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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr.

With graduation right around the corner, I know that everyone is getting ready to finish out their classes and is looking forward to the Summer. Even while the school year is winding down, our progress with construction and the implementation of our MIS are in full gear. The results of our community survey on Industry and Workforce in the Rio Hondo College Service Area have been tabulated and the College will begin to develop new curriculum for our career and technical education which will include a greater emphasis on the Health Care fields, Environmental fields and Heavy Equipment Mechanics. To that end we will be searching for a new Dean of Career and Technical Education to help guide the College through these changes. We also welcome this month Susan Herney as the Director of Marketing and Communications for the College. Susan brings over 20 years of experience to the position and will oversee our internal and external communications.

As I approach the close of my first year here, I wish to thank this entire community for your support, your flexibility, and your commitment to making Rio Hondo College the very best that we can be, with the single goal of enabling student success.

Strategic Planning for Career and Technical Education

Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. took on the task of reviewing the college's offerings when he arrived in July 2007. He then commissioned a survey of industry and the workforce in the Rio Hondo College service area to identify opportunities to align the career and technical education at the college.

The results of the survey provide so many opportunities for the college in this area that there is now a new position, Dean of Career and Technical Education to coordinate this initiative.

At the April 16, 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Paul Garza, Jr. from Verches Associates presented the findings to the Board. He explained that Rio Hondo has the unique position of being a part of the San Gabriel Valley and the Gateway cities industry and workforce area. Mr. Garza reported that the Rio Hondo service area has a diverse industrial base with rapidly growing industrial clusters which include Healthcare, Environment, and Transportation and Logistics. Several of these industries would like to use Rio Hondo College as a training center for their employees, and look to Rio Hondo College graduates as prospective employees.

The college will begin developing offerings for training in the following areas: Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants, Environmental Engineering Technicians, Biological Technicians and Heavy Equipment Mechanics of all types.

The survey results provide the College with a road map for the strategic planning of curriculum to meet the needs of the communities that Rio Hondo College serves and to create a skilled and educated workforce to sustain the local economy.



- The most important economic driver is the Alameda Corridor
- It enables LAC to be the largest manufacturing center in the US
- RHC has virtually no entertainment industry

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES IS HONORED BY NASPA

Rio Hondo College Vice President Henry Gee was presented with the inaugural "Outstanding Mentoring Award" for outstanding service to the NASPA Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community in Boston, Massachusetts, at the March National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) national conference.



NASPA is the leading voice for student affairs administration, policy and practice and affirms the commitment of student affairs to educating the whole student and integrating student life and learning. With over 11,000 members at 1,400 campuses, and representing 29 countries, NASPA is the largest professional association for student affairs administrators, faculty and graduate students. NASPA members are committed to serving college students by embracing the core values of diversity, learning, integrity, collaboration, access, service, fellowship, and the spirit of inquiry.

Vice President Gee's advocacy for students and for quality services for students has been recognized previously by NASPA. He has been named the "Pillar of the Profession" by the NASPA Foundation in 2004 and the "Shattering the Glass Ceiling Award" from the NASPA Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community in 2003.

Vice President Gee has served Rio Hondo College for nearly four years as the College's Student Services Vice President. He has played an integral role in the restructuring of the Student Service Division and is a member of the College management team.

The President's Message for the Inaugural Gala



On behalf of the entire Rio Hondo College community, I thank you for attending the Inaugural President's Gala. The gala has been designed to raise money for the important and timely issues that face the college.

This year we have chosen "Boots to Books" help our veterans transition to college. Now is an historic time and Rio Hondo College is afforded the opportunity to be both an educational institution and a transformative agent in the lives of these veterans.

I would like to thank Supervisor Don Knabe for generously serving as our Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

I hope that you will support our efforts to enhance our service to veterans by offering a centralized office of veterans services, specialized counseling, scholarships, an emergency loan fund and more. Our veterans have protected our freedoms with their courageous service of our country. Now it is our turn to serve them.

Again, I thank you for your attendance and your generous support of Rio Hondo College and our veterans.



Art Division Updates: March/April 2008

Visual Arts Department

RHC art students are participating in the *California Video* exhibition, currently on display at the Getty Center Museum. As one of three partner schools chosen to participate in this project, RHC students have the opportunity to attend master classes and lectures with top artists in the current show.

Our 2008 artist-in-residence, Sharon Ellis, is currently exhibiting in the RHC Art Gallery. Ms. Ellis' work has been exhibited extensively throughout the US, most recently at The Hammer Museum, Long Beach Museum of Art, and Cleveland Museum of Contemporary Art, among others. Ms. Ellis conducted two lectures and a master class for RHC art students.

