



No increase in medical/dental rates recommended

Plan to be presented to Board of Trustees this month

At a time when many employers are reducing benefits or placing more of the financial burden on employees, SPC is hoping to do the opposite: Keep employee costs stable while expanding benefits.

Both the Insurance Committee and the President's Cabinet support no increase in medical/dental premiums for employees – even though employee claims are projected to rise about 8 percent. (In 2008-09, the college paid an average \$850,000 monthly for employee medical/dental claims.)

The specific recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees on May 19 and communicated to employees shortly thereafter.

"Times are tight and we want to do what we can for our employees," said Patty Jones, executive director of Human Resources & Public Affairs. Meanwhile, employees should mark their calendars for Open Enrollment: June 8-18. The schedule of campus visits will be announced later this month.

Also, the college is implementing online enrollment this year. More details about that will be sent in coming weeks.

To get ready for Open Enrollment, employees are encouraged to review their current benefits. Refer to your pay stub: Go to the middle section. In the first and second boxes you'll find your "before tax" and "after tax" deductions. These represent what benefits you opted for in 2008-09.

Employees who aren't sure how many people they are covering for a particular benefit can review the Benefits Rate Sheet. For health premiums, rates are split into two amounts on the pay stub: individual and dependent rates, if applicable. The Benefits Rate Sheet has the total amount of an employee's health premium.

The Blue & White will include more information as Open Enrollment nears.

Graduation reminder

Spring graduation is Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at Tropicana Field. All full-time faculty and administrative and professional staff are expected to participate. Commencement is an opportunity to exhibit to students and their families our respect for the work they have done and the sacrifices they have made to earn their degrees. According to college policy, May graduation day is considered an official duty day with pay for faculty, and participation in the ceremony satisfies the duty requirements for that day.

"As valued members of the college family and as mentors to our students, please mark your calendar for this important event," Kuttler said. "And keep in mind the appreciation felt by many students and parents for your presence there."

Bill Hemme's Great Adventure: A bike ride across America



As a kid, Bill Hemme dreamed of some kind of great adventure – sailing solo across the Atlantic, maybe, or hiking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

Approaching his 50th birthday last month, Hemme realized that time was passing quickly and the great adventure of his childhood dreams remained undone.

That will all change on May 12, when Hemme leaves for Sausalito, Calif. and then points his bicycle toward St. Augustine, a solo cross-country trip that should take him about 10 weeks if all goes well.

Hemme, who is returning to a teaching position after five years as Director of the Mathematics and Natural Science program on the Clearwater Campus, is going to need to pedal about 70 miles every day if he is going to stay on his schedule. He feels he's prepared to make that happen.

"I have been doing a lot of riding in preparation," he said. "I purchased a new touring bike back in February of 2008, and I now have almost 6,700 miles on it. I'm not a competitive rider but I do get out on weekends and early in the morning. Since Spring Break I've been averaging about 200 miles per week."

The idea for a cross-country bike trip actually crossed Hemme's mind several years ago. At that point, he thought it might make a good project for him and his

son to do together. But that first idea has evolved into a solo ride.

"It actually was something I first thought of as a kid, when I envisioned sailing solo across the ocean or hiking the Appalachian Trail," he said. "Then, about six or seven years ago, I was traveling with my wife and son and I happened to mention the thought of a cross-country bike trip, and my son thought it would be very cool. Then, when I turned 50, I realized I was still in pretty good shape, and that's when the idea really took hold."

Hemme had hoped that the ride would include both him and his son, but it turned out that his son Daniel, now a sophomore at the University of Florida, wouldn't be able to make the trip after all. Undaunted, Hemme decided to make it a solo adventure.

The first day of the trip may be one of the most interesting – it involves a ride across San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge and dipping the rear wheel of the bike in the Pacific.

In the days afterwards, though, the ride gets challenging – he will get into the Sierra Nevada Mountains and will have to climb to about 9,000 feet, a height where he expects to travel (and camp) in some deep snow.

"I'm going to be tested on some of my first days out," he said. "Kirkwood, Calif. had 86 inches of snow this past winter and much of it will probably still be there when I ride through. There are no motels in the Eldorado National Forest, and the campgrounds don't officially open until Memorial Day, so I'll have to set up my tent somewhere in the middle of the woods."

Hemme's first week in California will take him through urban areas such as Sacramento and Lake Tahoe, but once he gets to Nevada he will ride through areas that are essentially unpopulated. While he will be traveling alone, he expects to run into other

bicyclists who will be pedaling both east and west on similar cross-country treks.

“This is considered a solo ride because I’m doing it without a partner,” he said. “But there are usually 200 or 300 people who make this trip by bicycle each year, so it is not unusual to encounter people who are making similar cross-country trips. Some of them may match up with me, or I them, so I think I may ride a few days at a time with others.”

Hemme plans to camp some nights, spend other nights in motels, and rest on other evenings in the homes of “Warmshowers” hosts – people who provide a bed, food and hot showers to long-distance bicyclists.

He expects to reach St. Augustine and dip his front tire in the Atlantic on July 21, in plenty of time for the start of fall classes. He plans to keep an online journal as he rides, filing his reports and pictures at www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/bills2009ride

“This has not just been a personal challenge to keep me motivated to continue exercising, although it has had that effect,” he said, “I have no idea if I will be able to finish this ride. I hope so – I don’t want to injure a leg and have to fly back. It is simply a solo ride to see if I can do it, and to experience and enjoy the many sights, communities and people of the country along the way.”

