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New this week

Board notes

Following is a summary of topics addressed at KCC's Board of Trustees meeting, Monday, May 10, 2010.

Professors honored

Cyndy Clapp, Michael Mahoney and Nick Watson were conferred the title of professor emeritus, which is reserved for retirees with 10 or more years of full-time service to KCC and who demonstrate excellence in teaching and learning. The title of professor emeritus is bestowed for life. This is the first year that KCC has given the honor.

Funding bonds

The board approved issuance of $2 million in working cash bonds for the institution. The college is facing a significant shortfall over the next year. To close the gap, the college has reduced expenses, increased tuition, and determined a temporary reduction in equity. The remaining resource is a bond issuance. The impact on a homeowner with a $150,000 home is $8 per year for seven years.

Red Flags Policy adopted

The board approved the first reading of a new policy that outlines KCC's identity theft prevention program. The initiative is a Federal Trade Commission requirement. The policy outlines what financial data is handled, how it is managed, and what actions occur if identity theft happens. The path to these policies is O:\Share\KCC\Security Policy Framework & Guidelines\Information Security Policy Framework and Guidelines 05-10-10.pdf
Personnel policy revisions

The board approved the first reading of personnel policy revisions. Four policies have been revised or added, related to computing resources, e-mail, driving while on college business, and nepotism. The path to these policies is O:\Share\KCC\Human Resources\Personnel Handbook

The following items were approved by the board:

Two grants were accepted. Highway Construction Careers Training Program, a $317,311 grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Community College Board, was accepted. The funds will be used to recruit, train and prepare women, minorities and disadvantaged individuals for careers in the highway construction industry. The Illinois Rain Garden Initiative, a $1,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board, was accepted. The funds will support a student-led effort to install an 800-square-foot rain garden on the south side of the greenhouse.

The board approved the recommendations for staff tuition/course reimbursements and the request to bid pathway and asphalt roadway repairs.

3 professors add 'emeritus' to their titles

Three retiring professors have earned the title professor emeritus. Cyndy Clapp, Michael Mahoney and Nick Watson have each completed distinguished teaching careers and have earned the professor emeritus title upon retirement from KCC. All three will retire at the end of May.

Cyndy, a professor in the nursing program, joined the KCC faculty in August 1995. She also previously has been an adjunct faculty member at Olivet Nazarene University.

"As young nurses, Cyndy and I worked together," said Shari Ebert, a member of the KCC Professor Emeritus Selection Committee. "As long as I have known Cyndy, she has always been devoted to education, and always dedicated to excellence in patient care, the nurses and staff, and being in the forefront for the advancement of nursing education."

Mike, a professor in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, became a KCC faculty member in September 1978.

"Mike has worked each day to revise and improve his instructional content to better serve his students," said Julia Waskosky, dean of Learning Services. "His continued efforts to improve his program for his students are remarkable for such a seasoned
Like Mike, Nick has taught at KCC for more than 25 years. He became a KCC faculty member in August 1981, and is a professor in the Division of Math, Science and Engineering.

"Mr. Watson has introduced generations of students to the challenging world of statistics, college algebra and computer programming," said Sudipta Roy, professor in the Math, Science and Engineering Division. "Indeed, he has helped many of them master these subjects. I have learned a lot from him."

KCC established the professor emeritus program in 2008 to recognize and honor retiring faculty who have dedicated themselves to teaching and learning. Qualifications include a minimum of 10 years of full-time service to KCC and an excellent teaching record. The professor emeritus title is held for life.

**Expect closures during HVAC replacement**

During the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning replacement project, which begins this week, it is expected that some hallways and rooms will be unavailable for portions of time.

Areas affected will have the closure for approximately five days. Flexibility during this time is appreciated.

Tentative closures known at this time are...

May 17 to 24: Third floor hallway between L368 and L366, west to the divider between the L Building and the R Building. This closure includes the L Building west staircase and elevator from the third floor.

Beginning May 17, the division office for Humanities and Social Sciences will move to Room L320; the division office for Math, Science and Engineering will move to Room R308. The number of days/weeks for this relocation will depend on how the project progresses.

May 24 to 28: Second floor hallway in the media department will likely be closed. An alternate route is probable. More details will be shared the week of May 24.

June 1 to 4: First floor areas to be affected will be shared as they become known.

As with any construction project, other temporary closures will probably occur, said Brian Yeoman, assistant director of Physical Plant Department. Employees should expect that some areas will have workers in them at times when the area is open. Caution is strongly suggested.

