and their advisor Neil Watkins, as well as other faculty and staff, have been actively supporting DACA, AB 540, and undocumented students. On the day of the announcement, September 5, the students held a rally denouncing that decision.
➢ September 27- in conjunction with the One Book, One College committee and the Dreamers Club, a Call Congress!!! event was held. The purpose of the event was a student led phone bank to call their Congressional member.
➢ October 16-20- DACA Advocacy Week-Events were held to support of DACA, AB 540, and undocumented students. Events included a rally on the Rancho Campus on October 16 and a meeting, organized by Lorena Corona, with Congresswoman Norma Torres, 35th District, on October 17. DREAMers clubs attended the meeting from Mt. SAC, San Bernardino Valley College, and the University of La Verne.
➢ For further information and opportunities to help, faculty can attend the monthly meetings of the Undocumented Advocates (formerly Dreamers’ Resources Workgroup), their next meeting is November 28, at 2pm in CAA 211.

David Nimri, Computer Information System Professor

➢ October 11-As part of the Chaffey College STEM Academy’s observation of Cyber Security Month, the Computer Information Systems Department and The School of Business and Applied Technology hosted a Cyber Security Open Talk and Lecture for faculty, staff, and students. David described a variety of cyber security topics including information security awareness, key issues, concerns, the underlying technology and what individuals can do to protect themselves. The lecture included demonstrations and discussion of concepts and tools that hackers use including steganography, password cracking, and asymmetric encryption techniques. Additionally, attendees were provided a cyber-security awareness sheet that can be used on campus and at home to help with cyber hygiene.

Black Minds Matter Course

➢ October 23- San Diego State University Professor Dr. Luke Wood began a nationally broadcast eight course series called Black Minds Matters – A Focus on Black Boys and Men in Education. The course connects themes from the Black Lives movement to issues facing Black boys and men in education, using the movements guiding tenets as a framework for improving student success. The course will be streamed every Monday for the next seven weeks with a moderated discussion at all three campuses. English Professor Deanna Hernandez reported, “The research helps us to better understand how our current educational system’s creates disadvantages for our students.” Professor Hernandez went on to state she “found these conversations to be enlightening and hopeful” and the information in these courses “could also help our department create culturally responsive teaching activities and assignments to share with our part-time instructors”.

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Mercedes Limon, Rachel Hanna, Tamari Jenkins, and Victoria Tirado Spanish Professors

- Hosted by the Spanish Department, filmmakers Armando Espinosa and Craig Johnson will premier their latest documentary about The Day of the Dead in the state of Michoacan, Mexico. Their film, “Noches de Animas. Tzintzuntzan”, will have a screening and Q&A on October 30 in CAA-217 from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Armando Espinosa and Craig Johnson are the Executive Director and Assistant Director of “Metamorfosis Documentation Project”, a non-profit organization that through collaborative projects with indigenous and mestizo communities in the Americas, aspires to protect, promote and help preserve traditional cultures and rituals.