Accreditation team commends college

Brando Arnold
Staff Writer

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College’s visiting team came to the college on April 9 for their second, and final, follow up visit completing the last phase in the accreditation process.

Back in June 2010, a visiting team came and evaluated the campus and after the commission evaluated their report the ACCJC fully reaffirmed the college’s accreditation. Part of the reaffirmation agreement was that there would be two follow up visits to ensure that the administration and faculty had adequately implemented the commission’s recommendations. After the first follow up visit in March 2011, the college was placed on academic probation. This was due to the fact that the commission did not take into account both reports and then notify the college on July 1.

The demonstration and dialogue on student learning outcomes, and the colleges assessment of them, was presented in Atzlan B. Participants were placed into five groups and went around the room to five different stations. At these stations, a five minute power point presentation was given by a faculty member representing a different department. These presentations were given by Articulation Officer Joanne Henschof, Professor Lynne Miller, Anthropology, Faculty Director of Retention Services, Tutoring and Academic Support, Dr. Edward Pohlert, Professor Jim Vail, Automotive Technology. They addressed problems, solutions and new ways of assessing student learning outcomes such as how to get associates involved, designing programs that will prepare students for the workplace and ways of accurately measuring the program’s effectiveness in preparing students.

“It is going well. We have a great visiting team, and I think that they are seeing what makes our college special,” stated President Rodriguez.

One of the two member visiting team was Dr. Jan Muto. Muto is a full time Communication Studio teacher at Norco College in the Riverside Community College District. Before that, she was the President at Riverside City college from January 2009 to June 2012, Assistant to the Chancellor for Teaching and Learning in the Kentucky Community College System central office, held a leadership positions in the academic affairs as Chief Academic Office at Madisonville Community College in Kentucky, Associate Dean of Instruction at Northwest College in northern Wyoming, full-time faculty member in Corporate Communication at Bhuba College in New York, and a teaching fellow at the University of Utah and University of Delaware. She has served as a communication consultant for private and public institutions, and she has been on multiple visiting teams for three different regional accreditation agencies.

The second member of the team was Dr. Dennis Gervin who has been the President of Columbia College since July 2011. Before that, he was Columbia College’s Vice President of Student Learning and held other administrative positions such as the Interim Dean of Student Services and Interim Dean of Instruction for Arts and Sciences. Outside of Columbia College, Gervin was the Dean of Instructional Services at Modesto Junior College MMI, MJC, Interim Dean of Library and Learning Resources and Dean of Science, Mathematics and Engineering. He began his career in 1993 in the Yosemite Community College District becoming a Professor of Microbiology and Biology at MIC, where he earned tenure as a full-time faculty member in 1999.

The administration and faculty, as part of the reaffirmation requirement, prepared an institutional follow up report for the accreditation commission. The 30 page report further addresses how the college has implemented the recommendations given by the commission.

In a letter updating the college’s faculty and staff, President Rodriguez shared some of the visiting team’s observations and comments. The team was impressed with the preparation, organization and clarity of materials presented. The team commended the collegial spirit, and positive attitude, of those interviewed and the campus in general. They described the college’s campus culture as welcoming and inclusive, and recognized the clear consistent demonstration of the college’s institutional pride. When it came to the college implementing the commission’s recommendations, the team acknowledged that the campus took the sanction seriously and recognized the work necessary to satisfy the recommendations. The team also recognized the college’s effort in transitioning from a small, oral-based, college to a medium sized, data-driven college, and the level. Lastly, they acknowledged that the campus had been well informed and took ownership of the changes while retaining a sense of its core values and mission.

The commission’s evaluation will take into account both reports and then decide if the college is in compliance with the recommendations. The ACCJC will then take their formal action in June and then notify the college on July 1.
In brief
Join a night of wicked rhymes
On Monday, April 30, in honor of National Poetry Month, MCC will host an open mic night on the Oceanside campus. It will be held, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Little Theatre, Room 3601. The event will feature poet, Fisseha W. Moges, and is also open to the public and is free of any charge. Participation of all ages are encouraged to come and share their poetry with their peers and to enjoy an evening full of live entertainment.

Video contest does its research
The Task Force on American Innovation, is holding a video contest. Videos should show how federally funded scientific research resulted in discoveries that changed our lives by any or all of the following ways: enhanced competitiveness and job creation, improved quality of life or strengthened national security. Entries must focus on fundamental research sponsored by any or all of the following agencies: National Science Foundation, Department of Energy Office of Science, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Defense Basic Research and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The first place winner will win $1,000 and a trip to Washington, DC to participate in an awards ceremony and congressional briefing at the capitol. Two runner-ups will win $500 each. All college students are eligible. The deadline for the contest is May 31. For more information, students can visit communities.acs.org/groups/american-taskforce-video-contest.

