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KCC budget information

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Submitted by Vicki Gardner, vice president for business affairs and human resources

Work continues on KCC's budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Because the college budget relies on state funding for about 30 percent of operational costs, and at this point state revenues are uncertain, final appropriations will be delayed until we receive more definitive information on state funding.

It is very unlikely, however, that state funding will increase to the point of closing the current budget gap of about \$500,000. Further, unfavorable state funding could widen the gap. Therefore, careful review of budget requests continues and further reductions are likely. The administration is aware that feedback on what budgets will be affected is important to budget managers who prepared the requests, and communication will be provided for input and to close the communication loop.

Until a final budget is adopted, the board has provided for ongoing operating expenditures.

On another note, you may be hearing about late state payments and wonder if it will have an impact at KCC. Please be assured that the college has adequate reserves to handle expenses for some time to come. The board has very deliberately planned for financial reserves to get us through a period such as this. Some colleges are looking at tax anticipation warrants and other financing vehicles--which add to the budget problem because of fees and/or interest--to continue operations until state funds are received. Those measures will not be necessary at KCC unless extraordinary delays occur from the state level.

Anyone with questions regarding these matters should address them directly to me, Vicki Gardner, vgardner@kcc.edu, or ext. 8130.

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The human resources office would like to remind supervisors with part-time employees that if an annual evaluation is not turned in by July 10, the employee will not receive a raise beginning with the July 17 paycheck.

To ensure that your part-time support staff and administrative employees receive timely raises on their July 17 paycheck, their annual evaluation must be turned in to the human resources office and must show a "Full Salary Increase" recommendation.

Part-time employees who do not see an increase on their July 17 paycheck should consult with their supervisor to complete and turn in the evaluation.

This reminder is for supervisors of part-time employees because all full-time employee evaluations have already been turned in.

Accounts payable info



There will be no accounts payable check run July 9.

Items that need to be paid at the July 2 check run need to be to Angela Kunce by 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 29. Items received after June 29 will be paid at the July 16 check run.

Holiday weekend closing

KCC offices will be closed July 3, 4 and 5.

On July 4, portions of campus will be open to host the annual symphony pops concert and fireworks display (see the article "July 4 celebration" for more details).

Campus now has additional outdoor art

Two outdoor art installations are now in place from the Art Appreciation class.

The artwork, shown at right and below, was created in the style of artist Andrew Goldsworthy.

"All materials had to be made from nature, so pay attention to the stickers, roots, leaves etc.," said Jean Janssen, art professor. "They will be up until they fall down."



The first piece is along the service road going to West Campus, it is on the left side near the employee parking lot. The second piece is a little more remote. Continue west on the service road, turn right at the grassy area and then go to the walking trail. Curve around northwest to see it.

"Make sure you walk around the pieces. It is much better to walk outside and see them yourself," Jean said. "They had fun, go out and take a look."

5 new programs added for Fall 2009

KCC has added five new programs which will begin with the Fall 2009 semester.

The new programs are Agriculture transfer, Horticulture, Chiropractic Assistant, Cosmetology and Physical Therapist Assistant.



The Agriculture transfer program is a two-year program for students who enroll full-time. It satisfies the basic freshman and sophomore course requirements for agriculture majors. Upon completion, students are prepared to transfer as juniors into an agriculture program at select Illinois four-year colleges or universities.

The agriculture classes are being offered as "online hybrid" courses through a cooperative agreement with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Agriculture courses will be taught by faculty from the University of Illinois. Agriculture course lectures will be online and laboratory sessions will be at the University of Illinois.

Scott Stewart, the program director, can be reached at sstewart@kcc.edu or ext. 8859.



The Horticulture program is an occupational program which prepares students for immediate entry into jobs related to horticulture and landscaping. A two-year Associate in Applied Science and a one year advanced certificate are being offered.

Scott is also the horticulture director. He can be reached at sstewart@kcc.edu or ext. 8859.



