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Annual Conference Set for February in Palm Springs

Mark your calendar! The Riviera Resort & Racquet Club in Palm Springs will be the site of the annual spring ACCE Conference. The dates are Monday, February 12, through Wednesday, February 14, 2001. The Conference will be a time for all of us to share our latest successes and to learn from each other.

The beauty of the Resort and of the Palm Springs area will be a real plus for us all. Should you decide to start your holiday early, ACCE members will be able to enjoy the conference rate over the week-end.

You will receive a reminder card and a complete brochure with all the details later this fall. If you have suggestions for conference workshops, please feel free to contact me at louis@sbcc.net.

--Barbra Schantz-Louis, Santa Barbara City College

Notes from the Chancellor's Office

Joint Board Committee (JBC) on Noncredit and Adult Education

Ms. Monica Lozano, President of the Board of Education, recently named two new members to the JBC, Susan Hammer and Robert Abernathy. A third appointment may be forthcoming. The Board of Governors appointments to the JBC are Julie Korenstein, Patricia G. Siever, and Irene Menegas.

The JBC Work Group (comprised of field practitioners) is co-chaired by staff from the State Dept. of Education (SDE) and the Chancellor's Office, California Community Colleges (COCCC). Co-chair Joan Polster of SDE has resigned from the Department and accepted a position with the Sacramento County Office of Education. Mary Weaver will assume Ms. Polster's responsibilities on an interim basis. Co-chair Lynn Miller of the COCCC retired and Jose Michel has assumed Dr. Miller's position as Dean of

Curriculum Standards and Instructional Services. When positions are filled, the work of the JBC and the JBC Work Group should resume.

(916) 323-2601. Application deadline: **4:00 p.m., Sept. 29, 2000.**

Upcoming Meetings

September 21 & October 12, 2000? Noncredit Matriculation Task Force, Sacramento (Develop recommendation(s) for a noncredit matriculation funding formula)

October 20, 2000? Matriculation Advisory Committee, Sacramento (Noncredit funding formula presented)

November 14 & 15, 2000? Model Program Standards Task Forces, Sacramento (First meeting to begin development of standards for noncredit categories: ESL, Elementary Basic Skills, Secondary Basic Skills, Parenting, and Older Adults)

*---Norma Morris, Chancellor's
Office*

President's Letter

ACCE EXECUTIVE BOARD HOLDS ITS ANNUAL RETREAT IN SANTA BARBARA

ACCE Executive Board Members met at La Casa de Maria in Montecito on July 17 and 18, 2000 for the annual Board retreat. The time spent together resulted in an excellent planning document for ACCE activities in 2000-2001.

Agenda items included a review of last year's conference and a look ahead at the 2001 conference to be held in Palm Springs. We heard reports from the Chancellor's office representatives, the legislative analyst, and the three council member leaders.

This was a time to look at the 1999-2000 goals and to set new goals for 2000-2001. We considered and reviewed the previous budget and calendar, established our current operating budget, and worked on a master calendar for our future meetings, conferences, and next year's retreat. All in all it was a successful time spent together. As I presided over this group I was very much aware and pleased at the high energy level and professional dedication of my colleagues on the board. I realized how lucky the members

and I are to have such a great group of volunteers working for and on behalf of ACCE.

The fiscal year 2000-2001 promises to be one of high interest and growth for all ACCE members.

---Ray Ramirez, ACCE President

Economic Development Council News

Greetings to everyone! I hope you had a fantastic summer and got to enjoy some time away.

We stayed busy in Economic Development with regional practitioner meetings, statewide committee elections (Contract Education), and some exciting news about additional dollars for regional Economic Development projects! An additional \$8 million (and may go up to \$10!) was approved for the Chancellor's Office to fund additional Industry Driven Regional Collaborative projects previously submitted, approved though not enough funds were available at the time.