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MiraCosta Scandinavian Club

MiraCosta Scandinavian Club Presents:
The Scandinavian Club’s Norwegian Film Festival and Swedish Film Festival come together in one grand finale with

In post war Sweden it was discovered that every year, an average family walks the equivalent number of miles as the distance between Stockholm and Congo, while preparing her family meals. So the Home Research Institute sent out eighteen observers to a rural district of Norway to map out the kitchen routines of single men. The researchers were on twenty-four hour call and sat in special strategically placed chairs in each kitchen. Furthermore, under no circumstances were the researchers to be spoken to or included in the kitchen activities.

Kitchen Stories
On the Road in Norway

This Thursday—April 19
In Room 3601 (The Little Theatre)
7 p.m.
Admission is free.

Want to be a part of ASCG?
The Associated Student Government allows students to be active in the campus community by promoting student life, diversity and learning outside of the classroom. The ASCG supports student clubs and organizations on campus through the Inter-Club Council. Students can come to the ASCG to present concerns or suggestions about issues and ask them to be implemented or addressed. The ASCG provides representation and activities for students at all three campus locations. To join ASCG, students must maintain a cumulative 2.0 and be free of all official college academic disciplinary restrictions. Log onto www.miracosta.edu/governance/asm/index.htm.
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A Tale of Two Americas

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Let lose the tongues of the world

The idea that America should speak only one language is an ethnocentric fallacy. If I have to hear the words “You are in America, speak English” one more time I think I am going to puke. If anything, Americans should be required to be able to speak both Spanish and English. As a border state, we should, by experience, know how important it is to be multilingual. By knowing multiple languages, our border relations and communication increase vastly. With an already large Hispanic population within the U.S., it is greatly important for us to be able to communicate with each other. Besides, how can America call itself the world’s melting pot if it refuses to learn the languages of other cultures. It is simply hypocritical to demand others to learn our language when we refuse to learn theirs.

In a world that is becoming more and more interconnected, learning multiple languages is becoming a vital skill. Being multilingual is a skill that is highly regarded amongst the business world. Being multilingual is a skill that is sought after by employers in many fields. It is the simple truth that the entire world does not in fact know English. Why must we then limit ourselves by allowing English to be our only language? By promoting multiple languages within our country we can vastly improve our human capital throughout the world. A multilingual America is a more highly valued America.

Why not introduce different languages in elementary school or even preschool while the human’s ability to learn and pick up languages is greater? What better gift to give your children then the gift of being multilingual in a world that is becoming more and more globalized. There are many nations that speak a variety of languages. People in Switzerland know German, Italian, French and Romansh. Imagine if people in the U.S. were able to speak four different languages. The ability to communicate between cultures would be immense. The Swiss prove that being multilingual isn’t an impossibility it is in fact very possible if the time and effort are taken.

The counter argument to having a multilingual America is the fact that having English as the sole language helps us communicate better. This is because it creates a common language that everyone knows. I believe that the exact opposite is true. The more languages one knows the more likely it is to see a common language between two individuals. For example, when I visited Belize, there were three different commonly spoken languages, English, Creole, and Spanish. I saw a Taiwanese Immigrant talking to one of the locals. The local, in an effort to communicate with the Taiwanese man, began to speak Spanish. Realizing that the Taiwanese man couldn’t understand him, he immediately switched to speaking English. A smile broke across the Taiwanese man’s face as he responded in broken English. Had the local only known Spanish, he and the Taiwanese man would have never been able to understand each other. By knowing more than one language, the local increased his chances of having a language that he and the Taiwanese man shared. This is the magic that a multilingual America can have if it only chooses to embrace the learning of different languages. Our ability to understand and interact with each other and the rest of the world will increase in so many miraculous ways. That is why I say let loose the tongues of the world in America!

