

COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOU

THE CAMPUS CONNECTION

July 11, 2017

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

While I have only been on campus for a few days, I am pleased to have met so many caring, intelligent people working at the College and living in the community. I have always been drawn to this area since I was first introduced to this place 50 years ago. Now I am here, and that realization is a magical feeling which is still becoming real for me. Thank you for the warm welcome.

Good beginnings bring us together. Since being offered the Superintendent/President position for the Siskiyou Joint Community College District and College of the Siskiyous, I have had the opportunity to meet with my direct reports; Mike Tischler and Donna Farris the Faculty Union and CSEA presidents, respectively, prior to my arrival this month; and Chris Vancil, the Academic Senate president, this week. All were promising starts to what I expect will be strong positive relationships. In my tours – and even a few walkabouts – on campus this week, I have had additional opportunities to meet faculty and classified; it has been my pleasure and privilege to get acquainted with the campus community.

If I haven't had the chance to meet you yet, I am looking forward to it. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello. Likewise, feel free to introduce yourself to me if you see me wandering around campus (hopefully not lost! ☺). I view this as an exciting new adventure as I join all of you as a member of the College of the Siskiyou's family.

State News

Budget – Governor Brown signed the 2017-2018 State budget on June 27. Prop 98 investment from the State increased \$2.6 billion over last year's Budget Act level to \$74.5 billion. The California Community College budget for next year includes \$150 million one-time funding for "guided pathway" programs (an effort I have experience working with for about four years now), \$25 million for a Completion Grant program which provides grants up to \$2,000 to eligible community college students, \$10 million to provide all colleges with Online learning management system access, and an increase of \$6 million to help develop an integrated community college library system. Other important components for community colleges include:

- \$382 million apportionments funding
- \$20 million Innovation Awards funds
- \$25 million Full-time Student Success Grant
- \$76.9 million for deferred maintenance, instructional equipment, and water conservation

Policy requirements included in the Budget of particular note:

- Requirement for union access to New Employee Orientations
- Further expectations that Higher Education leaders ensure our institutions are "student ready" by smoothing the transition between K-12 and us.

We will want to monitor progress of Senate Bill 769 (Hill, D-San Mateo) – the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program. SB769 would increase the maximum number of district baccalaureate degree pilot programs from 15 to 25, and extend the operation of the statewide pilot program until July 1, 2028. The bill will be heard on the day of our next Board meeting, July 11.

FOUNDATION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Foundation

The Foundation Board of Directors is growing again. We recently invited two community members to join the Board: David Clarno, Dunsmuir, and Linda Romaine, Fort Jones. David is the owner of the Dunsmuir Brewery and is a member of the Dunsmuir Rotary. Linda is the city clerk for the City of Fort Jones. Both share a commitment to education and passion for their communities and are thrilled to be new members of the COS Foundation Board of Directors.

COS Soccer Camp

What a success!! This year's first soccer camp for girls and boys, ages 7 to 18, held June 19 through June 24, was a great success!! Over 80 local and regional youth soccer players came to COS for a week-long camp to learn and grow their soccer-playing skills. Coach Ed Kephart and his team of staff and counselors definitely made sure the kids had a great time and shared their love for the game.

Summer Show Choir & Jazz Camp

Back after taking a six-year break, the COS Summer Show Choir and Jazz Camp was held June 25 – July 1. Thirty kids, ages 7 – 17, attended the week-long camp to improve their singing and dancing skills and work with world-renowned musicians and choreographers.

Here is a quote from Camp Director and COS Music Instructor, Ron Slabbinck –

“Words cannot express my gratitude for what has been an amazing week at the COS Summer Show Choir and Jazz Camp. I have been inspired by the amazing choreographer Damon Brown who has found a way to bring music to life through dance that is truly magical. He has changed the lives of these campers forever. And after an amazing workshop on

stylizing a melody and improvisation by Kirby Shaw, Roger Emerson came in and pulled emotion and sound out of these kids with passion and love. One more day to clean, a performance on Saturday, and then we'll have to wait to do it again next year. Oh yeah, and the camp would not even be close to what it is if it weren't for the fabulous accompanist Dave Reynolds and four of the best counselors a camp could ask for, Ryder Emerson, Claryssa Russ, Marc Wright, and Kelly Miller. Thanks for helping bring this tradition back to Siskiyou County.”



