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From the President:

Sarah Dye



The ECCFA is trying to set up a faculty meeting with Dr. Sam this coming Wednesday, February 9, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for the Question & Answer session that was cancelled last week because of the snow emergency. We are waiting on confirmation

for the room. I will send out an email announcement of the details tomorrow when I hear from the scheduling staff. Waiting until the next Senate meeting in two weeks did not seem to be the best approach.

I especially wish to acknowledge the ECCFA members who served as informational picketers on Monday and Tuesday. Colleagues' observations were that we were able to distribute the flyers with information about our negotiation issues to many students. We also have been invited to meet the Club Council student leaders on Wednesday to update them on the steps we have taken and will take as negotiations continue. That meeting was also victimized by last week's weather and rescheduled for this week.

Because building inspections have increased this year and inspectors have identified many issues the college must address in different areas of the campus, the ECCFA is taking an active role in getting updated OSHA training for some of our members who

work in locations housing potentially dangerous equipment and toxic substances. Senate voted to send five faculty members to an upcoming weekend ULI course on new OSHA regulations; the course will be held April 9-10. Though previously educational institutions were exempted from some OSHA regulations, those rules have been revised and now the college must meet the new conditions that have been established. I cannot personally explain much more than that to you, but after the weekend course, please ask any of the following faculty for more information: Dan Kocher, Gary Norden, Dave Reich, Miroslav Rezac, and Howard Russo.

The Negotiation Team, your Senators, and the Job Action Co-Chairs will continue to keep you informed about the progress of negotiations and continue to ask for both your support and your time. It is most important that you regularly read your emails and visit the ECCFA website, blog, and Facebook page.

The addresses are listed below.

ECCFA Website:

www.eccfaculty.org

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Elgin-Community-College-Faculty-Association/193087180704181>

ECCFA Blog:

<http://eccfaculty.org/blog/>

Writers Center Welcomes Joe Bonomo in February

As a part of the Writers Center Reading Series 2010—2011, ECC will welcome author Joe Bonomo for a reading at 7:30 p.m. on 17 February in VPA 191D

Joe Bonomo is the author of *Highway to Hell* (33 1/3 Series, 2010), *Jerry Lee Lewis: Lost and Found* (2009), *Installations* (National Poetry Series, 2008), *Sweat: The Story of The Fleshtones, America's Garage Band* (2007), and numerous essays and prose poems. His essay "Caught" was cited as a "Notable Essay" in *Best American Essays* in 2006, and he has been the recipient of fellowship awards in both prose and poetry from the Illinois Arts Council. He teaches in the English Department at Northern Illinois University.

A pre-reading dinner with the author will be held at 5:30 p.m.

For reservations, please contact Rachael Tecza at rtecza@elgin.edu.

All Writers Center readings are free and open to the public.

Copies of Bonomo's work will be available for sale and signing.

ECC Donates Time, Energy to Northern Illinois Food Bank

Dan Kernler

On Saturday morning January 29th, 21 ECC employees, students, and family members volunteered their time for charity. They served a total of 52 ½ community service hours at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles. The majority of the crew worked on sorting large food donation bins into smaller boxes.



They pulled out unlabeled items as well as candy, household items, baby food, cleaning products, cereal and pet products. Everything else filled up donated banana boxes. This group filled almost 300 banana boxes worth of food and another 50 or so boxes of the assorted items. A few other ECC volunteers worked with the donated

cereal. They sorted a variety of cereals into boxes of approximately 12 pounds each destined for homeless shelters. A couple more volunteers worked on sorting the cleaning products. They wiped down the bottles and packaged them by product.



The last few ECC helpers worked on sorting and packaging ranch dressing. The dressing bottles were wiped down and packaged into roughly 20-pound boxes. The crew from ECC worked alongside almost 80 other volunteers that morning. One volunteer commented that the morning was a very humbling and rewarding experience. This facility is always in need of volunteers on any day of the week and at many times of the day. ECC could and should fill a more permanent volunteering role with the NIFB.

Mark Kuntz Recuperating from Recent Surgery

Mark Kuntz of the Geology Dept. wishes to express his appreciation to all his colleagues for their support during Kuntz's recent hospital stay for acute pancreatitis. Kuntz reports that his recovery from gall bladder surgery has been slow but that he is back to work at ECC.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Mark.

Senate Information, 2010-2011

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 Cindy Hutman, CABS
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 Gary Norden, SSCT
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Important ECCFA Dates 2010-2011

SPRING SEMESTER 2011

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 March 2011	Monday, 7 March 2011
Monday, 4 April 2011	Thursday, 7 April 2011
Thursday, 5 May 2011	Monday, 9 May 2010