

THE Bulletin

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President Okays 27 New Faculty Positions for fall

MCC's campuses are growing, so it comes as no surprise that President Christiansen is forwarding 27 new faculty positions to the Maricopa Community College District for posting. A nine-member Staffing Committee, appointed by and including Faculty Senate President **Jeff Andelora**, prioritized the list of positions; Dean on Instruction **Gail Mee** was also involved with the Committee.

According to Jeff, the Committee begins with the following tasks:

- Gather information from the Office of Research and Planning
- Consider enrollment trends and ratios of part-time to full-time faculty
- Collect information from department chairs
- Consider how the hiring fits into each department's strategic plan

Next, the Staffing Committee invites department chairs to sit at their table, to clarify any details. Following this discussion, the

Committee meets with the associate deans. Since the requested number of positions always seems to be greater than the dollars to support them, determining which positions are the most critical presents a formidable challenge for the group. From here the Committee make recommendations to



Faculty Senate President Jeff Andelora explains the process for identifying and prioritizing MCC's faculty positions fall 2001.

President Christiansen, which he may alter if he chooses. The president then forwards the positions to the District for posting.

Jeff said that approximately nine of the 27 positions will be located at Red Mountain, though some positions could be split—like

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MCC's All-Arizona Awards Luncheon

boasted numerous prestigious guests, not the least of whom were the award-winning students from across the state. Top left, Gerald Hoopes, Jr., Pres., Eastern Arizona College, presents flowers to coordinator Marie Allen; top right, the musicians, "Muse;" center, MCC Faculty Honors Coordinator Betsy Hertzler (left) with MCC's winning students, Janet Staples (center) and Tina Sanborn; lower left, former State Attorney Gen. Grant Woods; and lower right, Gov. Hull's Policy Advisor for Education Christy Anderson.

More Traffic, More Fixes

The Arizona Dept. of Transportation (ADOT) plans to widen the Superstition Freeway from the exit east of Stapley Drive to the I-10 "stack area" in Tempe. ADOT's plan includes the widening of six north/south bridges above the freeway as well. Two of the bridges slated for widening are located at Alma School and Dobson; both affect students/faculty traveling to and from MCC's Southern & Dobson campus.

Dean of Administrative Services **Ron Etter** offered details on the project. He noted that ADOT has let the construction bids and that no single contractor will be responsible for all of the roadwork. At the Dobson exit, he continued, the freeway off-ramp will be widened and a right-hand lane will be added on Dobson Road, allowing vehicles to clear the off-ramp and merge with northbound traffic. Widening the off-ramp and adding the merge lane necessitates ADOT's access to campus property adjacent to the ramp, where a pump house is now located. The State Board of Directors for Community Colleges of Arizona currently owns this property. After negotiations with ADOT, the MCCD Governing Board will forward this property issue to the State Board for action.

Regarding other traffic issues on campus, the City of Mesa recently installed a left-turn arrow on Dobson (southbound), where it intersects with what is generally known as "Hospital Drive." The short east-west drive carries this moniker because it also serves as an entrance to Desert Samaritan Hospital, directly across from the college.

Dean Etter said the college has wanted a left-turn arrow at Hospital Drive for several years. He credited three influences that may have motivated the City to act at this time: (1) students and employees who did an excellent job of expressing their concerns; (2) a traffic accident record that attests to the need for a left turn signal (four accidents during the past semester); and (3) a responsive City Council, particularly the more recently elected members. Dean Etter said that Council member **Jim Davidson** made personal contact with him by telephone to discuss this issue.

Calendar

March is National Women's History Month.

Thurs. & Fri., March 8-9

"Goin' West," *A Dancing Diary Through Old America*, March 8-9, 7:30 p.m., Theatre Outback. Tickets: \$5 MCC students; \$7 seniors/18 & under, MCC faculty/staff/alumni; \$8 general public. Tickets on sale at the Theatre Box Office (TH 1). Box Office hours Monday-Friday, 1:30-5 p.m., questions and reservations, 461-7170.

Mon. through Fri., March 12-16, Spring Break.

Sat., March 24, Homeownership Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Kirk Student Center.

Thurs.-Sat., March 29-31 and April 1

Chamber Opera Theatre, "*Cliff Notes*," of *Broadway's Best* March 29-31 at 7:30 p.m.

April 1 at 2 p.m.

MCC Theatre Outback

(Tickets available; contact Theatre Box Office, 461-7170)

Sat. & Sun., March 31-Apr. 1

Reptile Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Navajo Room.

The Box Office is open in the Theatre Office (TH1) Monday through Friday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Phone 461-7170 for tickets and information.



