1. Name \textbf{NELSON} \textbf{MARK} \underline{E} \\
   Last \hspace{0.5cm} First \hspace{0.5cm} Initial

2. Present Assignment \underline{THEATRE INSTRUCTOR/ INTERIOR DESIGN}

3. Number of Years of Full-Time Consecutive Service at Ohlone College \underline{9}

4. Time period requested for this proposed leave. (Give inclusive dates): \\
   \underline{SPRING TERM 2012 (JAN 23 - MAY 18, 2012)}

5. Please check which of the following methods you will use to meet the criteria for a sabbatical. Note that "E" is a combination of two or more of the first four.

   [ ] A. Advanced Academic Study: In your statement in Item 7, include a detailed description of the course of study or research project to be undertaken. A letter of acceptance from the institution to be attended or a letter of acceptance from the individual who will direct the study needs to be forwarded to the committee prior to the commencement of the sabbatical.

   X B. Independent Research or Study: In your statement in Item 7, include a detailed resume of the study or project to be undertaken.

   [ ] C. Travel: In your statement in Item 7, include a comprehensive itinerary of your travel plans.

   [ ] D. Employment: In your statement in Item 7, include a complete description of the duties to be performed during the period of employment. Give the inclusive dates of the period of employment. Attach a letter from the employer which confirms the employment and states the salary to be earned.

   [ ] E. A combination of the above activities: In your statement in Item 7, explain carefully how the activities are related and the special results that can be expected. Describe in detail the combination plan in which you are interested.

   [ ] F. Other.

6. On a separate page, write an \underline{abstract} of this proposal—not to exceed 200 words. This abstract will be presented to the Board of Trustees if this application is recommended for approval.

7. \underline{Narrative Description of the Proposed Program}—not to exceed five pages. Provide comprehensive information about the type of program you selected in part 5. Include detailed information showing how the proposed program will aid or improve the execution of your assigned professional duties and the specific benefits to be accrued to the division/department, district, and students. Explain why a sabbatical leave, rather than other approaches, is required to accomplish the stated purpose. Disclose all information relative to any compensation you will receive during the leave period, other than expense reimbursement, whether from employment, grant, fellowship or any other source which is an integral or related part of the leave program.
To Be Completed by Division Dean before the Application is Submitted:

[ ] I support this application  [ ] I do not support this application

Comments: ____________________________________________________________

[Signature]
Signature of Division Dean

I submit this application with the understanding that I shall be bound by the policies and regulations of the Fremont-Newark Community College District and the Laws of California relating to the granting of Sabbatical Leaves of absence.

1-20-2011
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

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[ ] Recommended  [ ] Not Recommended

[ ] Recommended  [ ] Not Recommended

Comments: ____________________________________________________________

[Signature]
Signature of Superintendent/President

[ ] Approved  [ ] Not Approved

Action taken by Governing Board ____________________________ Date

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Mark Nelson
Sabbatical Leave Request   NARRATIVE
Jan 20th, 2011
For Spring Semester 2012

My sabbatical would be focused on three important goals.

The first is to create a working, up-to-date research document, which would be a comparative study of Bay Area Community College Theatre/Dance Departments in the bay area. Little is know about current offerings and programs at even our closest colleges. The personal interaction as well as the resulting information can only be a positive step in future planning. This written study would compare and contrast; budgets, students, faculty numbers and assignments, class offerings, and physical plants. The resulting information would be instrumental in planning and evaluating Departmental goals, and effective use of our human and physical resources. The study would also be a valuable tool in helping shape a program designed for maximizing student success. Through the use of online surveys and face-to-face interviews I would create a digest of this information. The study could be shared and would open the door to the other local colleges for future interaction and discussion.
This digest could help our department focus on the emerging needs of our community, and plan accordingly.

The second section of my sabbatical would be area computer instruction related. I plan to take comprehensive online classes to further my depth of knowledge as an online instructor and make myself more familiar with the many new tools in this field, (especially with the migration to Blackboard here at Ohlone). I have taken some courses through @One with great results. Currently I teach TD-109 online, and also have several online supported courses. The use of this tool to supplement class work, lectures, notes, calendars, and background information has proved highly beneficial to my students who don’t respond as well to the more traditional “lecture and take notes” approach.

The third part of my study would be an upgrading of my personal computing skills through classroom and online instruction in new programs, methodology and formats. @One Institute does offer some of these courses and well as our own college. Our department has no one person who is versed in the many new systems available. We currently are all running programs, and protocols from the early
1990s. The use of texting, smart phones, G4, and I-Pad like tablets are going to be a normal ways of communication to the incoming students in our near future and we need to be able to keep up with those emerging technologies as instructors and as a active and knowledgeable department. Taking classes in these advancing technologies would greatly benefit the Department in the new age of personal communication.

On a more personal note I do need a break. I have been going non-stop since 2001. The Department will greatly benefit from some new blood and fresh ideas from those subbing for me during my absence. It will also be beneficial to our students to be exposed to new production and teaching styles. I would also do some traveling and see some World Theatre and will add those experiences to my teaching components in all of my classes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Professor Mark Nelson
Mark Nelson
Sabbatical Leave Request
Jan 20th, 2011
For Spring Semester 2012

My sabbatical would be focused on three important goals. The first is to create a research document, which would be a comparative study of Community College Theatre Departments in the bay area. The study would compare and contrast; budgets, student and faculty numbers, class offerings, physical plants and the success rates of various programs, especially in this economic climate. Online surveys, face to face interviews and the creation of a digest of this information would complete this study. This work could help our department focus on the emerging student needs and how to effectively use our facilities.

The second and third sections of my sabbatical studies are computer related. I plan to take comprehensive online classes to further my knowledge as an online instructor and make myself more familiar with the new tools in this field, (especially with the migration to Blackboard here at Ohlone). I have taken some courses through @One with great results. The second part of my computer study would be an upgrading of my personal computing skills through classroom and online
instruction in new programs, methodology and formats. The department has no central person who is versed in the many new systems available. We currently are all running programs, systems and protocols from the early 1990s. The use of texting, smart phones, G4 and I-Pad like tablets are going to be a normal ways of communication to the incoming students in our near future and we need to be able to keep up with those emerging technologies as instructors and as a department.

Other benefits from my leave would include some world travel, introduction of new teaching blood into our program during my leave, the recharging my own personal batteries.