Scholarship Dinner

Save the Date... The 2017 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held Saturday, September 9, at the Weed Sons' of Italy Memorial Hall. More information about this event will be provided as we get closer to the event. Tickets will go on sale beginning July 15 - \$25 per person.

Come Join Our Team!

Angel Fisher, Manager for the shop, is looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team (volunteers must be at least 17 years of age). Volunteers work three- to four- hour shifts per week, or more. Volunteers work as cashiers, screen items as they come in, price merchandise, repair items, research antiques, etc.; there is never a dull moment at the Nest. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering have them call 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest.

Public Relations

Later this month, I along with Janice Gonzalez, Student Services Executive Assistant, will be traveling to Denver, Colorado, to attend the National Conference on Student Recruitment, Marketing, and Retention. The conference has a great lineup of speakers, informational sessions, and I'm looking forward to meeting and networking with other professionals who also work in the field of Marketing and Public Relations.

COS will have a booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair, August 9 – August 13. This is a great recruitment/marketing opportunity for the College. Thousands of people attend the Siskiyou Golden Fair each year to see what Siskiyou County has to offer, spend time with their family, and support agriculture and the arts (and have fun!).

July/August Events:

- July 10: Camp Broadway Begins Summer Program – 9 a.m., COS Theater
- July 11: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting – Open Public Session at 6 p.m., COS Board Room
- July 14: Campus Closed
- July 18: COS Foundation Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. in COS Yreka Campus RHSI, Room 121
- July 21: Campus Closed
- July 27: Upward Bound Closing Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. in COS Theater
- July 28: Campus Closed (last Friday closure for summer 2017)
- August 1: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting – Open Public Session at 6 p.m., COS Board Room
- August 3: Summer Session Ends
- August 4 & 5: Camp Broadway Presents – Shrek Jr., 7 p.m., COS Theater
- August 6: Camp Broadway Presents – Shrek Jr., 3 p.m., COS Theater

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Vice President of Administrative Services

As I write my last entry for the Campus Connection, I am thankful for the time I have had here at COS and with all of you. I will certainly miss you folks. Thank you to all of you for making my time here so enjoyable.

Darlene Melby will be joining you soon, and I am confident that she will be an asset to the College. She is coming from Ventura, California; so, I am expecting an adjustment this winter but she thinks not as she is from Colorado. Please stop by and meet her as you get the opportunity.

The final budget is on the Governor's desk as I write this and will be approved by the time you receive this. There was very little change from what he proposed in May and what the Legislature approved and sent back to him. That means there will be minor changes in the Final Budget from what was approved in June. Expect to see that in September.

Bookstore

Congratulations to Bookstore Account Clerk, Shondi Farris, who graduated with her Associates Degree in Communications from College of the Siskiyous this spring! During her three years at College of the Siskiyous, Shondi has been an important part of the Bookstore providing friendly customer service and an active member of the COS Writer's Club. Shondi has decided to continue her education at Sacramento State next fall. She will also continue working in the College Bookstore industry as she has accepted a new position at the American River College (ARC) Bookstore. Shondi will be supervising around 20 student workers in her new position at the ARC Bookstore. We will miss Shondi's hard work and friendly personality at College of the Siskiyous. We are excited for and wish her well as she moves on to take on new challenges.

Business Office

The Business Office started the first phase of our Finance Revitalization with an Ellucian team visit on June 5 through June 7. The three-day visit was very productive as we reviewed six key areas of the District's financial processes ranging from the initial purchase orders through the completion of accounts payable as well as the next steps for the District to take full advantage of the budgeting module including electronic interfacing with the Human Resources payroll functions and budget changes made by departments directly into Banner. The team also discussed some of the underlying structure from our initial set up to determine if there are better ways for Banner Finance to interface with all the other areas of campus. We had an additional three-hour web-ex on Thursday, June 15, to speak with a Banner student accounts receivable specialist to determine how to clean up the student accounts receivable from the initial conversion of our legacy system and to find the best solution to placing financial holds onto student accounts when necessary. We are scheduled to review the team report on June 26 to plan our next steps.

As a reminder from last month, the District's new audit firm, Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez & Leavitt (CWDL – thank goodness for acronyms) will be on campus the week of July 24 for compliance and internal control testing and again during the week of October 16 for the financial statement portion of the audit. They are easy to spot because they will be wearing dark suits, but do not be afraid, they are our friends and here to help us. After their visits, we are scheduled to have the final audit report ready for approval at the December Board meeting.