On a related note, the HVAC replacement project affects the areas in the L Building from the center staircase west to R Building. Cooled air will not be available in most project areas through August.
June 3 accounts payable check run info

Due to campus being closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day, voucher requests need to be received by Angela Kunce in the Business Office by the end of the day Thursday, May 27 if a check is needed for the June 3 check run.

The Accounting Office asks you to plan accordingly to ensure checks are available when needed.

2010 program cost book is available

The 2010 Program Cost Book is available in the Program Cost Book folder.

The path is O:\Share\KCC\Program Cost Books.

Professor publishes book on Fluid Power

Patrick Klette was a reluctant author, until the first copy of his new text, "Fluid Power Systems," started rolling off the presses.

"I couldn't find a book to fulfill the needs of my course," said Pat. "I wasn't excited about using what was out there. When an editor at a book publisher invited me to write the book, I decided to start the project."

Pat, a professor in the Business and Technology Division, said outlining the text was the easiest part, because he had such a clear vision of what he would include. Three and a half years later, on April 30, 2010, books were coming off of the press. At 520 pages, "Fluid Power Systems," includes lessons, illustrations, activities, and homework. It also includes a CD-ROM with supplemental material such as quizzes, animations and videos and a CD-ROM to run simulation programs which are part of the activities.

The publisher is American Technical Publishers, Inc. of Orland Park, which specializes in trade-related textbooks.

"All of our authors are experts on content," said James Gresens, associate technical editor at American Technical Publishers. "They are typically employed in industry and may serve as instructors in training programs. They write the book, we edit it and then work with industry experts in the review process.

"This is the first Fluid Power book we've done since the 1970s. It is a comprehensive source for the technician or student, with applications and exercises to reinforce the content."

"Pat did a very good job explaining the fundamental concepts," said Tim Wilhelm, coordinator of the electrical technology program.
"He builds on those fundamentals to give students ample, technician-appropriate detail. It's not an engineering book. It is not excessively general. He also covers maintenance and troubleshooting better than most books of similar type and content."

Pat teaches a number of electronics courses, including Fluid Power, Fundamentals of Electricity, and Industrial Programmable Controllers and Robotics.

Student sends letter to share experiences with KCC customer service

The following e-mail was recently received by KCC:

"Here's some feedback about the service I have been getting at KCC.

"I decided that for my coming 40th birthday, I would give myself a career change from marketing and go into healthcare. I applied for the respiratory therapist course and was instantly bombarded by a myriad of hoops I need to jump through; COMPASS tests I needed to take because my scores were no longer valid, and courses that I needed to sign up for.

"Every person that I came in contact with was most helpful, from the healthcare advisors--Barbara (she is so resourceful and comes up with the best recommendations) and Bonnie, to the accounting and financial aid staff, and even the operator. All are patient with my many questions and understand their scope of work well enough to explain things to me. I guess I won't know till the end of the year if the points I have gathered are sufficient to qualify for the above course, but I know that I have chosen the right college.

"The support staff at KCC is amazingly professional and the bottom line is that they care. I am excited to begin a new chapter of my life (at 40!!) and to be part of the KCC family. I want to recognize what a great job everyone is doing. Thank you so much!"

Avendano named distinguished alumnus

Dr. John Avendano, KCC's president, has been named a distinguished alumnus of East Aurora High School.

Avendano and five other East Aurora alumni spanning from the class of 1937 to the present were honored at an award dinner April 29.
"To be recognized by my high school is truly an honor," Avendano said. "My hope has always been to rise to the expectations of my parents and other role models. Without the influence of my parents and the strong academic foundations, I would not have achieved what I have to this point."

A first generation Mexican-American, the first in his family to attend
college, Avendano played baseball and football in high school. He was recruited to play baseball for Waubonsee Community College, where he served as captain and was named to the all-conference team.

Avendano has worked in higher education for 26 years. Before being named president of KCC in July 2009, he served as associate dean of student life at Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove and vice president of academic affairs and student development at Illinois Central College in Peoria.

Save the date: July 18

United Way of Kankakee County is planning a fundraising concert to kick off its next campaign.

When: Sunday, July 18
Where: Hidden Cove Sportsplex, Bourbonnais
What: Concert featuring Sony recording artist Montgomery Gentry -- singer of “My Town” and other hits.

More information will be shared in coming weeks.

R25 usage needed to keep information current

The college’s room management and event scheduling software, Resource 25, should be used as the calendar for all college events--regardless of event location.

Resource 25 gives event information and open rooms only when it is used as designed to reserve spaces and show events.

To view events with R25, go to http://r25.kcc.edu or http://calendar.kcc.edu/.

The calendar displays scheduled events--including classes--by day, week or month. Academic calendar events--such as holidays, last day to pay and finals week--also are on R25.

