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Faculty Leaders Share Their Thoughts

Shereen Lerner—Chair of Chairs

Like any effective leader, Shereen Lerner recognizes that it takes more than just a new chairperson to make good things happen within a group. In her new position as Chair of Chairs, Shereen depends on the entire team—two dozen department chairs—to help set the direction for 2001-2002.

Shereen teaches Anthropology and also chairs the Cultural Science Dept. at MCC's Southern and Dobson campus. At a recent Chair Association meeting, she identified eight potential issues to address in the upcoming year. After the other department chairs had a chance to peruse her list, they added a few items of their own. In future meetings, the department chairs will pare the list to five or

six issues that relate most specifically to the college environment, learning and the students.

"We look for common issues that most of the departments share," Shereen said, "and we try to look at the college as a whole." Even though the departments are each a little different, topics like technology and services for students are of interest to faculty in every department.



Shereen Lerner—
Chair of Chairs

Department cohesiveness takes on a new dimension when faculty members are physically located on two separate campuses. Shereen noted that all of MCC's department chairs are located at the Southern and Dobson campus, as well as the majority of MCC students. "We need to be working with the faculty at MCC's Red Mountain campus, and we are all looking at ways to do this." It's important, she said, to make sure that the Red Mountain faculty feel like they are part of their respective departments. Our challenge is to communicate and keep the information flowing.

"One of the most rewarding parts of serving in this position is getting to know the other department chairs," Shereen said. "They have a wealth of knowledge and a lot to offer this campus, and I will get to learn from them."

Mark Gooding— Faculty Senate President

Mark Gooding teaches English composition at MCC and has recently claimed the title of Faculty Senate President. "The Faculty Senate provides a voice for the faculty," Mark said. "Its function is to protect the *Residential Faculty Policies Manual*, which is the agreement that faculty have negotiated with the administration." MCC's Faculty Senate also sends five representa-

tives to the Faculty Executive Council, which is the *Faculty Senate* at the District level.



Mark Gooding—
Faculty Senate President

When he came onboard as the new president, Mark presented his wish list to the Senate for 2001-2002. Of the seven items on his list, most pertain to professional growth activities, salaries, benefits, budgets, plans, policies and streamlining of existing systems. But the item that tops the list has a broader impact, affecting nearly every employee and

student on both campuses: *finding a workable solution to the "technology problem" at MCC.*

Currently, several groups, organizations, and departments have a hand in MCC's technology issues. "What we have is chaos," Mark said. "We're not all on the same page, and we don't even have a plan right now." He noted that MCC's Technology/Management Sub-Team recently issued a report that presents a concept for managing technology on our campuses (see the complete report on the Faculty Senate Web site: <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/users/facultysenate/>). "It's a good start," Mark said, "but what we need is a collective vision."

Another issue in which Faculty Senate members play a key role is the selection of Innovative Projects, a funding opportunity that was introduced to MCC employees for the first time last year. President Christiansen released \$200,000 from monies earned

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They're Checking Your Pressure . . . with a Smile

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, MCC's Block I Nursing students conducted their first community health promotion of the year at five locations on the S&D campus. Nursing students not only provided blood pressure screenings but also educated anyone who would listen about the risk factors and symptoms of high blood pressure. Pictured above is MCC student **Miharu Matsushima** (left) having her blood pressure checked by Nursing student **Lisa Porter**.



Everybody's Watching

Catch of the Month is an award given to a Good Samaritan—a person who performs an act of kindness or assists someone who needs help. The **Employee of the Month** award recognizes an employee who is doing an outstanding job, showing initiative, or going above and beyond normal duties.

The Bulletin is proud to announce the first employees to win these two awards in 2001-2002. For the month of September, we congratulate Catch of the Month Lanae Jackson and Employee of the Month Rick Effland. Don't forget to nominate a deserving coworker as Catch or Employee of the Month for October. Please send your nominations to Shereen Lerner by Wednesday, Oct. 31: slerner@mail.mc.maricopa.edu. Keep your eyes open and send nominations anytime you spot an ideal candidate for either of these two awards.

Catch of the Month **Lanae Jackson**: *Doug and I would like to nominate Lanae Jackson. She works for Records and Registration and is housed in the Honors*

Program office. Anyone in our building has witnessed numerous instances of Lanae going the proverbial extra mile for a stu-



dent, staff or faculty member. She is constantly looking for ways to be of service and does it all with a smile and terrific sense of humor. We are very fortunate to have her in our building! Nominated by **Betsy Hertzler** and **Doug Conway**

Employee of the Month **Rick Effland**: *I nominate Rick Effland for Employee of the Month. Since the beginning of the semester, the Cultural and Social Science departments have been implementing a new program using laptop computers in the*

classrooms. Rick has become the central point for this program when there are problems with technology, everyone goes



to him for help. It was a result of his encouragement that the Cultural Science Dept. bought the laptops. They are now being used in the classroom by students on a daily basis and by Anthropology, Education, Sociology, Geography, History, Political Science and Economics faculty. If Rick were not so willing to help faculty learn to use the computers and fix the glitches and technical problems, we would not be able to have this program. Nominated by **Shereen Lerner**



Arms Full of Empty Bowls

Mesa Empty Bowls is an annual event to commemorate World Hunger Day. Hosted by Mesa Community College and the Mesa Arts Center on Oct. 10, this year's event drew its usual large crowd of "perfect-bowl seekers" and generous contributors, many leaving with an armload of ceramic treasures. Empty bowls were purchased for \$8 each (which included a cup of soup, a roll, and a glass of water), and the proceeds went to Paz de Cristo Community Center. A silent auction, spotlighting several exquisite pieces of art, raised additional money to provide food for families.