As you are aware, after many years of service here at College of the Siskiyous, Connie Warren turned off her computer and calculator for the last time on June 30, 2017. We have gone through the hiring process to find her replacement and had the final interviews for the Fiscal Analyst position on June 19, 2017. By now, there may be a new face where Connie used to sit. Please stop by and introduce yourself.

Finally, we want to thank Nancy Funk for her leadership over the last couple years as the Vice President of Administrative Services and wish her the best in all her adventures to come.

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

The wireless access points in Yreka have been updated giving them a restored wireless availability. The new workspace with the server wall is almost complete. The new workstations are soon to be assembled as well. Photos will be coming soon.

Maintenance

Project news: Summer has reached high gear for the Facility Team. The pavement project has been awarded and began the first week in July. The pavement construction schedule and parking lot closures have been emailed to all. Dorm room remodels and the Yreka Phase II landscaping upgrade continues. The Learning Resource Center's (LRC) exterior painting project and the Juniper, Ponderosa, and LRC boiler replacements began July 10. Weed and Yreka pavement crack sealing and parking line painting begins next week. **Please watch for Facility staff working in roadways.** The Discovery Day Care, Yreka Industrial Tech, and Yreka Registration building roof repairs began June 26. The kitchen remodel phase III has been scheduled for early August. The Science building electric locks have been repaired. The leaking sprinklers in Science are being addressed under warranty, as are the non-functioning emergency shower drains. The Custodial Team has been busy moving and assembling new furniture in the ASC along with their deep cleaning activities. What an amazing team we have! You all are awesome!!

INSTRUCTION

Vice President of Instruction

With funds from the Rural Community College Alliance, Mark Klever traveled to Oklahoma City this month to meet with other rural community colleges in the development and operation of agricultural programs.

Christina Van Alfen has MOUs and agreements with local high school districts in hand, so scheduling dual enrollment courses for the fall semester has begun.

Lorinda Meyer is enjoying the progress for the ASC transformation. The carpeting is in and some furniture is in place, things are coming along, readying for the grand opening for our students in the fall.

I have been working to update the agreements with the Siskiyou Sheriff, FIELD, and the San Francisco Police Department. I have been in contact with the administration of City College of San Francisco to help them transition the service of the San Francisco Police Academy back to their oversight in July of 2018.

The Office of Instruction is also working on filling some adjunct faculty positions for vacant fall classes, updating our apprenticeship program agreement with American River College, and submitting the 2017-2018 Carl D. Perkins application.

Athletics

Melissa Dailey was named the California Community College Sports Information Association (CCCSIA) female athlete of the year for California Community College Athletics. She is the first ever male or female athlete from COS to receive this award.

Melissa, a sophomore guard, took our women's basketball team to our first-ever California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship game appearance. She received numerous postseason awards, including the California Community College Women's Basketball Coaches Association (CCCWBCA) State Player of the Year from the North region, she was also recognized as the Golden Valley Conference Most Valuable Player (MVP), and was named to the All-Tournament Team at the 2017 CCCAA State Championships.

Melissa led the entire State in scoring and assists during the 2016-2017 campaign. She averaged 26.1 points and 7.6 assists per game in the season, and added 4.7 boards and 2.2 steals per game. Melissa finished third in the State in free-throw percentage (81.2), and fourth in the State in 3-point percentage (42.5) hitting 117 treys, the second most in California. Melissa scored 30 or more points in 10 games, including a season high of 41.

Melissa prepped at Centennial High School in Portland, Oregon, and has accepted a full-ride scholarship from the University of North Dakota.

Along with her great athletic achievements, she also completed 62 units while maintaining a 3.90 grade point average (GPA), and received the COS Scholar Athlete Award both her freshman and sophomore years.

Nursing

College of the Siskiyous Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) to Registered Nursing (RN) Step-up Program received a very positive report from the Board of Registered Nursing, following the Board's continuing approval visit that took place in May. Per the report, there were no areas of non-compliance. A number of suggestions and recommendations were made for strengthening the program, and there was considerable positive feedback from the visiting Nursing Education Consultants. Per reports from those who graduated from the program in May, about half have already taken their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for their RN license, and to date, all have reportedly passed the exam. Many are set with jobs in our area and surrounding vicinity. NCLEX pass rates for the Associate Degree in Nursing (AND) and Vocational Nursing Program continue to average in the mid- to high 90 percent range.