Room requesters are reminded that naming events descriptively and placing events into appropriate categories (i.e. Open to the Public, Hot Events, Athletic Events, Student Activities) becomes very important, so the information on this site is helpful to our public audience.

Resources necessary for an event such as refreshments, technology support or room layout are requested at the time the event is scheduled. Service providers such as the media department, Information Technology Services, the Learning Resource Center, Physical Plant Department and food service are automatically notified.

Softball squad makes 15th trip to nationals
The KCC softball team has a school record of 56 wins to go with five losses, and is seeking more wins as it enters the National Tournament this week.

The team claimed its 12th Region IV championship in a row after defeating McHenry County College 3-0 on Saturday, May 8. The Cavaliers are currently ranked No. 6 in the nation.

Along with the title, the team came home with several honors. Coach Dennis Clark was named Division II Region IV Coach of the Year. He has 945 wins in his head coaching career. Four players--Tara Buchanan, Sam Arenkill, Hannah Santora and Heather Gradishar--were named to the Division II Region IV All-Tournament Team.

The national tournament is in nearby Normal, at Champion Fields, from May 20 to 22. Game times and opponents will be announced on the athletics webpage, www.kccavaliers.com. Congratulations and best wishes to the softball team.

Thanks for help with graduation success

Cathy Robinson would like to express her gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful commencement program held on campus this past Saturday.

Particular thanks go to those who served on the Graduation Task Group and to those who had specific assignments related to the program and physical arrangements.

Thank you

On behalf of my daughter, Lindsay Springer, her family, and myself, I would like to thank my KCC colleagues and friends for your generous donation to the Springer Fund.

The May 8 benefit was a great success and included hundreds of
community participants. Contributions will help defray expenses related to Lindsay's treatment. Your kindness and support give us strength as Lindsay battles metastatic breast cancer.

In gratitude,
Julia Waskosky

News and information

Prairie Fire awards are handed out

The 31st edition of Prairie Fire, KCC's literary anthology, was unveiled last week.

Best of Prairie Fire awards were: Gina Temelcoff, first place for her poem, "One Drop"; Cherish Klossing, second place for her poem, "In Sin All Say Amen"; and Nick Elfering, third place for his creative nonfiction essay, "Twisted Tapestries."

Judging was by faculty members Mark Lanting and Deborah Renville of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

This year's Prairie Fire features 30 works of poetry and writing. It is available in division offices or by contacting Deborah, literary editor, at drenville@kcc.edu.

Thanks-a-Grams

The Employee Morale Committee is encouraging employees to use a longstanding device to take part in a new way of recognizing each other.

Thanks-a-Grams are available at http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/resources/Pages/default.aspx and in print in marketing and public information.

Recent 'Thanks-a-Grams':

To: Bernadette Bosley
From: Sherry Kinzler
I would like to send my sincerest appreciation to Bernadette Bosley for her thoughtfulness and kindness to me. I was speaking to Bernadette, because I have to secure information from her for a yearly report, when she pulled out a binder and said, "Surprise!" Bernadette individually entered over 511 student ID's into Datatel to secure the various information that I need for my report. This is a time intensive job and she completed the entire 2009 fall term for me; thank you Bernadette for going above and beyond when you didn't have to.
To: Gisel Waide  
From: Denise Burklow  
Thank you Gisel for going out of your way on your way home to deliver a much appreciated certificate of completion for an inmate tutor at the JCDC. You saved me time and made the tutor's day.

Green Flash sustainability message  
Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, Sustainability & Planning  

Why buy local foods?  
One popular reason is that locally grown foods tend to be fresher and taste better than food from a supermarket. In addition, there are social and economic reasons to support locally grown foods.  

Since the 1970s, research has shown that transportation of foods from distant states and countries requires a significant amount of energy. Consider the carbon footprint of the trucks and planes shipping out of season tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables from California or South America.  

Even though Illinois is considered an agricultural state, 95 percent of the food we eat comes from outside its borders. Consequently, most of the $48 billion we spend annually on food leaves the state. Much of this food could be grown in Illinois. Buying local supports the local farm economy, creating demand from other regional companies for goods and services. This builds the regional economy and contributes to regional economic development.  

A large national/international food supply system is more vulnerable to fuel cost increases, unfavorable weather, massive contamination, and even terrorism, than a decentralized local food supply.  

To support local food production, shop at farmer’s markets, roadside produce stands, or subscribe to a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.  

We have the power to make farming less about price and more about the natural and social communities in which we live. Go to: www.familyfarmed.org and www.illinoisfarmdirect.org for more information.