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through MCC's entrepreneurial activities to be used by all employee groups for innovative projects. Mark served on the committee that selected the winning proposals for last year and will be involved with this year's selection process as well. After a careful review of budgets, Dr. Christiansen and employee leaders agreed to a more conservative funding amount for this year's Innovative Projects. The funding available for 2001-2002 will be \$100,000.

A change in the *process* is on the docket, too. "We are going to tighten up the guidelines this year," Mark said. "We'd like the Innovative Projects proposals to be more specific." He added that last year, nearly all of the proposals were submitted by faculty. "I would love to get more employee groups involved this year," he said.

Don't Forget to complete your United Way pledge form and turn it in to Janet Felton (President's Office, 461-7300) before this year's campaign ends on November 2. If you contribute by check, please make it payable to *Mesa United Way*. Thank you!

Check It Out

Call the US 60 Construction Information Hotline at 1-877-700-US60 for daily updates on the freeway-widening project near MCC's Southern and Dobson campus. For more complete information, including maps, visit <http://www.superstitionfreeway.com/>.

Go to <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/theatre/perform/> to check the dates for upcoming Theater, Music and Dance performances.

Click on <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/stuserv/athletics/> for game times in Men's and Women's Sports at Mesa Community College.

Visit <http://www.mc.maricopa.edu/academic/ctl/events.html> for information on "Just in Time" learning opportunities at the Center for Teaching and Learning.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 15 through Thursday, Oct. 25

Art Faculty Show
Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Navajo Room, Kirk Center,
S&D campus

Thursday, Oct. 25

Brown Bag Lunch/Conversation:
**“The Facility Master Plan:
Looking Forward to the
Bond—The Big Picture”**
Noon to 1 p.m.
Kiva Room, S&D campus
Lunch will be provided.
The following items will be discussed:

1. How do we perceive and prioritize the issues?
 - ... Cluster Planning
 - ... Expanded Student Services (testing, the student union)
 - ... Virtual Services
 - ... Refurbishing older buildings
2. Why should we have discussions regarding building?
3. What is the standard we should set regarding students and their needs?

No RSVP required
Contact: Donella Eberle, 461-7625

Saturday, Oct 27

Cosmic Bowling and Halloween Party
3-6 p.m.
Brunswick Lanes on Southern
For more information, call 225-5220.

Tuesday, October 30

Flu Shots

Kiva Room, Kirk Center, S&D campus
Flu shots are free to employees with benefits (please bring insurance card to appointment).
Adjunct faculty, 49 percent and part-time staff, including student workers, pay \$20 for flu shot.
Pneumonia vaccines (suggest once every five years) available for \$25.
For appointments and information, please call Gail, 461-7678.

Monday, Nov. 5

Applications due for Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family program

The Student Activities Dept. is sponsoring the 2001 Holiday Adopt-A-Family program for the Thanksgiving and Winter holidays. This program benefits MCC students and their families who are in need of Thanksgiving or Winter Holiday assistance.
For more information, call Nora, 461-7277.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Gerald C. Smith Memorial Golf Tournament

Monies raised will go toward the MCC Athletic Scholarship Fund
Check-in 7 a.m.; Shotgun start 8 a.m.
Trilogy Golf in Gilbert
Deadline for registration:
October 30, 2001
Contact the MCC Athletic Dept., 461-7542



Art Faculty Show

Everybody's an art critic, and you have just one more day to do your own critiquing at the Art Faculty Show in the Navajo Room of the Kirk Center.



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Community Celebrates Grand Opening of MCC's Red Mountain Campus

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, Mesa Community College hosted the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for its new Red Mountain campus in East Mesa. Alumni, community leaders, employees, students, supporters and friends shared in this special celebration to mark yet another milestone for MCC and to underscore its continuing success as an outstanding provider of educational opportunities. Mesa Community College is the first of 10 colleges in the Maricopa Community College District to have two campuses. In the photos below and on the back, we share the spirit of the day.



Left to right: Dr. Larry K. Christiansen, Rep. Dean Cooley, Dr. John Cordova, Dr. Donald Campbell, John Rhodes, Phyllis Kramer, Mary Mazzocco, Dr. Louis Casillas, Linda Rosenthal, DWL architect Jeremy Jones, Nancy Stein, and (back) Arlen Solochek.



Picture at left - Back: Ron Etter; front, left to right: Ian Chamberlin, Malu Alfaro, Maggie Kennedy, Aaron Verdugo, Johnice Wilkins, Jim Dusek and Anita Dusek. Picture at right - Clubs and departments were invited to display.



Left (l to r): Jesse De Anda, Dr. Mary Vanis and Dr. Joseph Pearson. Middle (l to r): Debbie Black, Mora Shahan and Ronald Montgomery. Right (l to r): Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker and Wayne Balmer.



Left (l to r): Rep. Dean Cooley and Yvonne Schmidt. Middle (l to r): Ross Farnsworth and Bill Huizingh, Anna Thoennes in back. Right (l to r): Dr. Debra Dwall, Dr. Jim Zaharis and Cheryl Zaharis.



Left (l to r): Dr. Donald Campbell and Dr. Louis Casillas. Middle: Mayor Keno Hawker. Right (l to r): Spencer Peterson, Joni Grover and Jule Kuhn.