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It's Conference Time!

By Trudy Bers, President Elect

We have two important conferences on our CSCC agenda. First, the Council will host a dessert reception at the ASHE conference in Louisville on Friday, November 9. Please check the conference schedule for the exact location. Second, our own conference will take place April 4-5 in Philadelphia, with an opportunity for informal networking over libations and on-your-own dinner on April 3. The conference theme is "*Celebrating the past: Creating the future.*" An exceptionally talented program committee is working to organize plenaries, presentations and roundtable discussions that cover a wide range of topics and spark engagement. Proposals are due on December 1. We encourage proposals! The call for proposals is on the CSCC website: http://www.cscconline.org/2008_call_for_proposals.pdf. If you have any questions please contact Trudy via email. tbars@oakton.edu.

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President's Column

By Deborah L. Floyd, CSCC President

This is an exceptional and exciting time to be a member of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. In April 2008, storied Philadelphia will be the site of CSCC's own historic milestone: its 50th annual meeting. CSCC, beginning quietly as the Junior College Leadership Program and maturing as the Council of Universities and Colleges (CUC), can take pride in its rich history of shaping the development of community and junior colleges over the last half a century through research, graduate education programs, and service to the AACC, other NGOs and government agencies. But most importantly, the CSCC has encouraged diversity and innovation within the community college's extended family by providing a welcoming forum for all -- from endowed university professors to practitioners and graduate students -- united by the objective of enhancing community college education through open dialogue and the critical assessment of the latest trends in research and practice.

When I attended my first AACC meeting in 1978 as a Virginia Tech doctoral student, I had assumed that several of the 1950's founders of our Council were in attendance while a new group of scholars were emerging as contemporary leaders. The 1978 convention was an eye opening and humbling experience on many fronts. Meeting CUC professors, many who were authors of seminal readings in my studies, brought meaning and connections to community college

Do you have CSCC pictures from past events to share during our 50th anniversary?

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Celebrating the Past - Creating the Future

By Pamela Eddy and Marybelle Keim, 50th Anniversary Co-chairs



The spring 2008 conference marks the 50th annual meeting of the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. The first meeting of community college professors occurred in February 1958 in New York City. This initial Council for Universities and Colleges (CUC) group focused on work regarding Junior College leadership. Meetings in the early 1960s supported work of the Kellogg Foundation's grants to fund Junior College Leadership Programs (JCLP). In 1966, the American Association of Junior Colleges officially recognized the formation of a council of professors of junior college education and other university representatives. A revitalization of the group in the mid-1970s resulted in a survey of membership to asking about specific initiatives underway and underway and activities that CUC could sponsor. From these early days, the organization has grown to now include over 250 members.

The annual conference will include a retrospective of the lasting work of the group and its members. We will be having time at the upcoming ASHE meeting to conduct oral history interviews regarding the association. Further information on times and locations for the meetings will be forthcoming via the listserv. Please contact us if you have any artifacts regarding the history of the group. Pictures and stories are especially welcome! We look forward to joining with you in the celebration!

Call for Manuscripts

CSCC 2007 Conference presenters are invited to submit papers to be included in a special issue of the *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*. This special issue will focus on the outstanding research presented at our 2007 Tampa Conference. All submissions must comply with the requirements set by the publishing company, Taylor and Francis. Instructions for authors can be found at: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/ucjcauth.asp>

Each manuscript must be accompanied by a statement that it has not been published elsewhere and that it has not been submitted simultaneously for publication elsewhere.

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*Special issue of the
 Community College
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 Practice seeks
 manuscripts*

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research and practice. At that time, the CUC was an active, integral council within the AACJC, consisting primarily of a tight-knit network of professors who met prior to the annual AACJC convention. Fortunately, in my case, Bob Sullins, Darrel Clowes, Don Creamer, Charles Atwell and Marybelle Keim -- all Virginia Tech faculty -- were true mentors. While we graduate students were well aware that the CUC was a faculty-focused organization, they encouraged me to use the opportunity of the Atlanta session to meet many of those at the cutting edge of community college research and practice. I can still recall the mix of awe and excitement I experienced when I was first introduced to the likes of Art Cohen, Louis Bender, John Rouche, Joe Cosand, Jane Matson and other stalwarts in the field. I was thrilled to meet Florence Brawer, a scholar writing about the many merits of small colleges and a strong influential force in shaping my dissertation about small and rural community colleges. I will forever be grateful to my Virginia Tech faculty mentors, who recognized the importance of their modeling my introduction to the institution that remains at the center of our teaching and research, my subsequent years as a community college administrator and, now, as a university professor. I can only hope that I can approach their commitment and dedication as we prepare the community college's next generation of leaders.

