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From the President:

Sarah Dye



What Can an ECCFA Member Do to Help?

As negotiations continue, ECCFA members have been asking “WHAT CAN I DO?” So now it becomes time to identify exactly what members can do. Those of you who have been at ECC for earlier contract negotiations know that each and every member can get involved several ways. In fact, after last Wednesday’s Senate meeting, you may already have heard from your own senator about what actions you can take.

First, post the ECCFA UNITY sign on your office door. A copy is found on page 9 of this *Sentinel* if you have not yet received one. Then wear an ECCFA UNITY BUTTON every day at school. Your senators have the buttons to distribute to their constituents or you can contact me and I will send one to you through campus mail.

Get involved by “KEEPING VIGIL” outside the room where negotiations take place, ICT 126. This Tuesday evening, December 7th, the ECCFA team will meet the Board team at 5:00 p.m. in that meeting room. Join your colleagues by 4:45 p.m. in the hallway outside ICT 126 and by the

fireplace in front of the ATC Auditorium. Bring papers to grade, books to read, knitting projects, or just come to chat with your colleagues as you show support for your team as they continue the negotiation process and come and go to and from the meeting room. Stay as long or as short a period of time as you wish. One caveat is not to skip any classes in order to participate any of these activities.

Next, attend the ECCFA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING in the ATC Auditorium on Wednesday, December 8th, at 5:00 p.m. to hear Chief Negotiator Luis Martinez update you on the progress the ECCFA team has made and to sign up for one of the six Job Action Committees. The committee structure will be explained and you can meet the co-chairs of those committees.

The fourth activity is INFORMATIONAL PICKETING before the Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 4:45 p.m. outside the entrance to the UBC Building. The BOT members have dinner and begin their closed session meeting at 5:00. Then you are asked to return to the UBC and ATTEND THE OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD MEETING at 6:30 PM in the Seigle Auditorium. It is important that we have a very strong showing for both of those events on the 14th. You will receive more information about all of these activities at the General Membership meeting this Wednesday.

All of these are steps the ECCFA has taken during each negotiation process. We all need to become involved in as many of these activities as we can. This is what it means to be a member of the Elgin Community College Faculty Association.

Deadline for Sabbatical Application Draws Near

Beth Santell

Are you a tenured full time faculty member? Have you completed six years of full time service at ECC?

If you answered yes, you are eligible to apply for a sabbatical. We offer four sabbaticals yearly. Two are semester-long sabbaticals, in the fall or spring. The other two are summer sabbaticals. Both are great opportunities for you to create, learn, or expand. If you want to apply for both summer and fall/spring semester sabbaticals, you are welcome to submit two applications outlining the different sabbaticals. However, you can receive only one award. If you have already received a sabbatical, please review the sabbatical policy section of the handbook for information that applies to you.

The Faculty Development Committee often fields questions about sabbatical applications. How do you apply and what are the deadlines, dates and opportunities? Our committee decided to write "Tips" to help you apply and think through the application process. In addition, some of our former sabbatical awarded candidates have shared their sabbaticals with you, so you can review a previously submitted application. They are on eNet under the Faculty Development Committee section.

The application is in the Full Time Faculty Development Handbook, pages 43-48. In order to help you compile your application, we hope you'll review the "Tips for Writing a Sabbatical." This includes a variety of brainstorming ideas to submit a

well-rounded proposal with the opportunities and experiences you want to include.

Final deadline? Be sure to have your supervising administrator sign it and submit to Kathy Coatney (our Faculty Development Secretary) in SRC 216 by February 1. She leaves at 5:00!

Classroom Computer Log-in Process Changing in January

Information Provided by
Ned Coonen,
Chief Information Officer, and by
Dan Kocher,
Faculty Co-chair,
Academic Technology Committee

You will notice something new in all computer classrooms and smart classrooms after the winter break. Starting in the Spring 2011 term, all computers on the academic network will **require** a secure login using your AccessECC user ID and password. This applies to students using classroom and lab computers too. Beginning in January, the generic user-IDs will no longer be valid and everyone will need to login using their own credentials.

Teachers and students alike will need to Log in using their “academic” ID and password. That is the same log in and password you use for AccessECC, D2L, or student email. The user ID is usually the initial of your first name followed by your last name and the last four digits of your ECC ID number (no spaces), e.g., “IFaculty5555”. You should already have a password that you established in order to use AccessECC.

This Log in procedure will apply to both the student computers and the teacher’s computer in computer-equipped classrooms and labs. This process has been a recommend option in past semesters. It will be the only option available when classes start next January.

Among the many reasons for this step are enhanced network security and the ability to offer students secure and backed-up networked storage for their data files. The student portal webpage contains updated information for all online services provided. To see everything that is offered in one convenient location, go to <http://elgin.edu/studentportal>.

If students encounter a log-in problem, they need only enter the word “help” with no password and they will be taken to a special screen to assist them in determining their ID and setting their password. Once the ID and password have been established, they will be returned to the Windows Log in screen to start their session.