This summer the Nursing Program has a new LVN to RN Step-up class of 30 students starting in their LVN to RN transition course (NURS 1021), which will run through July. Additionally the Certified Nursing Assistant course continues from June 12 through August 3, with 24 students enrolled in sections in Yreka and in Alturas. The pinning ceremony for the CNA class is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 at 5:00 p.m. in the Ford Theatre on the Weed campus.

STUDENT SERVICES

Vice President of Student Services

Greetings!

Our enrollment for the upcoming 2017-2018 academic year is looking promising. As of Monday, June 26, we are slightly above estimated FTEs for fall, 2017, (453.06) compared to fall, 2016, (420.25) at ten Mondays before fall semester. We also have students registered for the winter and spring 2018 sessions. Since winter session is new, we don't have a comparison term, but we do have students in those sections. As for spring, we are close to the same as this time last year.

We also have 909 applications to College of the Siskiyous for fall. Of those applications, 60 percent are California residents, and 32 percent are from out of state. The rest of the applicants are classified as International (10 applicants), or "unknown." Unknown applicants are usually due to errors in the application. Another interesting tidbit is 68 percent of our applicants are "first time," meaning they have never been to college before. Sixty-one percent of the first-time applicants are from California and 32 percent are out-of-state applicants. The rest of the applicants are classified as "Transfer In" (attended another college before), "Returner" (attended COS before), and "Special Admit," (are kindergarten through high school).

In June, I participated in the Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (LCW) "Nuts and Bolts of Negotiations" training with Theresa Richmond in Fullerton, California. The biggest "take-aways" for me are 1) be a good listener, making sure to understand the issue that's being presented, and 2) be a problem-solver. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to represent the District in a negotiations capacity.

Please help us get the word out to students regarding the need for a "primary insurance carrier." Often times, students believe that the College of the Siskiyous Student Insurance is full coverage, when in fact, it covers accidents only. Of course, students do have access to our Student Health Clinic, but they may need additional medical attention outside of the clinic. For additional information, please see our Student Services webpage, under Health Insurance for Students, regarding additional/outside insurance coverage for students. Information is also available in Board Policy (BP) 5200 and Administrative Procedure (AP) 5205.

As you know, we are one-third of the way through summer and to the beginning of fall semester. As Brian Wilson once said, "Summer means happy times and good sunshine. It means going to the beach, going to Disneyland, having fun." Wishing you lots of summer fun!



Admissions and Records

Admissions is still going strong. Thus far, we have received 157 applications for the fall semester in June. Currently, Student Ambassador, Chris Ballard, is contacting each student to find where they are in the process and if they are in need of assistance to register.

International Admissions

The 12 International Students are on the next step of completing Siskiyou Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR). Denis Hagarty will be their Counselor for the 2017-2018 year.

Registration

Registration for summer, fall, and spring semesters continue.

Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassador, Jesse Mullins, coordinated a video project about College of the Siskiyous with fellow student, Nathanael Lathrop. The video was released earlier this month and is fantastic! Plans are to make additional videos in the 2017-2018 academic year. The video concept was developed in cooperation with the Student Services and Public Relations Offices and under the supervision of the Student Ambassador Coordinator.

The video may be viewed on the College of the Siskiyous (COS) Facebook page. To view, go to the COS home page (www.siskiyous.edu) and scroll to bottom of the page where our Facebook channel is shown. (You don't need to have a Facebook account to view our Facebook page.)

Counseling and Student Success

Siskiyou Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) sessions continue to be held on the Weed and Yreka campuses. Online SOAR has been converted from ETUDES (Easy to Use Distance Education Software) to Canvas and the new format is being used by students effective the beginning of July.

New and returning students have been coming in to the Counseling and Student Support Programs Office steadily since the end of the spring semester, although it is beginning to slow down some. Phone advising and counseling has been a more popular option so far this summer. Summer projects will be starting soon now that we've wrapped up spring and year-end obligations. A couple of those summer projects include 1) the implementation of SARS, which is an easy-to-use appointment scheduling system so students can schedule, change, or cancel appointments without having to call or come in during business hours, and 2) the implementation of COMEVO, an improved and expanded online orientation program.

EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, and DSPS

The budgets for these categorical programs are being closed in preparation for year-end reports. MIS data is being reported and submitted for spring term participants.

