

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Doug Treadway
DATE: February 9, 2005
SUBJECT: Sabbatical Leaves, 2005-06

The Sabbatical Leave Committee consisting of Jennifer Harper (Counseling), Katie Frank (Art), Ron Staszko (Mathematics), Denise Owen (Art/Interior Design), Walt Birkedahl (Dean, Fine Arts, Business and Broadcasting) and Dr. James Wright, Vice President of Instruction have reviewed the faculty sabbatical leave proposals for 2005-06, and recommends the following leaves be granted:

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| Shirin Maskatia | English | Full Year |
| Mark Brosamer | English | Full Year |
| Dr. Jim McManus | Music | Fall 2005 |
| Steve Bitzer | Mathematics | Fall 2005 |
| Dr. Paul Belasky | Geology/Geography | Spring 2006 |

A summary of each faculty member's proposal is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the recommendations of the Sabbatical Leave Committee and Dr. Wright.

DT: jw/ct

Summary of Sabbatical Leave Proposals for 2005-06

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| Shirin Maskatia | English | Year |
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- Pursue learning activities to further understanding and development of strategies for working with learning disabled students in basic writing classes.
 - Take a series of classes through the Adaptive Learning Division of Foothill College. Possible courses include Introduction to Disabilities, Psychological Aspects of Disability, Learning Disabilities, Fundamentals of Attention Deficit Disorder, Disability and Technology Access, and Disability and the Law
 - Visit Disabled Students Programs at Chabot, Evergreen Valley, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Berkeley
 - Create an annotated bibliography on the topic of learning disabilities

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| Mark Brosamer | English | Year |
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- Visit Taizhou Community College and live for several weeks in faculty housing and spend time with faculty and students at the school
 - Create a documentary video and other written documentation on the experience in Taizhou to share with faculty and students at Ohlone and the District community
 - Continue studies in the Masters program in French at Cal State San Francisco

Note: Mark has been approved as a Fulbright Exchange Scholar and if an appropriate match can be made in the UK, he will forgo the sabbatical for the exchange program.

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| Dr. Jim McManus | Music | Fall 2005 |
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- In alignment with the Commercial Music program, upgrade post recording production skills by completing courses in Digidesign Pro Tools software
 - Complete post-production work on at least eight audio recordings
 - Complete a new music composition.

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| Steve Bitzer | Mathematics | Fall 2005 |
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- Continue course work to increase fluency in American Sign Language
 - Create weekly math workshops for deaf students
 - Assist as a teacher's aid in William Wong's developmental math courses for deaf students
 - Work on strategies to mainstream more deaf students in higher-level math programs

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| Dr. Paul Belasky | Geology/Geography | Spring 2006 |
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- Study of ancient temperature patterns in the Pacific Ocean and their relevance to the geology of western North America
 - Make presentations of the research work to the Geography Department at Saint Petersburg State University and the Ecology Department at the University of Humanities in Moscow
 - Create a comprehensive digital image database for geology, paleontology, oceanography, and geography classes