One language under God with liberty and justice for all

Brandon Arnold
Staff Writer

America is a country of immigrants. Because of this, having a single national language is important for efficiency within society. Could you imagine living in a country where everywhere you go you would experience new a language barrier? You could go to work and have to take direction from your boss who could be a German immigrant who speaks only German. Your co-workers could consist of Italian immigrants who speak only Italian. Order an iced coffee at Starbucks would turn into an exercise of communication without words and a series of hand gestures while you attempt to order your drink from a Chinese immigrant who speaks only Mandarin. There is nothing wrong with this world per say, but I think we can all agree, on a large scale, this would make for an extremely inefficient society. People should not take it so personally when they get to America and have to learn English in order to integrate into life in America. This country was founded by immigrants from England, so it makes sense the national language would be English. What is the alternative, Americans learning 50 different languages to make it easier for immigrants who don’t feel like learning English? That is insanity. We need one national language, so people can come from all over the world, learn one language, and then communicate and work together.

In addition to promoting efficiency, having English as the official language, and requiring that immigrants learn it, promotes order and stability. One of the main things America has going for it is being such a close knit federation. The American government has been extremely successful in promoting unity among all of the states. I believe that having large groups of people who speak different languages would potentially undermine this unity. I think if it was not a requirement for people to learn English, it would obviously be a lot easier for people to choose to not learn English and move to an area where they speak the language of your choice. Chinatowns, Little Germanys and other ethnic areas like these would grow to city or even state sized districts. Over time, I believe these kinds of things could potentially spawn separatist movements and America could splinter off into separate nation states. Therefore, to not require immigrants to learn English would threaten order and stability.

Forgive me if I am unimpressed by European kids who speak three languages. The fact is, they live in an area where their surrounded by nation states that all have different official languages and are submersed in it. I have been to almost every state, a few over 10 times, if the people in those states spoke a different language, I am confident I would be proficient in that language. However, America is huge, and all the people in all the states around us speak English. We are isolated. It makes sense we don’t speak a plethora of languages. Would it benefit us to know different languages? It wouldn’t hurt. If you are planning to go abroad, it will absolutely benefit you. However, if you are planning on staying in America, then it does not really benefit you. In California, it would benefit you to know Spanish. In my experience, I think most of us do speak a little Spanish. Otherwise, because everyone speaks English here, and America is huge, it’s not really imperative. Not to mention because America is so powerful, people in all the other countries seem to be learning English more and more making it less of a priority for us to not learn other languages. Does it make you marketable? Yes. Would you benefit from it? Yes. Is it necessary? Would you use it? No. Probably a couple times.

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Dear Chariot,
4 ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Soup won’t be coming back

Ian Kimmitt
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On April 20 to 21, and May 5, at MiraCosta College’s Concert Hall, MCC will be hosting the Sixth Annual Oceanside Jazz Festival. During the April 21st Festival Vocal Jazz Groups, from both colleges and high schools, will be performing from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. On April 20, at 2 p.m., North Texas vocal jazz director Jennifer Barnes will hold a clinic. On April 21 at 2 p.m., vocal a cappella group “Sixth Wave,” will be holding a clinic as well. Mariachi’s offers a bite into authentic Mexican cuisine at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are also $20 for general admission and $15 for students. Parloto is a highly celebrated, award-winning musician, with one hell of a voice, whose career began after winning The Lonely Monk Vocal Jazz Competition in 2004. She has performed and recorded with musicians such as Lionel Loueke, Wayne Shorter, and Kenny Barron. In 2009, Parloto released her album “In a Dream,” which Billboard Magazine hailed as “the most alluring jazz vocal album of 2009.” The album made leaps into top 10 polls for Jazz Times. Parloto has since then released “The Lost and Found,” which also has received positive reviews from the vocal jazz society. Parloto’s concert with Jazz Frequency is not free, but on April 19 from 7 to 8 p.m., Parloto’s rehearsal with Jazz Frequency is open to the public. Performances from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and clinics are free of charge. So come and enjoy free music and attend the 2 p.m. clinics to learn a little more about how music is made. A schedule for performances can be found online at www.oceansidejazzfestival.com. On April 20, guest artists, jazz singer Gretchen Parlato and pianist Taylor Eigsti will be performing with Frequency Jazz Ensemble at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are also $20 for general admission and $15 for students. Parloto is a vocalist who work wonderfully well together, the concept for this movie was so pleasantly different from others that I have watched that I very much recommend you to head to your nearest Wal-Mart to pick up a copy.

