

The CSN Chronicle

Welcome to *The CSN Chronicle* for Summer 2009. This June, July, August update contains the latest developments at the College as we prepare for fall semester and a new academic year.

Furlough Preparations

One of the outcomes of the 2009 Legislative session was a mandate for employee furloughs. Classified employees will be required to take one furlough day per month during each month of the biennium. This program will be administered through the State Personnel Office. Non-classified employees will be offered 2-3 voluntary options, tailored to their employee classification.

The HR office will be conducting college-wide forums on this topic beginning tomorrow, July 14 and 15, and repeating during Convocation week in August. I urge your attendance at one of these sessions. You need to be well informed of your options.

At a July retreat, the Board of Regents approved a quarterly schedule of regular annual meetings, beginning immediately. In so doing, the Board approved the schedule of meetings as noted below. The approved motion contained a clause that the Board will consider at the next regular Board meeting now scheduled on September 17-18, 2009, whether to move their two day meetings in calendar year 2010 to Friday and Saturday of the scheduled meeting weeks... or to remain with the Thursday and Friday schedule as approved. All Board Committees will now meet during the two day Board meeting.

The following revised schedule of meetings was adopted by the Board:

2009

September 17-18, 2009 at GBC

December 3-4, 2009 meeting at UNLV

[Cancel the August 13-14, 2009, meeting.]

2010*

March 4-5, 2010 at CSN, W. Charleston Campus June 3-4, 2010 at UNR September 9-10, 2010, at TMCC December 2-3, 2010, DRI, Las Vegas

*The Board will consider changing the meeting days to Friday and Saturday, instead of Thursday and Friday on these dates.

Questions:

“What’s being done with the interim positions we have?”

The position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (1 person) will be advertised for a national search. Watch for announcements of campus forums for finalists after this position

closes in late October. We will also be announcing associate provost/vice president positions in academics and in finance and facilities. The position of interim Vice President for Diversity and Cultural Affairs will be changed to an associate provost position. Where possible, and as resources allow, we will be discontinuing many interim positions.

“How are issues with SunGard Higher Education being addressed?”

We have negotiated a 9% reduction in the SunGard contract, and the functions of web master and training have reverted to CSN. New managers have assumed responsibilities at SunGard, and Francisco Porras, our CIO, reports to these new managers. We have asked for regular meetings with them as well. SunGard staff members are replacing about 600 computers in our academic labs, preparatory to fall semester classes. We are also working on PC upgrades for faculty and upgrades to equipment in smart classrooms. Our continuing objective is to keep CSN on the “proven edge” of media and information technology. To this end:

- Media Services staff completed the annual preventive maintenance in June for 420 classrooms.
- Angel updates are in place
- Angel tutorials on five key issues will be launched by fall semester
- Angel now has an access path to allow students access to SmartThink from within Angel
- A partnership between CSN e-Learning and SunGard is producing a student orientation to online learning and a faculty orientation to online teaching. Both will be available this fall.
- An emergency notification system is being purchased from MIR3 whose mass emergency platform enables a single user to contact and communicate with thousands of people almost instantly using a variety of modalities, including mobile phone, landline, PDA, email, pager, TTY, fax, text messages (SMS) and other devices. Students can voluntarily sign up for the service this fall. **AND TWO KEY ITEMS:**
- We have approved the purchase 756 Dell computers for this year's computer replacement project. All CIT classrooms will be refreshed or have their RAM upgraded. All ADA/DRC computers will be refreshed. All AutoCAD classrooms at WHTC will be refreshed. Staff and faculty computer replacements will begin in late July.
- We have been studying ways to better manage printing and paper use in student labs. A business case for a print management solution was submitted to the Senior VP of Finance and Facilities to address increasing printing costs in college computer labs. OTS researched and selected three finalists – Equitrac, Papercut and Pharos Uniprint. A college committee will be evaluating the three vendor products in late July/early August. A solution is expected for Spring semester 2010.

See you at Convocation on August 24 at the Las Vegas Hilton. In the meantime, have a great summer!

Best,

Mike Richards