Danny Juarez, a RHC adjunct photography instructor, is currently exhibiting at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in *Phantom Sightings: Art after the Chicano Movement*. Rita Gonzalez, curator of this exhibition was a guest lecturer at RHC on April 15.

Performing Arts Department

Seussical, a musical version of Dr. Seuss books, will be at the RHC summer musical, to be performed in the Wray Theatre, July 24-27. Auditions will be held in May and rehearsals begin in June.

For the first time ever, RHC will be conducting a theatre camp for high school students in partnership with South El Monte High School. Technical Theater and Theater Production classes will be taught June 23-August 1. Performances will take place in the Black Box Theatre July 28-30.



Dennis McCarthy, seven-time Grammy winner and composer for the *Star Trek* television series, entertained a large audience of students in the Wray Theatre on March 11 with stories of his life as an arranger, composer and studio musician in TV, film and theatre.

BOARD REPORT

for the Board Meeting April 16, 2008 Pico Park Community Center

Consultant Services: The Board of Trustees approved the Consultant Services of Alliance of Schools for Cooperative Insurance Programs – To provide a consultant in regards to Campus Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Grant Award From the City of Pico Rivera: The Board of Trustees approved a \$1,000 Grant from the City of Pico Rivera for the purpose of subsidizing the "Go Rio" program.

Award of Bid #1134 Building Automation Systems: The Board of Trustees approved Award Bid #1134 – Building Automation Systems base bid and alternate to Climatec Building Technologies Group paid from both 06/07 Scheduled Maintenance Fund and General Fund.

The Building Automation Systems project will replace the entire original pneumatic air control system for the Administration Building second floor with a Direct Digital Control (DDC) system. This would allow for full control of air temperature through the existing Alerton Energy Management System (EMS) via computers rather than through manual adjustment, and improve reliability and efficiency of the air control systems.

Classified Wage Increase for Fiscal Year 2007-2008: The Board of Trustees approved a salary increase of 4.53% for all classified employees, retroactive to July 1, 2007 for fiscal year 2007-2008.

Award of Bid #1135 Miscellaneous Tenant Improvements: The Miscellaneous Tenant Improvement project is to remodel existing facilities to provide new locations for those programs and services having to be relocated out of the Applied Technology Building during construction on that building. The Board of Trustees approved Award Bid #1135 Miscellaneous Tenant Improvement bid to Fast-Track Construction, Inc.

Consultant Agreement: Fabiani & Company - Legislative Advocate: The Board of Trustees approved a new contract with Fabiani & Company, a Federal lobbyist, to facilitate discussions at the federal level for appropriations for Rio Hondo College.

Bus Pass Purchase – Foothill Transit: The Board of Trustees authorized purchase of Foothill Transit bus passes for Fall, 2007 and Spring, 2008 semester. In March 2007, Foothill Transit agreed to join the GO RIO partnership for a second year during the 2007-2008 school year.

Construction Update

Several projects are under construction on campus and many more are scheduled to start in the upcoming months and years. The Library and Learning Resource Center project is proceeding rapidly. The contractor has completed the first floor slab on grade. The second floor slab will be constructed by June. Second floor walls and columns will also be poured during the second quarter. Construction of the retaining wall around the LLRC is complete.

The Infrastructure project is also well underway, and has closed North Drive as well as Lot G (the parking lot behind the Administration Building). The Central Plant project appears to be back on track, as the contractor has completed the regrading of the hill behind the new Central Plant building area. The building pad has reached final grade. The contractor will soon begin paving the new alignment of Observatory Road.

The Lot A Pedestrian Bridge is also under construction. The steel has been erected and the project should be completed by the end of the Spring Semester. The Maintenance Facility Upgrades are nearly complete. Asphalt has been placed and the new fuel pump has been installed and is in use by the College.

Design has been completed on several other projects, which have been submitted to Department of the State Architect for review. These projects include the new PE Complex, the Administration of Justice building, the Student Services Building, the South Whittier Center, and the Terraced Walks project. In addition, DSA approval has been received for the Applied Technology Building Renovation and the new Rio Hondo Parkway. The Applied Technology Building Renovation project is currently out to bid and construction is anticipated to begin this summer. The County of Los Angeles is currently reviewing the design of the Rio Hondo Parkway intersection with Workman Mill Road.

Some streets are still closed on campus. Central Drive is open, but will be closed starting in May 2008. North Drive between West Road and Circle Drive East remains closed for the Infrastructure project. Circle Drive West between Central Drive and Vocational is closed for construction of the Lot A Pedestrian Bridge. The former student drop off area on Central Drive (near Wray Theater) is also closed due to construction activity.



