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Pottery comes to Ohlone



Photos by Eric Dorman

Geography Instructor Ausaf Rahman points to the word 'Langkawi,' the Malasian archipelago from which he dug the clay to make this bowl. Rahman, like many other sellers at the campus pottery sale in front of the bookstore yesterday, collects all his own clay and fires the pots in his own kiln. Five ceramics classes will be offered in the Spring.



TechComm okays Tech Master Plan

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The Tech Committee (TechComm) approved a plan that would mean a variety of technological improvements to the college, including an increased campus wireless network, the purchase of optical scanning equipment and software and the elimination of manual entering of student information by Admissions and Records.

President Doug Treadway, Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright and members of TechComm approved the Tech Master Plan after making minor changes at the TechComm meeting Nov. 20. It will be presented to the Faculty Senate on Dec. 5.

The Tech Master Plan dictates that for 2007-'08, Ohlone should increase the number of faculty prepared to serve as technology mentors from 8 to 16 and conduct

workshops in technology; the goal is to train 35 full-and part-time faculty. The plan also aims to continue to pilot test technology-assisted active learning in college level and ESL and Basic Skills courses and increase the number of course sections that incorporate new learning technologies to 35 percent.

The goals for Student Services and Planning for 2007-'08 are to eliminate manual entering, retrieving and distributing student records of assessment, counseling, transcripts and work experience. The college will also increase ready access to student educational planning records by counselors by at least 50 percent.

Student educational planning data will be available to all counselors via the new information and reporting system through integration of several information transfer electronic databases.

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Speaker to explain deaf culture to the hearing at World Forum

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Renowned deaf culture speaker Dr. Roslyn Rosen will give a presentation on the international perspective of deaf society this Monday, Dec. 3. This will be the second World Forum of the semester. It will take place in the Jackson Theater from noon to 1 p.m., with a question and answer session afterward between 1 and 2 p.m.

Rosen is the director of the National Center on Deafness at California State University Northridge. She has also served as an international officer for the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was their representative to the United Nations. Rosen will address points such as human and language rights, as well as a global view on deaf culture and issues relating to world deaf culture.

Rosen has served for 33 years at Gallaudet University, located in Washington, D.C., a university in which all programs and services are tailored specifically for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. During her career at Gallaudet, she served as a full-tenured professor and retired while holding the title of vice president of academic affairs. She was awarded an International Cross by the WFD.

Carli named interim Health Sciences dean

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Nursing Director Gale Carli will serve as the Interim Dean of Health Sciences while the college searches nationwide for a new, full-time dean. The College Board of Trustees approved Carli's appointment on Nov. 15, and she will hold the position until May 2008.

"I think this is going to be very challenging and very rewarding at the same time," said Carli. "It's a very opportune time since we [Health Sciences] are moving to the new campus . . . I am looking forward to the continuity of the move between here and there."

During her appointment as interim dean, Carli will continue to act as director of Ohlone's nursing program. Ohlone has had a nursing program for 33 years and Carli said one of her objectives as interim dean will be "to make sure we maintain the excellence we've always had."

In the Spring of this year the previous Dean of Health Sciences, Sharlene Limon, retired after working for the college for more than 30 years. According to Carli and Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright, the administration conducted a search for a full-time replacement

last summer. Though some people interviewed for the position, no one was hired.

Wright himself has been the acting Dean of Health Sciences for this semester. Wright said of Carli, "She indicated an interest in doing it, so we made the appointment and the board approved it."

"I'm glad she stepped forward," said President Doug Treadway. "She's an excellent choice."

When asked whether she would consider becoming the full-time Dean of Health Sciences if the position were offered to her, Carli said it was too soon to know. She added, "This position is something that is new to me. I'm in the best of all worlds right now, because I get to try it out and see if I like it. I'm not going to discount the idea."

Ohlone will reopen the search for a new, full-time dean of Health Sciences in January 2008.



Photo by Daniel Yuan
Nursing Director Gale Carli