What does this mean to the rest of us? Well, you can check out the Chancellor's Office website for a list of approved projects and see if those in your area might be of interest to you. You may not be able to participate (since they've already submitted some draft plans) but you may be able to use any products that are created as a result of their award! All Economic Development Program funded projects are required to share any outcomes and products created with colleges who desire them. Look and see, call and inquire as to applicability to you and potential enhancements to your own offerings with their support.

I'd also like to hear from any of you who have unique or interesting projects and/or programs that you've funded or cost-recovered in creative ways. We're always interested in hearing about creative folks out there! Have you combined Community Education and Contract Education on a project or two to serve a unique population or clientele, or used alternative local or regional funds to meet the needs of a local industry cluster or employer group?

What ever it is, email me (shammer@ednet.cc.ca.us) and let me know! Remember to watch your mail for the Call for Conference Presentations. We want to hear about your success, in person, at the conference in Palm Springs!

Membership News

Please look at your 2000 ACCE Directory and e-mail me with with any additions or changes. We are continually making corrections to the directory. My e-mail

address is revelr@mail.arc.losrios.cc.ca.us. Our new membership drive will begin in November for January 2001 membership.

---Raymelle Revel, American River College

Community Service Council News

Fee-based programs throughout the State have undergone many changes since we all began delivering services many years ago. In the Mt. San Jacinto Community College District, we have been offering fee-based classes since 1983. The changes our district has seen include the addition of noncredit courses in 1985, the addition of customized training in 1988, and a drastic change in registration procedures a few short years ago.

The major enrollment change was moving registration for both fee-based classes and noncredit courses from the Community Education office to Enrollment Services. The philosophy was to provide ``one-stop" registration for students. While a good theory, it was not necessarily practical as 90% of our students registered by mail or by phone. In addition, Enrollment Services staff members have not been as knowledgeable about programming as Community Education staff; thus, students requesting information have always been routed back to the Community Education office. Adding to registration challenges was our conversion last year to Datatel. If you haven't had this delightful experience,.....hummmm, sometimes words escape me.

Because of the experiences noted above, I would appreciate responses to the following short survey questions:

1. How long have you offered fee-based classes?
2. What office registers your community education students (fee-based and noncredit): Community Education Office, College Admissions Office, or Other?
3. What registration software do you use?

4. If you are using Datatel, have you had any problems in the creation of the fee-based catalog?

Please respond by e-mail to dking@msjc.cc.ca.us

Thank you for your time and effort. If you have any issues you would like to see addressed in this section of the newsletter, please e-mail them to me.

---DeLoise King, Mt. San Jacinto College

Noncredit Council News

Hopefully, you're all off to a good start this fall. If my program is at all like yours, there are more students at your door than you can serve. I am sure you all, like me, would rather have it that way than be out there hustling to try and fill empty seats!

As I am sure you know by now, the Governor vetoed the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) that would have helped raise our apportionment. Once again the Chancellor's Office has a new BCP making its way through the system for next year. This one isn't for the 11 million that we didn't get last year, it's for \$48.8 million. I don't know what chance we'll have to get that one through when we didn't succeed previously for a lot less money. If anyone wants a copy of the newest version of the BCP, which looks amazingly like the last version ? only the dollars are different, give me a call and I'll be glad to fax it to you. There are four main points in this BCP and they are as follows:

Improve the alignment and sequencing of specified courses in their noncredit curriculum,

Improve instructional and student support services for noncredit,

Add noncredit data elements to the Statewide Management Information System(MIS) maintained by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, and

Establish/improve inter and intra college collaboration for noncredit instruction.

Now that I have most of your e-mail addresses, I am going to have them put on a listserve here at my office. That way I'll be able to connect with you on a more regular basis as things come up. If for some reason I don't have your e-mail address, or you think that I may not have a correct e-mail

address for you, please let me know so I can update my files. There are some issues that I would like your response to and I think the e-mail route is the most expedient way to obtain your input.

My e-mail address is lanidev@glendale.cc.ca.us. Feel free to contact me.

---Lani DeVincentis, Glendale College