

Admin/Tech Pro Department Updates for August, 2009

Assessment: over 7,000 tests administered since the beginning of the year.

- In June, we launched the new ACCUPLACER platform which has improved the efficiency of test setup and produced the ability to extrapolate better demographic data.
- Working with RRCC Sustainable Energy and community businesses, we have developed online pre-tests and post-tests this semester as well as proctoring certification tests.
- Working with Multi-Graphic Development, we have setup proctoring online Adobe Certification tests for RRCC students.
- We are administering more online tests this semester as teachers are finding the benefits of using online tests for their classes.

Business Services: The books are closed on our first full year in Banner finance! We are currently working on our financial statements and footnotes for fiscal 09, required disclosures to the State, and our auditors return to complete the fieldwork for our annual audit for FY09 in mid-September. We have also been representing the Community Colleges with the federal General Accountability Office (GAO) auditors regarding our use of the Recovery Act monies provided under the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund. All is going well and we're all very glad to be in a new fiscal year. Kathy

Children's Center: Cindy Krut, current assistant director, former teacher here for 10 years has left to be the director in a center in Singapore. We have hired two new teachers; just spent \$23,500 in grant funds over the last couple of months-look at the playground upgrades that were included in that grant. Watch for a miniature golf course (4 holes) coming soon. Staff will receive 2 day training in High Scope curriculum next week that should interface well with our current Reggio Emilia practices and child directed philosophy. Thanks! Sue

eLearning department: Working on the move from Blackboard to Desire2Learn. Two components: 1) migrating class content from one system to the other and 2) getting ALL of the full time and part time teachers trained on the new system.

Enrollment Services: Dean Rathe, Marilyn Kenfield, Linda Crook and Sarah Goepel (Advising & Recruitment) and Thyra Powers (Instructional Services) have been training on DegreeWorks. DegreeWorks is a degree audit program and an academic advisement tool designed to help students understand the degree requirements for their major. This degree audit program is a Web-based program that takes the courses a student's transcript and reorganizes them to fulfill the requirements for their degree. CCCS is hopeful that DegreeWorks will go live sometime in November.

High School Enrollment (PSEO) registration dates for Jefferson County High Schools and Warren Tech will be held at RRCC on Sept. 8th, 9th & 10th from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. and Sept. 12th from 9:00 – 12:00. Volunteers welcome! We will hold a banner training meeting for those interested in assisting high school students with the registration process on Aug. 31st from 10-11 a.m. in the Gateway Room.

Marketing:

- New view book/brochures are available – designed to provide a quick overview, these are ideal for recruitment, ed fairs, community events and are available at no charge. See Donna or Kim in Marketing
- New pocket folders are available – they match view books, schedule and catalog. No charge, see Marketing
- New Web site launched recently – be sure to report any broken links or content that needs updating to Aimee (aimee.cohen@rrcc.edu)
- Hired photography student worker to shoot special events and every day campus life. Please keep Marketing informed of anything interesting in your area that would make a good photo opp. Contact Kim or Aimee with photo requests
- Marketing is hiring a ¾ time (with benefits) Web Developer. We need a person with strong technical skills—Flash, programming, database development, etc.

Student Life:

- Student Life Desk keeping up with the “Crush” of Students
 - Sports Survey is out to Fall Students
 - Disc Golf Course Changes to be Completed by Friday
 - PTK Invitations mailed Mid-September
 - Game Room Added Music Speakers
 - Flat Screens will be added for Wii and Xbox next week
- That's it for now. Thanks. Ernie

Special Services: We've expanded out lab by five computers and will be starting electronic log –in by October.

Suzanne Sullivan: TONIGHT - The Mile High Community Band, a RRCC Ensemble, presents a free concert on Thursday evening, 8/24, in the Community Room. Tunes from the 60's, patriotic pieces and jazz favorites will be featured. Join your colleagues for an evening of fun!

Library: We are working hard on installing a small recording studio and video editing studio. We just purchased 4 Canon SLRs w a telephoto lens and a wide-angle. The Writing Center move to the main library floor has been highly successful and popular. We are also working on a grant to purchase Amazon Kindles and circulate them among staff, faculty and students.
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