On World Language Awareness Day

(Feb. 28), the Navajo Room was jam-packed with students using their passports to "visit" countries worldwide. Among the performers who transported visitors around the world with music were (bottom left) organist and Spanish faculty member **Rex Arnett** and (bottom right) **Trio Los Principes**. Other performances highlighted music and dance from Spain, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, China, Latin America, Mexico, Tahiti and Portugal.

You Be the Judge . . . at the “Big Speak Out”

Communications faculty member **Erin Rawson** is looking for a few good men and women to serve as judges at “The Big Speak Out” on Friday, April 20. It’s an on-campus speech tournament that happens every semester and gives all students—not just those enrolled in Communications classes—a chance to test their speaking skills.



“Faculty love it because it gives students extra experience outside of class,” Erin said. She noted that an English as a Second Language component has been added. ESL students

compete against other ESL students to make the competition fair among new learners of the language.

Erin urges faculty not only to encourage their students to participate, but also to consider judging the competition themselves. In a group of seven participating students, there are three judges. “Non-speech” judges are paired with “speech judges,” so newcomers always have an experienced judge available for any

questions. Criteria for judging are listed right on the evaluation form, and judges attend a brief training session one-half hour before the competition begins.

Erin said it is important to have “non-speech” judges because they evaluate the speech from a different perspective. Faculty who teach Communications tend to focus on presentation, body language, and the finer points of public speaking, whereas the untrained judge can often be more objective about the overall impact of the speech and its appeal to a general audience.

The call for judges is not limited to faculty. All employees—in fact any adults who are not students—can be judges. Volunteering as a judge requires only a 2-hour commitment and includes a free pizza lunch.

Each year The Big Speak Out grows larger. When Erin first coordinated the event four years ago, only 25 students participated; now more than 80 enter the competition. A greater number of student competitors requires more employees willing to serve as judges. An invitation to The Big Speak Out will arrive in all employees’ mailboxes just after Spring Break. For more information or to volunteer as a judge, contact Erin Rawson (formerly Erin Adams) at erinadams@mail.mc.maricopa.edu or 461-7529.

First-Hand Experience Makes History Real For Others

On February 3, Library Administrator **Kaye Sugiyama** gave a presentation at the American Historical Society Museum in Tempe about her childhood years at Gila River Camps 1 and 2 during World War II. Oriented primarily toward teachers, the workshop was entitled “A Lesson in American History: The Japanese American Experience.”



The course objectives were (a) to explore an understanding of cultural perspectives; (b) explore the prejudice and discrimination relative to the internment of 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry during the War, as well as the constitutional issues surrounding the same; (c) provide an overview study of Japanese Americans, including a history of their culture, achievement, issues, philosophy, and modern-day outlook; and (d) provide teachers with lesson plan ideas to teach about the Japanese American Internment, including goals, interdisciplinary activities, and evaluations.

Kaye Sugiyama said that the educational workshop, sponsored by the Japanese American Citizens League, was very interesting. “American history books have not covered a lot of the minority issues,” she said, “but more people are becoming aware that this kind of injustice happened.”

To learn more about the Japanese American experience, Kaye recommends *The Quiet American*, by Bill Hosokawa, who is a former editor for the *Denver Post*.





Rona Aguilar, an MCC Business student who participates in the Service Learning program, greeted book buyers at the Scholastic Book Fair last week. Presented by MCC America Reads and the C.O.O.L. Council, proceeds from book sales during Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration Week will be used to purchase new books for underprivileged children in our community.

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music, for example. A part-time music position has the potential to become a full-time position at Red Mountain as the campus grows.

For the first time, MCC is formally submitting positions for two campuses, but the process remains much the same as in the past:

- An ALETRT is issued to let the faculty on MCC's campuses know the positions are open and to give them "first crack at them"
- The positions are posted within the Maricopa Community College District for two weeks.
- Faculty position openings are made known to the community and beyond, advertising the openings on the Chronicle of High Education and other print-based media and also on the District Web site.

Congratulations to this year's diligent Staffing Committee members:

Chair Mark Gooding, Danene Richardson, Shereen Lerner, Janice Reilly, Harlod Cranswick, Mangala Jashua, Charles Lewis, and Judy Christensen and, of course, Jeff.



On Feb. 22, members of the C.O.O.L. Council, sponsored by MCC's Center for Service Learning, came together to serve the homeless of our community. For this first C.O.O.L. event of the spring semester, which took place at Paz de Cristo, the students not only prepared and served food but also cleaned up afterward.

Pictured above (left) are **Kim Shelly, Caralee Ellingson, and Spencer Ellingson**, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Preparing drinks are **Jayne Seaman and Seth Miller**.

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