As usual, a teacher having trouble with classroom computers, network connections or performance, or problems with audio/visual equipment, should call the help desk, x7979 and request assistance. Be sure to let them know if you are experiencing the problem with a class either in session or about to go into session so they can react accordingly.

Note: This procedure impacts only classroom and laboratory computers. Access procedures for office computers and elgin.edu email services are not being changed.

Watch for more information about this on Opening Day. Contact Karin Stacy

(kstacy@elgin.edu) in the meantime if you have questions or concerns.

ECC's Annual Employee Giving Campaign Is Underway

Sheri G. Lacy
Manager-Foundation Scholarships Office of Institutional Advancement & ECC Foundation

Please don't forget to support our students by signing up today to make a contribution through ECC's Annual Employee Giving Campaign.

Many of our students are faced with financial hardships which they simply cannot overcome on their own. Without our help, many of them will be forced to place their education on hold, perhaps indefinitely, never fulfilling their dreams and potential. No gift is too small, and you will make an immediate and measurable difference!



Dr. David Sam (far right) with 2010-2011 Employee Giving Campaign Co-Chairs (from left to right) Philip Howard, Paula Amenta, and Sarah Dye

All employees are encouraged to give...through payroll deduction or with a one-time contribution by check or credit card. **YOU** decide where you want your money to go and 100% of your contribution will go there! Visit the campaign website at www.elgin.edu/employeeegiving to review the list of available funds and to download a campaign pledge form. Please return your form to SRC-205A as soon as possible within the coming week to ensure your deductions start with the first pay period in January, 2011.

Please remember...if you are currently giving to the campaign through payroll deduction in 2010, you do need to complete a new form to continue your deductions in 2011.

Questions? Call the Employee Campaign Office @ 7596.



**Join your friends & colleagues for
the ECCFA's End-of-Semester
Holiday Gathering**

When?

**Friday, December 10, 2010
4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.**

Where?

**Carmina's Mexican Restaurant
1055 N. Randall Road at Fletcher Drive, Elgin**

Hosted by the ECC Faculty Association

Appetizers with a Cash Bar
and

Music by Arturo Vazquez & friends

***RSVP to Sarah Dye (at president@eccfaculty.org) or via
Campus Mail no later than December 7th***



The ECCFA is sponsoring a food drive for the *Northern Illinois Food Bank*. Donation containers will be located around campus for the next two weeks and accepted at the holiday gathering.

Cash donations will be accepted at Carmina's too. Make checks payable to the *Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB)* and give to Linda Hefferin, ECCFA Treasurer.



**Join us in being generous to our Fox Valley
neighbors this holiday season.**

Senate Information, 2010-2011

ECCFA OFFICERS 2010-2011

President: Sarah Dye
1st Vice-President: Luis Martinez
2nd Vice-President: Susan Ford
3rd Vice-President: David Lawrence
Secretary: Lori Clark
Treasurer: Linda Hefferin

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Josefana Aleman, UAF2
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Sue Ford, UAF2
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Linda Hefferin, BUS
Cindy Hutman, CABS
Crystal Kerwin, UAF2
Dan Kocher, UAF2
Dave Lawrence, UAF2
Marcia Luptak, UAF2
Luis Martinez, MSE
Pat O'Brien, CABS
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Glenn Turner CABS
Scott Vazsily, UAF2
Vicki Walker, UAF1

Important ECCFA Dates 2010-2011

FALL SEMESTER 2010

Wed., Dec. 15, 2010, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., UBC 205

Fri., Dec. 17, 2010, Grading Day AND Graduation

(NOTE: Classes end TH 12/16)

Mon., Dec. 20, 2010, 8:00 AM, Grades due

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

Thurs., Jan. 13, TBA, ECCFA General Member Meeting &
Luncheon, UBC

Fri., Jan. 14, 9:00-10:00 AM, New Faculty Intro/Welcome
to ECCFA Meeting. TBA

Fri., Jan. 14, , 1:00-2:00 PM, Instructional
Coordinator/ECCFA Meeting. TBA

Wed., Jan. 19, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., Feb. 2, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., Feb. 16, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., March 2, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., March 16, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

(NOTE: Spring Break 3/23)

Wed., March 30, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., April 13, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., April 27, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Wed., May 11, 3:00-5:00 PM, Senate Mtg., Alumni Room

Thurs., May 19, Grading Day

(NOTE: Classes end W 5/18)

Fri., May 20, Graduation

Mon., May 23, 8:00 AM, Grades due

Sentinel Dates, 2010-2011

Submissions Due	Publication Date
Thursday, 3 February 2011	Monday, 7 February 2011
Thursday, 3 March 2011	Monday, 7 March 2011
Monday, 4 April 2011	Thursday, 7 April 2011
Thursday, 5 May 2011	Monday, 9 May 2010

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