Over \$62,000 in EOPS end-of-semester grants were given. EOPS has already accepted 41 students for the fall 2017 semester. Orientations are scheduled for the week of August 21. There will be 10 orientations, including one at the Yreka Campus. EOPS participants receive assistance with books, semester starter kits, transportation assistance, meal cards, and have the opportunity to earn the end-of-semester grant.

CARE end-of-semester grants were also given to the eight students in the program. The total award, based on un-met need, was over \$22,000. CARE students are single parents. The students in CARE all earned a 2.90 GPA or better in the spring 2017 semester. To be eligible for CARE, a student must be eligible for EOPS and be a single parent. CARE participants receive assistance with childcare costs, supplemental support beyond EOPS assistance, and the opportunity to earn the end-of-semester grant.

Foster Youth Success Program – FYSP

We continue to receive applications for the FYSP, and the one-on-one orientations are being scheduled starting the end of July. FYSP participants get assistance with books, semester starter kits, transportation assistance, meal cards, and they are invited to “monthly meet-ups” where they meet other students in the FYSP and people who are resources for them on campus. We also refer the students to off campus resources and provide overall support for them as they navigate the system of higher education.

Transfer and Articulation

Sunny Greene has been working diligently on entering our course updates into ASSIST through a new process. This new process allows us to submit updates to our courses as we make them and receive approval from the Chancellor’s Office, rather than having to wait for one of the quarterly update cycles. This allows for “real time” and accurate information for all Community Colleges, California State Universities, and University of California campuses.

TRiO - SSS (Student Support Services) and Upward Bound

We are very pleased to announce that the Siskiyous’ Upward Bound Program received notice of renewed funding for another four years. We were funded (again) through a competitive process, receiving perfect scores from all three readers/reviewers. The cut-off score was 101, and we earned 103 from each reader. It has been reported from the Department of Education that 889 programs were funded out of 1,222 eligible applications. A big “thank you” to Karen Tedsen for her assistance, guidance, editing, and submission. Another “thank you” to Alysia Garcia and Tyler Morrison for providing data and resource information. Stephanie Wroten and Valerie Roberts did the majority of the writing and highlighting of specific information. It was a wonderful team effort, and the high school students in Siskiyou County will continue to reap the benefits. We are thrilled!

The Upward Bound Summer Program started on June 18 and is in full swing with close to 50 students participating. There is a lot of learning and fun happening within the Upward Bound group. The week of July 4 was the College Tour, and it is a very popular part of Summer Program. The kids are back on campus for the final weeks to finish out the six-week program.

Student Support Services will be holding their first ever Summer Bridge prior to the start of fall semester. Topics to be covered include how to maximize use of the mySiskiyous portal, researching a major, first-year college success and learning styles, overview of financial aid and learning about financial responsibility, information on the support programs and resources available to students at College of the Siskiyous, thinking beyond an associate’s degree, the importance of an education plan, as well as a panel of current students with answers to the new students’ questions.

Finally, the Counseling and Student Support Programs staff would like to wish Scotty, Nancy, and Connie a happy, restful, fun, and fulfilling retirement. Each one of these folks has been very supportive of the programs housed in the Counseling and SSP office. They are appreciated and will be missed.

Financial Aid

We have made a smooth transition into summer. So far we have awarded summer Pell to 65 students. We will continue to run disbursements throughout the summer semester in order to catch all of the late start classes.

The Department of Education has brought back year-round Pell. This means that students who have used up their prior aid year Pell grants can be paid for summer classes with the upcoming aid year Pell. This has just come out and because Ellucian is not set up for this summer, we will begin awarding year-round Pell beginning

with the 2018-2019 aid year. Jan Harris will be attending a State-mandated webinar regarding year-round Pell on July 6 and will be able to share more information regarding this in the next Campus Connection.

We are on the tail end of our Student Specialist search and hope to have the position filled sometime in July! We are excited to be fully staffed again, just in time to begin preparing for the opening of the 2018-2019 FAFSA October 1!

We are currently accepting student worker applications for 2017-2018. If a student is enrolled for fall 2017, they can begin working July 1. In order for us to determine Federal Work Study (FWS) eligibility, the student must complete a 2017-2018 FAFSA and complete their financial aid file. If you have a student you'd like to hire, please direct them to the COS main page. The student will choose the "Job Opportunities" tab and the student worker application is located on the left of the page under "forms." The student will take the application first to the Financial Aid Office so that we can confirm that they are eligible for FWS. If the student is not eligible, it will be indicated on the application so that the prospective supervisor will know that they will have to use the student worker funds allocated in their District 2017-2018 budget. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the student worker hiring process. Student worker job postings are located at: <http://www.siskiyous.edu/employment/documents/StudentJobOpportunities.pdf>.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to Scotty for all of the support you have shown our department, we will miss you! Your concern for our students has always been apparent. Congratulations on your retirement and please remember to visit us!