RIO HONDO COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBER PRESENTS AT OXFORD ROUND TABLE

Shin Liu, a faculty member in the Business & Economic Development Division at Rio Hondo College, was invited to present her research at the Oxford Round Table. The Oxford Round Table is a non-profit group that meets at Oxford University in England to consider public policy issues bearing on education in the United States, the United Kingdom, and other selected countries.

Invitees to the Oxford Round Table are determined based on several criteria, among which are nominations by earlier attendees, courses that invitees teach, their presentations and writings, and their professional involvement in a relevant area of interest. An attempt is also made to diversify as to the type of institution, public or private, and to involve institutions representing different levels of education, i.e. schools, community colleges, four-year colleges, graduate and research universities.

This meeting included a group of 40 academics from 10 countries. Representing Rio Hondo College, Ms. Liu presented an article that analyzed the effects of online communication tools on online business classes. The paper will also be published in the Forum on Public Policy, a journal of the Oxford Round Table. Papers from the Round Table are published in leading journals and in books of respected publishing houses, including Elsevier, Wadsworth, Pearson, Thomson-West, and McGill-Queen's University Press.



Ms. Liu's presentation has strengthened the recognition of the scholarly work that is taking place at Rio Hondo College. She returned from the conference with valuable resources and experiences which are being shared with the faculty and students of Business department of Rio Hondo College to enhance the understanding of the complexity of on-line education.

ATHLETICS

Track Team Ends Season on a High Note

Rio Hondo's Track and Field team participated in its final invitational on April 18 at The Orange Coast Open. The Roadrunners had one more chance to show their skill before the Foothill Conference Championships, starting on April 19 with preliminaries.



In the men's 1500m, Freshman Ervin Romo finished first in his heat with a remarkable time of 4:21, placing tenth overall out of 24 runners. Romo also competed in the 800m and finished second in the third heat with a time of 2:06. Gabriel Nava, who also competed in the 800m, was not too far behind with a time of 2:13. Ulises Lorenzo switched up from his normal events when he ran the 5000-meter-run. He finished second overall with an exceptional time of 16:33 (this averages out to a little over four minutes a mile). Heather Karafa took part in the Women's 1500m and finished 5th in her heat and sixteenth overall with a recorded a time of 5:58. She also ran the 800m and clocked in at 2:54.

Rio Hondo Baseball Team

Moves Closer to the Playoffs

In Rio's latest road game on April 10th it faced Cerro Coso Coyotes. Rio dominated the field with a victory of 21-5 over the Coyotes.

As of April 9th the Roadrunners were tied for second in the Foothill Conference standings with 7 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. Last year's conference champs, Chaffey College, are again in first with a record of 10-2, followed by San Bernardino, College of the Desert (each with records of 8-4) and then Rio Hondo. To reach the playoffs, the Roadrunners will need to be near the top of their game going into the final 3 weeks.



Board Meeting in Pico Rivera

The April Board meeting was held at the Pico Park Community Center. The Community Mixer began at 5:15 pm with members of the public having the chance to speak with Rio Hondo College Trustees. The Board Meeting began at 6:00 pm.

- The Board of Trustees presented the City of Pico Rivera a check in honor of the City's 50th Anniversary. ①
- Dr. Paul Parnell presented to the Board of Trustees a review of the academic offerings in the City of Pico Rivera. ②
- Paul Garza, Jr. of Verches Associates presented the results of an Analysis of Industry and Workforce in the Rio Hondo College Service Area. ③
- Karen Koos the Dean of Mathematics and Sciences, reported on Environmental Symposium and the new course offerings that have been recently developed.
- Jay Sunyogh, Coordinator of the Architecture, Civil Engineering, Engineering, Design, Drafting and GIS program at Rio Hondo College presented the new curriculum offerings and the partnerships that have been made both internally and externally to enhance the program.
- Advancements of academic rank were announced. ④



Assistant Professor

- Ada P. Brown, Arts & Culture

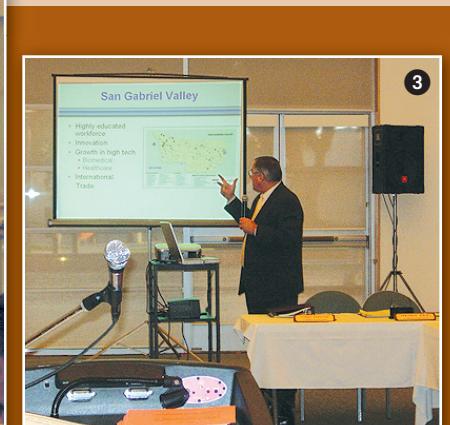
Associate Professor

- Cameron English, Mathematics
- Alfred Forrest, Student Health Services
- Matthew Koutroulis, Physical Science
- Jannine Livingston, Arts & Culture
- Gail Modyman, Health Sciences
- Sondra Moe, Social Sciences
- Ted Preston, Social Sciences