Mentoring others is a role CSCC members do well and with selfless eagerness. In addition to an overflowing number attending the 2007 mentoring reception, Barbara Townsend, Debra Bragg, Linda Hagadorn, Brent Cejda, Pam Eddy, Barbara Viniar, Steve Katsinas, David Hardy and many, many others were busy working behind the scenes to ensure that no one felt excluded at CSCC. Intentional efforts were made to keep fees low and encourage graduate students to participate. Over a third of the nearly 150 registrants at the 2007 Tampa convention were graduate students. But even more importantly, many of these students assumed leadership roles and presented papers. Nor were graduate students alone in being mentored by CSCC members. Recently appointed faculty, including several former community college presidents, were paired with senior colleagues as an inclusionary measure. Our annual conference has grown from a few dozen participants just a few years ago to 148 total registrants in 2007 with over 80 people presenting papers and roundtables. Dozens more serve as proposal reviewers, committee members and volunteers in various capacities.

Our 49th annual conference in Tampa was a grand event with a record number of presenters, sponsors, and sessions. Dozens of colleagues worked tirelessly as members of the planning committee, program reviewer committees and in other capacities. It pleases me to see this growing movement of inclusivity.

Escorting three of my own doctoral students to the 49th annual CSCC convention in Tampa was a nostalgic delight. On reflection, watching them meet a new generation of established scholars in our field who are making history while introducing them to stalwarts who have made history was one of the highlights of my 30 plus year career. They bubbled with excitement over meeting professionals who "wrote the book" such as Barbara Townsend, Jan Ignash, John Levin, Marilyn Amey, Frankie Santos Laanan, Linda Hadegorn, Debra Bragg, Jim Palmer, Steve Kastinas, David Hardy, Tom Davies, Pam Eddy, Christine McPhail, Desna Wallin and many others who are CSCC scholars who were presenters and actively engaged with our graduates students. They were in awe listening to history through the eyes of seasoned scholars such as Art Cohen, Florence Brawer, Marybelle Keim, Bob Sullins and Barry Lumsden. And, they were thrilled to meet well known practitioners such as Kenneth Walker, David Armstrong, Anne E. Mulder and many others as they discussed key issues connecting theory, research and practice.

As we approach our 50th anniversary and celebrate our past, I encourage us to individually and collectively embrace the opportunities we have to create a future for the study of community colleges that builds on the great thinkers and scholars of the past while cultivating and supporting the new generation of leadership of scholars. No time in the history of higher education research has the study of community colleges been more prominent than it is today. While community colleges are becoming increasingly popular as a research field in many organizations, the Council for the Study of Community Colleges of the American Association of Community Colleges has been, and continues to be, the leader in cultivating, nurturing and showcasing new, emerging and established community college scholars and meaningful research. Building on our strong foundation, the best is yet to come as the Council for the Study for Community Colleges transitions to a new generation of leadership dedicated to the study of community colleges. With best regards, Deborah L. Floyd

2007-08 Planning Calendar

Nov 9, 2007	CSCC Board Meeting and ASHE Dessert Reception Louisville, Kentucky
Nov 13-14, 2007	AACC Council Chairs and Commissions Meet Washington, D.C.
Novr 18, 2007	Nominations open for Board and Officer Positions (Contact Marilyn Amey)
Dec 1, 2007	Deadline for Conference Program Submissions (Contract Trudy Bers)
Spring TBA	Newsletter Articles Due (Contact Mary Bendickson)
Jan 18, 2008	Deadline Research/Service Award Nominees (Contact Pat Somers)
Jan 18, 2008	Deadline Dissertation of the Year Nominees (Contact Frankie Santos Lanaan)
Jan 18, 2008	Deadline Board and Officer Nominations (Contact Marilyn Amey)
Early Feb	Notification to those who submitted Conference proposals
Feb 15, 2008	Research Grant Award deadline for submissions (Contact Pat Somers)
Feb 25, 2008	Candidates for Board and Officer Bios posted online
Mar 7, 2008	50 th Annual Conference schedule posted online
Mar 21, 2008	50 th Annual Conference registration deadline
Apr 3-5, 2008	<i>Celebrating the Past – Creating the Future</i> 50 th Annual Conference – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - begins with an evening on your own April 3 rd . and concludes by 2 PM April 5 th .