A thank you also goes out to Connie Warren for your part in the disbursement of financial aid to our students. I appreciate all your patience and efficiency during our check runs!!! Congratulations on your retirement, we will miss you!

Student Equity

Siskiyou Promise applications continue to come in daily, we expect to end up somewhere near 150 total incoming freshmen who will be Promise students. These students come to us from all over Siskiyou and Modoc County and we are excited to welcome them to College of the Siskiyous in the fall. We are planning a scavenger hunt and reception for these new students during Welcome Week to help them get acquainted with the campus.

Letters have gone out to our 2016-2017 Siskiyou Promise cohort of students notifying them if they met the requirements to receive the second year promise scholarship. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, which is completing 67 percent of units attempted, and receive a 2.0 GPA or higher in order to be eligible for year two of Siskiyou Promise.

The partnership between Student Equity and the local Family Resource Centers continues to grow. During a training at the Dunsmuir Community Resource Center, Regina presented information regarding the programs and services offered at the College and it was met with a very positive response. We look to continue this partnership and branch out to other resource centers throughout the county.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Department has completed the testing phase of our applicant tracking system, HireTouch. Lili Hanson, who is on the implementation team of HireTouch, will be on site July 10 to train and work with the HR Staff. Training will also be provided to supervisors and hiring managers on July 17 to help them complete the Position Requisition process in the program and fulfill any chairperson duties. Training will be conducted in August to train those interested in being committee members for future recruitments.

| Recruitment | |
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| Position | Status |
| Superintendent/President | Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker |
| Research and Assessment Analyst | Nathan Rexford |
| Political Science Instructor | Katie Elwood |
| Fiscal Analyst | Anna Baker |
| Vice President, Administrative Services | Darlene Melby |
| Student Services Specialist, Financial Aid | Marlena Shaffer |
| Administrative Assistant II, Public Relations & Foundation | Carie Shaffer |
| Food Services Assistant | Onboarding in progress |
| Music Instructor, Instrumental Performance | Final Interviews Scheduled |
| Program Grant Manager, Apprenticeship Initiative | Interviews Scheduled |
| Assistant Athletic Trainer | Interviews Scheduled |
| Communications Studies Instructor (Interim) | Screening |
| Dean of Instruction | Screening |
| Account Clerk I, Bookstore | First Review 7/5/2017 |
| Instructional Support Specialist, Performing Arts | First Review 7/6/2017 |

ACADEMIC SENATE

The Academic Senate would like to welcome Dr. Stephen Schoonmaker as our newest Superintendent/President. The Senate looks forward to working with Dr. Schoonmaker in the upcoming academic years. We have already had one very productive meeting and both shared our commitment to working on common goals and making data drive decisions that benefit the students and institution.

The eLumen team, especially Elaine Eldridge, Jodi Dawson, and Mike Graves, are busy this summer getting eLumen ready for fall. The eLumen project is not advancing as quickly as hoped because we are waiting for CurricUNET to provide us with the data we need to make a full transition. The goal of using eLumen at the beginning of the semester was always a lofty one and it looks like it will be mid-fall before eLumen is loaded and ready for curriculum work. Until eLumen is up and running, we have no way to create new courses or update existing ones. Therefore, all curriculum updates will still be on hold until at least October. Many of the folks previously mentioned are currently attending the Academic Senate's Curriculum Institute and will be bringing back the latest news and updates from the Chancellor's Office.

Several of the COS coaches held or are currently holding youth camps. These camps are a great way to connect with the community and get our local youth to think of COS as their college. Thank you to all the coaches, staff, and players who helped make these camps possible. In addition to the camps, many of our full-time and part-time faculty took time away from their friends and families this summer to offer courses here at the College. Summer courses are always condensed and prove a challenge for both faculty and students. However, they provide an excellent opportunity for students to take extra units and transfer more quickly. In addition to courses, many faculty are also taking time out of summer to serve on hiring committees and perform other service work for the College. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication.

No other reports were submitted this month.