Professor

- Michael Forrest, Physical Science
- Steve Hebert, Physical Science
- Robert Holcomb, Communications & Languages

- Ned Lazaro, Social Sciences
- Allen Leung, Physical Science
- Aimee Mindes, Physical Science
- Firouz Mosharraf, Mathematics
- Steve Moshier, Arts & Culture
- Vann Priest, Physical Science
- Tracy Rickman, Public Safety
- Warren Roberts, Technology
- Mike Salazar, Physical Science
- Judy Sevilla-Morona, Library
- Mike Slavich, Automotive Technology
- Nguyen Vu, Mathematics
- George Wang, Mathematics
- Adam Wetsman, Social Sciences



RiOlympics #9

The first RiOlympics first came to life in the spring of 2000. The Student Activities Office did all the planning and co-ordinating of the event along with help from the Inter Club Council. The students develop the theme and also design the shirts as part of a contest. This year was the 9th RiOlympics with the theme "Wild Wild West."

RiOlympics begin with an Opening Ceremony, includes 4 days of competitions, Closing Ceremony and Awards.



The purpose of the event is to provide an opportunity for the students to have some fun and excitement on campus. The event teaches teamwork and cooperation and builds club membership. Each year, students are able to make new friends and connections on campus that continue to contribute to student success at Rio.

The theme of The Wild Wild West brought with it some new activities which included a Bungee Bull Ride, Ultimate Chili Cook-off Contest, Wild West Variety Show – Talent Show and the inauguration of the "Most Spirited Award."

Clubs that participated the first time were Artists Creating Theatre, Student Advocacy Club and Veterans Club.



AccessRio Project Moves Forward

Activities continue at a pace to keep the AccessRio project on schedule for completion of the Student module for Intersession 2010. Many departments are being trained and making decisions about the configuration of the system to meet their processing needs.

Communication, project structure, decision making and controls are important to any implementation project. Below is the AccessRio implementation organization structure. Two documents are used to guide the project creating a clear path for communication and decision making.

The **Project Definition Document** (PDD) frames the AccessRio implementation and outlines the roles and responsibilities of those directly involved in the Project. The intention of the PDD is to assure that critical operating issues are addressed.

The PDD outlines the following teams and committees for the structure of the project:

- Project Sponsor
- Project Executive Committee
- Project Management Team
- Banner Implementation Group (BIG)
- Functional Teams
- Work Groups

The **Communication Plan** defines and documents the various communication needs of the users of AccessRio. It aids in managing the communication between Rio Hondo College, SunGard HE, Rio Hondo's Project Managers, the college's project team and the rest of the college community.

Decisions that affect the configuration of the AccessRio system vary from minor requirements (e.g. abbreviation for Rio Hondo Community College District) to major policies (e.g. salary table structure) requiring possible Board review.

All decisions must first go before the Banner Implementation Group to be evaluated and characterized as to where the final decision should be made and a time frame when the decision is needed.

The following events took place in April:

- Instruction – Meeting to discuss alternatives for catalog and schedule data migration.
- Financial Aid module – Correspondence processing, transfer monitoring and budget preparation training.
- Human Resources module – Pre-Requisite Overview and System Navigation training, Business Process Analysis Overview.
- Technical – Oracle DBA and Student module training.
- End user training assessment – Student Admissions & Records (includes EOPS and DSP&S) Catalog, Schedule and Instructor Assignments data entry.
- Overall system – Data Migration planning and tool kit training.

Look for these activities in May:

- Student Module – General Student information, letter generation, registration and add/drop process training.
- Instruction – Catalog and Curriculum rules set up.
- Financial Aid Module – Rules and validation tables set up, letter generation, funds management, packaging, and disbursement training.
- Technical – Advanced Oracle DBA and Financial Aid module training.
- End user training assessment – Counseling.
- Overall system – Operational Data Store (ODS) – Implementation planning and information access strategic assessment meeting.

As the project progresses we appreciate your support, the various teams are working to deliver improved services to the college community. You can also get information by visiting the staff, faculty and managers internal Web Site. Please visit it often to check on status, training schedules, planning activities and other announcements. The Web Site can be found at <http://accessrio.riohondo.edu>. Access requires a valid Rio Hondo E-mail account. Take a look today, check it often and be involved when you can. You are always welcome to contact our project management team. David Bell can be reached at (562) 692-0921 ext.4851

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