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A love story that transcends all times

Anna Zuniga
Staff Writer

If you’re driving around Escondido and feel like eating homemade Mexican food I would really recommend Mariachi’s Authentic Mexican food. Mariachi’s captures the flavor of homemade food, which is convenient for those of us who live away from home and miss mama’s awesome enchiladas. Its prices also suit those of us who fall under the category of “broke college student.” I went with a party of three and our dishes ranged from $5 - $8. It was a decent price for the amount of food that came with each dish. I ordered a carne asada burrito which was very delicious. I tried to finish it but couldn’t because of the large portions. It came with guacamole, beans, rice and pico de gallo on the side. The Guacamole tasted freshly made and it accompanied the meat really well. My sister ordered a carne al pastor, or seasoned pork, burrito. Because the burrito was full of flavor, if I didn’t need salsa to accompany it. My brother-in-law had the birria dish. This came with beans, rice and salad on the side. The Birria dish reminded me of birria made for a traditional Mexican celebration. The birria had five varieties of salsas to choose from, as well as raw jalapenos or jalapenos in vinegar. The service was pleasing and the workers were very friendly and waited patiently while we took our time looking over the menu. They readily answered any questions we had. We also didn’t have to wait long for the food and it was nice and warm when we received it. If this sounds good to you, Mariachi’s is located at 393 North Escondido Boulevard, Escondido, CA.
Blessing India’s children with Radical Love

Emily Lewis, spent four months in India, nearly two years ago, absorbing the rich culture and ministering to the impoverished people in the slums of Varanasi. Finding herself back in the states after this life changing experience, but still impacted by the rampant destitution that she witnessed, Emily was inspired to start an organization, Bless India, with a side-project called Radical Love which aims to raise money for children jackets. “This project stemmed out of my time India during the winter. It would get so cold. The death toll was more that 90 people a week because they had no jackets in Varanasi,” Emily reminisces.

At the time, Emily was working at a care facility in the slums in the state of Uper Prodish, apart of Varanasi. “Every day we worked in the slums at a care facility. We were wearing layers and layers of clothes while the kids were wearing tank tops and shorts” says Emily. Most people could not afford winter clothes and regardless would sell them during the summer for food. To help rectify this as best they could, the care center would build fires and buy blankets and jackets for the children during this period of inclement weather.

Emily recalls one pertinent example of the injustices she witnessed in regards to this particular facet of insufficient shelter from the environment. While the care facility was providing a fire for a group of 20 or 30 kids from the slums, a tiny, baby girl wearing just a diaper and shirt wandered unnoticed into the encampment. “We didn’t even see her come in until we saw that another seven or eight year old girl was holding her” Emily remarks. Eventually the staff managed to discover that she was one of the other kid’s relatives, but first Emily grabbed the child and wrapped her in a blanket and layered her in clothes. “Once she started to get warm she began to cry because she could feel the cold” Emily stated. One of the missionaries who lived down the street made booties for the kids and had one that was too small for the older children, but would fit this little toddler perfectly. Remembering this, Emily ran to her friend’s house to grab the hat for this little girl. When Emily returned from her errand after a few minutes, the girl was gone and none of the other children knew were she went. “At this point I just broke down and asked why this happens—such injustice” said Emily. The missionaries at the care center informed her that situations like that are common occurrences. Likely, because the baby was a girl she was of a lesser concern to her family.

For Radical Love, Emily sells t-shirts, and 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the children at this care center ministry in Varanasi, India. The money from one shirt can buy about five high quality jackets in India. Any additional money goes to the children’s education and school supplies. Emily would love to return to India eventually. She is still in communication with the missionaries in India and talks with them fairly regularly. This Radical Love t-shirt project has opened up doors for speaking at schools including UCLA as well as churches and other non-profit organizations. Emily was privileged to work with a graphic artist from Disney who designed the logo for the Radical Love t-shirts. Each shirt costs $20 and donations are also accepted.
Veteran Services give back to those who gave so much to us

Charise Moore
Copy Editor

A wonderful service that is a lot of the times overlooked by the students on campus, is the Veteran Services. The life of a veteran post deployment, is something a civilian would not be able to comprehend. Because of the many differences within the lives of civilians and military personnel, the Veteran Services is able to take away some of the stresses a vet may feel or go through. In one way the Veteran’s service helps out is through the lounge. The lounge is a place incoming veteran students can get information about enrollment, classes, scholarships and things of that nature, while returning veterans can get information about transferring. In one way the Veteran’s service helps out is through the lounge. The lounge is a place incoming veteran students can get information about enrollment, classes, scholarships and things of that nature, while returning veterans can get information about transferring.

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MCC student, John Kublik, was deployed to Al Asad, Iraq. He is a member of the Veteran’s Club.

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