

Council visited by team

By **INEZ BLACK**
Staff writer

The Accreditation Site Visit Team observed Ohlone's College Council in action last Monday.

The then newly-appointed President Doug Treadway created the Council in 2003-'04, following recommendations from the previous accreditation evaluation conducted by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Ohlone's College Council carries out the shared governance of the Ohlone Community District for all matters of policy and major items of budget and strategic planning, as well as serving as the Accreditation Self Study Steering Committee.

Vice President Ron Travenick's slide presentation updated the Council and Accreditation Team

on Ohlone's progress toward the recommendations in student development services. Travenick addressed the increase in the proportion of full-time students, including learning communities, cohort groups, enhanced facilities including Hyman Hall and the new student services building and improved course availability including the wait-listing program.

Travenick said that each semester 800-1,000 students arrive on campus the first day of classes with application in hand. All need placement tests before they can register for classes. If they are not registered for classes within 15 days, these students are not included in the census information for the semester as enrolled students. With the new web applications and other computerized assessments, this process now can be completed within 15 days.

Treadway stated, "We have the first census, where we report for the 15 days to the state so they know if they are on budget for the 109 campuses... This affects the interim payments which we receive every three or four months.

"Next summer when we get our final payment for the year, every student that was enrolled here counts."

Previously, students who attended Ohlone only one semester a year had to complete all the paperwork of a new applicant. This is no longer required for returning students.

Travenick introduced improved student services implemented since the 2006 Interim Progress Report submitted to the Accreditation Team, including new services available this semester through WebAdvisor to assist students in planning their academic program.

Newark free speech area to be designated

By **KYLE STEPHENS**
Staff writer

Preliminary plans are in place to create a free speech area at the Ohlone Newark Campus. Campus Activities Coordinator Renee Gonzales is set to meet with Assistant Vice President Leta Stagnaro of the Newark Campus next Monday to begin drafting a policy on the Free Speech Area.

Gonzales said in an email that input "in conjunction with input from students, staff, faculty and the Board of Trustees" will go into the policy as well.

Free speech areas exist as a way for colleges to regulate the demonstration of free speech. The areas are controversial because some believe that free speech should not be regulated to a specific area; however, colleges defend the areas as keeping classes from being disrupted.

This week, accreditation of Ohlone has been occupying many teachers' and staff members' time, slowing the drafting process for the time being. Questions, comments and concerns can be forwarded to Renee Gonzales at rgonzales@ohlone.edu.

I won't need anyone's help. I can do it on my own.

With that degree, it's gonna give me more opportunity so I can make more money. I'm already working with human resources- how to deal with people, codes of conduct, loyalty, ethics, the hiring process, paperwork...

A job is just a job. A career is something that you worked for. I feel better as a person now. I feel more accomplished.

*Michelle Oquendo, DeVry University '08
Technical Management*

Talk explores engineering

By **ANDREW LE**
Staff writer

San Jose State University Professor Yasser Dessouky informed about 45 students about the opportunities in Industrial Engineering at the second Brown Bag Science Seminar of the year Friday.

The seminar began with Dessouky, an industrial engineering professor, asking the audience, "can anybody tell me what industrial engineering is?" The question was met with silence; it seemed that no one in the audience knew what industrial engineering was, exactly.

Dessouky tackled the question himself, explaining that an industrial engineer is a quality and efficiency engineer and how unlike other engineering fields, industrial engineering is "broader." To emphasize the broadness of the field, the speaker listed off a wide range of employers that hire industrial engineers, such as entertainment companies, armed forces, government

agencies, hospitals and more.

Dessouky also brought up a more personal series of events involving Disneyland looking for interns from the industrial and systems engineering department at his own school, SJSU.

The industrial engineering department of SJSU itself was formed in the early 1950s and is ranked by *USNews* as the fourth best industrial engineering program in the U.S. (for a school without a doctoral program). ISE or industrial systems engineering students at SJSU learn to do things such as improve the quality of products, minimize costs, improve security, reduce risk of injury, minimize delay and improve accommodation for the disabled. According to the speaker, upon graduation an expected starting salary for an industrial engineer with a BS is around the \$55,000 range.

Dessouky also gave examples of the things industrial engineers have done in order to give the audience a better understanding of the field.

Among the examples Dessouky touched upon were virtual waiting lines at hospitals, online scheduling for the DMV and Disneyland's estimated wait time signs, among others.

One aspect Dessouky particularly focused on was the fast pass at Disneyland, which was introduced in order to increase revenue for the park and customer enjoyment via shorter wait times.

The interesting thing about this example was the industrial engineering-orchestrated chain effect that the fast pass had; the customer given the fast pass would go to the assigned ride to skip the line, the ride assigned could bring more flow to a lesser populated area of the park, more even distribution of people means lesser waiting times, less time in lines more time spent buying things.

The next Brown Bag will be Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 3201. It will be centered around the human larynx.

Since 1975, 227,605 undergraduate students system-wide graduated from DeVry University and 90% of those in the active job market were employed in career-related positions within 6 months of graduation.

If you have some college, you can complete your bachelor's degree in DeVry University's accelerated courses. Classes start soon, so discover the education that is helping Michelle build a future she can be proud of.

Log on to DeVryCompletion.com/Ohlone

DeVry University

We major in careers:

Three convenient locations in the Bay Area:

Fremont
San Jose
San Francisco

Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA), www.ncahlc.org.

Programs vary by location.

©2008 DeVry University. All rights reserved.

CHILDCARE CAREERS

The Source for Child Care Staffing

Teachers & Assts.

for ECE/After school Programs all over the East Bay Area

- Min. 6 ECE units req.
- Prior F/P clearance pref.
- Flexible Hours

Reimbursement of tuition for ECE classes.

COMPETITIVE HOURLY WAGES & BENEFITS!

(510) 888-9666

www.childcarecareers.net

WWW.ONE.ORG

