# Foothill College Office of Instruction & Institutional Research Summer Update

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## **Welcome to Summer**

#### **Kimberlee Messina**

I was fortunate enough to **join the Foothill family** in time to participate in the end of year student celebrations and commencement. Joining in these celebrations was a great introduction to the Foothill culture, and an excellent reminder of why we have chosen education as our life work. Thank you for the warm welcome I have received, and I look forward to working with you during the coming year.

I was also fortunate to overlap with **Eloise Orrell**, who had so graciously served as the Interim Vice President of Instruction. I am sure you will all join me in thanking Eloise for her dedication to Foothill, to student success, and to teaching and learning.

Summer is a great time to wrap up projects that we have been working on during the year, as well as an opportunity to begin new projects to lead us into the new academic year.

One of our big undertakings this summer is to configure the new **TracDat system**, which will allow faculty and staff to directly input Course and Program-Level Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and their respective assessment data. These documented results are used to improve





Eloise Orrell and Bob Pierce marshaling the graduates.

programs & learning, and can be utilized to inform planning and resource allocation for the institution. You will have an opportunity to learn about the new system at **College Opening Day**, **September 23**.

#### The **2011 Integrated Planning and Budget Taskforce** will also convene this summer to review the assessment of the 2010-2011 governance process, and to create recommendations for changes and improvements. See your ASFC, Classified or Academic Senate leadership for information on how to participate.

Also this summer, the Office of Instruction is sending representatives to the **Curriculum Institute** for training and updates on all that is new and, if not exciting, then at least important in the world of curriculum.

All of these projects and summer preparations will culminate with our upcoming site visit from ACCJC on October 24-October 27. Stay tuned for updates when we return!

Wishing you a restful and refreshing summer, we look forward to seeing you all back in fall to start the new year!

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## Articulation & Honors Update by Bernie Day

Foothill students continue to transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions in impressive numbers. Our June 15 **Transfer Celebration** attracted approximately 200 transfer students and their guests. The event provided students transferring fall 2011 with an opportunity to meet other students who will be attending either the same university or other colleges and universities in the region. Because the majority of students do not obtain an associate degree prior to transfer, this was a joyful opportunity to celebrate the completion of their rigorous lower-division major preparation and general education coursework. Here's a sample of some of the universities to which Foothill students will be transferring in **Fall 2011** include:

#### Within California

**UC** Berkelev **UC** Davis UCLA UC Merced **UC** Riverside UC San Diego UC Santa Barbara UC Santa Cruz Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo Cal State University Northridge San Jose State University San Francisco State University San Diego State University Palo Alto University Santa Clara University USC

#### **Outside California**

Arizona State University **Chaminade University Columbia University Cornell University** Indiana University John Cabot University, Rome John Hopkins University New York University **Purdue University** Smith College Syracuse University University of Arizona University of Denver University of Minnesota University of Nevada, Las Vegas University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill University of Oregon University of Texas, Austin

#### Transfer Degree Update

In response to recent legislation (SB 1440)-known as the **Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act** (STAR), the Foothill College Curriculum Committee recently approved the creation of two new transfer degrees. Congratulations to both the **psychology and sociology departments** for developing Foothill's first AA-T (Associate of Arts-Transfer) degrees in Psychology and Sociology. After recently securing local approval, the degree applications will be sent to the California Community College Chancellor Office for approval.

Foothill faculty from the following departments are in varying stages of development on transfer degrees: mathematics, communication, business, history, and kinesiology. Additional Transfer Model Curriculum templates are available in the following disciplines: Administration of Justice, Early Childhood Education, Geology, Physics, Political Science, Studio Arts, and Theatre Arts. It is expected that finalized **Transfer Model Curriculum** will soon be available in Biology, Chemistry and English.

Under the provisions of the new law, the California State University will grant **priority admission** into a similar baccalaureate degree program with a guaranteed junior status to students who complete the AA-T and meet all prescribed admission requirements; however, the provisions of this law do not guarantee a student admission to a particular campus. Community college transfer to the California State University has declined dramatically in the past few years, primarily because of the lack of spring admission opportunities.

For more information, please contact Bernie Day or access the new **SB 1440 website** at: http://www.sb1440.org/.

#### C-ID

Articulation officer Bernie Day was appointed to the statewide **Course-Identification System (C-ID)** Advisory Committee. This group is responsible for oversight of California's common course numbering system and for vetting the transfer model curriculum and lower division courses created in response to SB 1440. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any questions or concerns regarding CID or transfer degrees.

## Curriculum Update by Carolyn Holcroft

#### 2011 -2012 Curriculum Committee Meetings

Fall 2011 Quarter: 10/4/2011 10/18/2011 11/1/2011 11/15/2011 12/6/2011

Winter 2012 Quarter 1/17/2012 2/7/2012 2/21/2012 3/6/2012 3/20/2012

Spring 2012 Quarter 4/17/2012 5/1/2012 5/15/2012 6/5/2012 6/19/2012



#### **Curriculum Deadlines for 2011-2012**

10/7/11	Deadline to submit course outlines to the University of California for consideration of late add/appeals.
10/31/11	Final deadline for all GE applications for inclusion in the 2012-13 GE List.
11/15/11	Deadline to notify the articulation office about new/significantly revised courses for transfer GE lists (such as CSU GE and IGETC)
11/15/11	Need/Justification Statements due
12/2/11	COR Title 5 Compliance Review Deadline
12/2/11	Deadline for Foothill to submit newly approved course outlines to CSU for the 2012- 2013 CSU GE/Breadth Certification List
12/2/11	Deadline for Foothill to submit newly approved course outlines to UC and CSU for the 2012-2013 IGETC Certification List
3/1/12	Curriculum Sheet Updates
6/1/12	Deadline to submit newly approved or significantly revised courses to the UC for transferability effective 2012-2013.

#### 2011-2012 Conferences of Interest

- 10/12-14/11 Strengthening Student Success Conference San Francisco Airport Marriot, for more info visit www.rpgroup.org/events/SSS11
- 10/13-15/11 Educating for Personal and Social Responsibility: A Twenty-First-Century Imperative (Long Beach, CA; presented by AAC&U)

Congratulations to the nearly 80 students who completed the rigorous Foothill College Honors Scholar program this year! These students completed a minimum of 23 units in honors courses with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3.