The Chiropractic Assistant certificate includes 29 credit hours of courses related to chiropractic procedures, biology, medical terminology, medical coding and other related topics. Those who successfully complete the program will be qualified to work in chiropractic offices in functions related to assisting the chiropractic doctor and managing the office.

Kim Pollok, the program coordinator, can be reached at kpollok@kcc.edu or ext. 8809.



The Cosmetology program is an occupational program which prepares students for immediate entry into the workforce upon completion. Courses are being held through an agreement with Trendsetters College of

Cosmetology in Bradley.

A two-year Associate in Applied Science and a one year advanced certificate are being offered. Graduates of the programs are prepared to apply for licensure by the Illinois State Board of Cosmetology.

Paul Carlson, the program coordinator, can be reached at pcarlson@kcc.edu or ext. 8858.



Physical Therapist Assistant is a two-year occupational program which prepares students for immediate entry into the workforce upon completion.

The five-semester program integrates professional standards, theory and clinical education in a variety of physical therapy settings.

The Physical Therapist Assistant program is a competitive entry program, with a maximum of 20 students entering it each fall. KCC is seeking accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education of the American Physical Therapy Association. To work as a physical therapist assistant in Illinois or many other states, graduates will be required to pass a national licensure examination.

Jessica Corbus, the program coordinator, can be reached at jcorbus@kcc.edu or ext. 8816.

Students are encouraged to phone (815) 802-8500 to speak to an adviser before registering.

July 4 celebration

KCC once again is a day of activities including a pops concert and fireworks on July 4.

Here's the schedule of events for the day:

- Gates open at 3 p.m.
 - Food concessions open at 4 p.m. on the north lawn and in the pavilion area.
 - Games and activities for kids will be from 3 to 8 p.m.
 - Kankakee Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert at 5:30 p.m.
 - Opening ceremonies to honor veterans will follow the first concert. Representative Lisa Dugan will be the mistress of ceremonies and special guests will include veterans from the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno.
 - The Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra concert will follow the ceremonies.
- The concerts will feature traditional and contemporary music. They play on KCC's north lawn. In the case of inclement weather, the concerts will be indoors.
- Fireworks will commence at dusk. Fireworks are set off from nearby River Road Park. The viewing is excellent from KCC's grounds.



- Picnicking is welcomed, and indoor restrooms are available. Concertgoers are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets; no seating is provided. There will be designated areas for small tents and mini grills. Personal fireworks, including sparklers, are not permitted.

Admission to campus is free until 3 p.m. After 3 p.m., the charge is \$15 per carload.

Proceeds benefit the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra. This year's concerts are underwritten by Riverside Medical Center. The fireworks show is sponsored by the city of Kankakee.

For more information about the pops concert, fireworks and evening concessions, phone Sarah Zirkle at ext. 8628.

Nursing pinning

All staff members are invited to the Practical Nursing program Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, July 16 at 7 p.m. in the College Center.

Iroquois Golf outing planned for July 24



The KCC Foundation is holding its fifth annual Iroquois County Scholarship Golf Outing Friday, July 24, 2009 at the Shewami Country Club in Sheldon.

The relaxed scramble-style golf event begins with lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. It will conclude with a steak dinner at 5 p.m. Throughout the day, games and contests will enable participants to win prizes.

Registration is \$85 per golfer, which includes lunch, a steak dinner, awards and prizes, drink tokens, cart, and greens fees. Those who register by June 30 can enjoy the outing at the reduced price of \$75 per golfer.

Since 2005 when it began, all proceeds from the event supplement KCC Foundation scholarships for graduates of Iroquois County high schools--Central, Crescent-Iroquois, Donovan, Iroquois West and Watseka--as well as Sheldon and Stockland residents who attend Milford High School.

The Shewami Country Club is approximately six miles east of Watseka, at 1726 N. 2580 E. Road in Sheldon.

For more information, to register as a golfer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities, contact Becky Wilder at ext. 8251.

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