Final Draft of the Accreditation Report Now Available on Website

The final draft of the Accreditation Self Study is now available for review on the campus website.

The third — and final — draft of the Institutional Self Study in support of next spring’s accreditation site visit is now available for review on the college website.

It will be considered for endorsement by the Academic Senate next Thursday (November 11) before being submitted to the California School Employees Association (CSEA), the Associated Students and Dr. Kasler on November 18.

Trustees for the North Orange County Community College District will consider approval at their meeting on December 14.

The 266-page document was created with input from a number of employees and students, who participated on the Steering Committee and Standard Subcommittees.

It was authored by Cherie Dickey, a Language Arts faculty member who is serving as the Accreditation Self Study Chair. Santanu Bandyopadhyay, the Director of Institutional Research and Planning, is the college’s Accreditation Liaison Officer.

The report is organized into six major sections, including four for the standards established by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges.

The standards are: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness; Student Learning Programs and Services; Resources; and Leadership and Governance.

In addition, the report also includes major sections for Introductory Documents — such as history, demographics and a response to the previous accreditation team’s recommendations — and for Planning Agendas.

Along with the necessary approvals, the document will also receive additional cosmetic touches before it is completed and submitted to the ACCJC in January.

The college’s site visit by the Accreditation Team takes place March 14-17, 2011.

Distance Learning Week Events Tues.-Thurs.

Three events will be held as part of the campus’ celebration of National Distance Learning Week. An Open House will be held for students and faculty in the Distance Learning Lab on the first floor of the Learning Resource Center on Tuesday, from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Accessible Learning Content Design will be presented on Wednesday, at 2 p.m., in CCCPLX-414. A Distance Education Presentation will also be made for the Academic Senate on Thursday, at 3 p.m., in CCCPLX-419.

Spring 2011 Class Schedule Online

The schedule of classes for the Spring 2011 semester was made available online this week. Printed copies of the schedule are expected to be on campus prior to the Thanksgiving break. Registration begins on November 30.

Classes begin January 19, 2011, with additional courses starting on January 31 and March 21.

In roughly the first 48 hours it was available, a flip book version had been viewed more than 16,500 times.

“Nothing is more dangerous than an idea when it is the only one you have.”

— Émile Chartier
A ceremony was held on Friday, November 5, 2010 to recognize Prime Healthcare Services, Inc. for their donation of radiology equipment to Cypress College. Participants included Virg Narbutas, the president of West Anaheim Medical Center. In addition to Narbutas, also participating from Prime Healthcare Services were Windy Broking, Nick Garboras and Candace Maciel. Cypress College participants included Karen Cant, vice president of Administrative Services, Raúl Alvarez, executive director of the Foundation and Community Relations, John Sciacca, dean of Health Sciences, Steve Donley, dean of Career Technical Education and Economic Development, Albert Miranda, Director of the Physical Plant, and Lynn Mitts, a faculty member in the college’s Radiologic Technology Program.
AQMD Survey of Employees
Required Survey Covers Oct. 25-29.

To all Cypress College employees:

It is that time of year again!

We are conducting our annual AQMD survey of employee commute modes for the week of October, 25 2010 to October, 29 2010 (this past week). In accord with Clean Air requirements, every employee must submit a survey, including all hourly and adjunct employees.

Please complete the survey and submit by Tuesday, November 9, 2010. The survey is web based and is quite easy. The online survey takes only 2 minutes of your time. You will be asked to indicate your commute modes and “scheduled report times” for the Survey Week. Your personal information is confidential. Everyone who submits their survey by the deadline date of Tuesday, November 9, 2010, will be entered into a drawing for a prize valued at $100.00.

Instructors please note: if you work 3 or 4 days per week on campus and work offsite on other days, please indicate the day you work off-campus in the 3/36 or 4/40 category. Example: you work 4 days for 6 hours and take work home to complete your workweek on those 4 days, note your day off (or 5th day) in 3/36 or 4/40 category.

Also, you need to select the time you would normally begin work, even if you were out, or not scheduled to work that day.

Please click on the following link to complete your survey:

http://www.ridelinks.com/es120_019185.htm

If you have any questions or experience difficulty completing your survey, please contact Maureen Leopold: Ext. 47318 or mleopold@cypresscollege.edu

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention!

Karen Cant
Vice President, Administrative Services

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Personal Hygiene and Clothing Drive
Human Services Club Drive Runs Through Nov. 15.

The Human Services annual Clothing Drive starts Nov 1st to the 15th.

We would like you take a look in your closet and see if you have anything you have not been wearing. There is a need for clean gently used clothes that we can pass on to local non-profits in the area. We are in need of childrens, mens, womens and teens clothing as well as un-opened used or new personal hygiene items.

There will be drop off boxes in Humanities, Student Activies, SEM, Bussiness and Student Center Buildings.

Again, all your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Thank you,

Tiffany Walton
Human Services Club President

Virgil Adams, Professor
Faculty Advisor
Performances
November, 12, 13, 19, 20 at 8 p.m.
Sundays November 14, 21 at 4 p.m.

Almost Maine

Written by
John Cariani

Directed by
Judd Johnson

On a cold, clear, winter night, the Northern Lights hover over the remote town of Almost, Maine. All is not quite what it seems as the town's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in hilariously unexpected, and often unusual ways. Told through a series of eight stories, this enchanting midwinter night's dream will touch the audience with humor, heartbreak and hope.

Studio Theater
General Admission Tickets - $15
Seniors, Students with student ID and Children under 12 - $12
CELEBRATE NATIONAL DISTANCE LEARNING WEEK*

Join the Cypress College Distance Education Program in the celebration of National Distance Education Week from November 8 through 12, 2010.

Did you know that at Cypress College nearly 10% of our offerings are distance education courses? And, more and more traditional in-person courses are supplemented using the Internet.

You’re Cordially Invited To Attend The Distance Learning Week Activities

Distance Education Open House for Students and Faculty

Tuesday, November 9, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.,
in the Distance Learning Lab on the first floor of
the Learning Resource Center

All are welcome to come by to say hello, explore
Blackboard, and get answers to your questions!

Accessible Learning Content Design,
Presented by Jayme Johnson

Wednesday, November 10, 2:00 p.m., in the
Cypress College Complex, Room 414. PLEASE RSVP
using the NOCCCD Staff Development Registration
system in MyGateway.

Jayme Johnson is the Web Accessibility Instructor
at the High Tech Center Training Unit (HTCTU) for the California Community Colleges. His presentation will highlight web accessibility and how help ALL students, the use of emerging technologies and accessibility compliance, and best practices for creating accessible course materials.

Distance Education Presentation for the Cypress College Academic Senate

Thursday, November 11, 3:00 p.m., in Cypress College Complex, Room 419.

The Distance Education Program will introduce the web version of the Cypress College Distance Education Course Quality Rubric and the newly redesigned Cypress College Distance Education Faculty Basics course.

Please contact Jeanne Miller, Cypress College Distance Education Coordinator, at jmiller@cypresscollege.edu for more information.

*The United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) promotes National Distance Education Week to generate greater awareness and appreciation of learning at a distance. http://www.usdla.org/ndlw/