Member Communication

The CSCC website (<http://www/cscconline.org>) continues to expand as an important tool for our members. Our leadership is exploring the possible of eliminating the password protection for the member's only sections so that access to research, conference programs and activities will be available more freely. Currently, graduate course syllabi, Newsletters, conference programs and conference presentations are posted on our web site. We are fortunate that Mary Bendickson agreed to serve as our newsletter editor, so please contact her with stories and news of interest to members. The membership brochure has been reprinted and copies should be available by October 15th. Sue Kater, membership chair, worked with her committee and others to update this brochure with our current leadership and to highlight our 50th celebration.

Organizational Governance Update

CSCC's past president, Marilyn Amey, signed a project agreement on behalf of the CSCC with the Center for the Study of Community colleges, a California non-profit corporation, in February 2007. This agreement memorializes an informal arrangement that exists between the groups and notes that the CSCC wishes to operate as a project of the Center for the Study of Community Colleges. CSCC may now solicit donations and accept awards, such as foundation gifts, to support research, projects and the annual conference. Dan Phelan, our by laws committee chair, will review the current governance structure and recommend changes, as deemed necessary, to ensure that our organizational governance system is working to our advantage and to fulfill our mission and goals. Rick Wagoner, UCLA, has assumed the on-site oversight of the CSCC offices as UCLA make the transition from Art Cohen's leadership due to his retirement. Dan Phelan, Marilyn Amey, Deborah L. Floyd, Trudy Bers, Rick Wagoner and others will work collaboratively to prepare the organization for electronic elections of officers and directors with the 2009 election cycle.

Our CSCC 2006-2007 Annual Report was prepared by Deborah L. Floyd with the assistance of the Executive Committee and submitted to AACC and the CSCC Board September 4, 2007. The report is in electronic format and will be posted on the web soon. A CSCC Operations and Procedures Manual is in the draft stages and will be shared with the Executive Leadership by mid-year with plans to have the document finalized and ready for use no later than May 2008.

Notes from the President's desk...

- **50th Annual Convention Celebration.-"Celebrating the Past- Creating the Future"**
 - Mark your calendar for April 3-5, 2008 in Philadelphia for this grand celebration and reunion. Get involved – submit a program proposal; nominate someone for an award; volunteer to serve as a mentor; nominate yourself and/or others for officer and board leadership roles; and recruit a colleague to join us in Philadelphia.
 - We have formed a 50th Celebration Blue Ribbon Committee, with Pam Eddy and Marybelle Keim serving as co-chairs. Committee members are Trudy Bers, Marilyn Amey, Deborah L. Floyd and Rick Wagoner. Trudy Bers, program chair and president-elect, has issued a call for conference programs on behalf of her committee and plans are ongoing regarding conference programming. Pam Eddy and the 50th Committee are also leading a project about stories. They are inviting colleagues with "stories to tell" about the history of community colleges and the 50th anniversary of CSCC to step forward and participate in this project. The project will continue through out 2008 Philadelphia convention and 50th celebration.
 - In August 2007 AACC Board of Directors approved a "*Resolution in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Council for the Study of Community colleges, an Affiliated Council of the American Association of Community Colleges*" The resolution extends congratulations to CSCC for 50 years of contributions to research and expresses its appreciation for support of community college ideals while looking forward to continued relationships between AACC and CSCC. The complete resolution will be posted on the CSCC web site and will be available at the 2008 convention. We are quite pleased that George Boggs, Mary Ann Settlemyre, and other staff have offered us full support and encouragement as we plan our celebration which precedes the AACC convention.
 - Participation in our annual conference among graduate students has increased over the past few years as intentional efforts have been made to include them in CSCC activities. Although our conference registration fees were raised for 2008, fees will be kept at a very low rate of only \$50 for graduate students in efforts to ensure we do not disenfranchise graduate students from CSCC. We also have plans to ensure that our newcomers feel welcome at all events, especially our annual convention.
- **CSCC (CUC) History Book, circa 1976**
 - A 1976 book titled "*Council of Universities and Colleges: An Introductory History*" prepared by Doris Meek and Don A Morgan of the Higher Education Program at the University of Arizona was found among the late Ray Young's documents. Thanks to Steve Kastinas who gave me the book and Mehran Basiratmand who scanned the non-copyrighted documents, we have this class in electronic form for member use. The electronic book should be on our web site soon and it has also been catalogued at AACC headquarters. Electronic copies are also available by emailing me at DFloyd@Fau.Edu.

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