Jason Green elected to Green 100 list

Jason Green, Sustainability Coordinator at St. Petersburg College, has been elected to the “Green 100,” a list of individuals, businesses and others who lead the way toward a sustainable future in Tampa Bay.

The list was created by Creative Loafing, a Tampa Bay-based alternative newspaper. The paper selected the first 95 members of the list; the remaining five members were elected by readers, who cast their ballots on the Creative Loafing Web site.

“I’m honored to be selected as a member of this group, but it is more a recognition of the progress that St. Petersburg College has made in a relatively short

time to become a more sustainability-conscious institution,” Green said.

Besides Green, the final five members of the list include a local architect and activist, a natural pest management company, an earth-friendly car care company and a kayak adventure company.

Green has been SPC’s Sustainability Coordinator since August 2008, and has worked to construct the college’s sustainability efforts from scratch. The Office for Sustainability, which he heads, provides assistance and direction as SPC implements environmental education programs, student activities and corporate training. It focuses on energy and natural resource conservation, green buildings, carbon emissions and recycling.

Many strategies have been implemented to help minimize the college’s carbon footprint and negative influence on the environment, including:

- Developing two new educational degree programs, an associate degree in Environmental Science Technology and a bachelor’s degree in Sustainability Management

- Partnering with U.S. Green Building Council, Solar Source Institute, and Pro Train to provide sustainability/conservation training

- Opening two LEED certified buildings, Student Services, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, and Natural Science and Math, Clearwater Campus

- Lowering total energy and water consumption and evaluating the college’s utilities infrastructure

- Rolling out a comprehensive collegewide recycling program

- Developing a Natural Habitat Park and Environmental Center at the Seminole Campus that will serve as an educational, environmental and passive recreational “green zone” for use by SPC students, faculty and staff, and community

To learn more about SPC’s sustainability initiatives, visit www.spcollege.edu/sustainability.

Educators in Industry summer session

The summer session of Educators In Industry (EII) runs June 8 - 11. Participants will meet on Monday from 1 - 4 p.m. at Pinellas County Schools Administration building, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 4 pm at various businesses. Six visits (two a day) will be made to business and industrial sites to acquire knowledge regarding career opportunities in Pinellas County. Visits will include such sites as WorkNet Pinellas, L-3 Communications, Tech Data, Pinellas Waste Water Plant and PSCU Financial Services.

In addition to the business and industry site visits, the EII board members expect participants to attend a banquet to be held in November.

As in all workshops that require you to be away from your work site, please be sure to get your supervisor's permission to attend.

College offers summer programs for kids

SPC employees don't have to look far to find a quality day camp for their children this summer. A variety of entertaining and educational camps for students in elementary, middle and high school are available.



For more than 30 years, SPC has offered College for Kids, a program for students completing kindergarten through fifth grade. The program, offered at sites around Pinellas County, expanded this year to offer programming for middle school students at the same locations the elementary programs are offered.

While elementary students can attend College for Kids for one week, eight weeks or any number in between, the middle school camps only are offered in monthly increments.

The college also offers a variety of specialty camps, including:

- Admiral Farragut Academy (for students in grades 4-9) – activities include oceanography, sports, math, Spanish immersion, art and computer classes. There's also a one-week sailing camp.
- Musical Theater Camp (for students in grades 6-12) – participants will produce "Seussical Jr., The Musical" and learn set direction, costuming, singing and dancing.
- Spanish Immersion Camp (for students in grades 2-8) – children will learn vocabulary words, rhymes, culture, conversation, cooking, games and more.
- Captain Mack's Space and Rocketry Camp (for students in grades 2-8) – students will have a chance to build a rocket, and take trips to the Kennedy Space Center and the SPC Planetarium – all while learning about outer space.
- Camp of Public Safety – Who Done It (for middle school students) – students learn how to collect and process "evidence" to solve a crime, which gives them hands-on experience in fingerprinting, investigation of a crime scene and working in a crime lab.

In addition, the college offers music camps at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus for middle and high school students. Students can participate in Summer Chorus, Summer Jazz Band for beginners or Summer Jazz for advanced musicians.

Although there are no employee discounts or scholarships for SPC's summer programs, the camps are reasonably priced compared to other programs in the area.

"SPC camps are great because of our staff of credentialed Pinellas County teachers and assistants, the attention to detail in planning the camps, and the promotion of SPC in the community," Lifelong Learning Program Director Jackie Addis said. "Kids return year after year because it's fun and educational."

For more information on dates, locations and prices for the College for Kids and specialty camps, visit the College for Kids Web site. For information on SPC's Music camps, visit the Lifelong Learning Web site.

Cultural Corner

This weekly column features some of the arts and entertainment events presented by St. Petersburg College and its partners. NEW items are noted for your convenience.

Discounts

Florida Orchestra: Faculty and staff now can purchase tickets at the student rate of \$10. Call the Florida Orchestra Ticket Center at 727-892-3337 and identify yourself as faculty or staff to place your order. Students can purchase two \$10 advance tickets through the mail, in person or by phone at the Florida Orchestra ticket center. Students must present ID when collecting tickets at the Will Call window on the night of concert. Subject to availability. Some restrictions may apply. Palladium: Faculty, staff and students receive a 10 percent discount to all shows produced by the Palladium or its partners at the Palladium.

Continuing through Sunday

[American Stage in the Park: Altar Boyz](#), 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, Demens Landing, St. Petersburg. \$11-\$14.

Continuing through Saturday

[The 28th Annual congressional High School Art Competition and Exhibition](#). Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art Auditorium. Free.

Continuing through July 19

[Florida Artist Group: 58th Annual Exhibition](#). Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art Auditorium. Free.

May 15-17

[Florida Orchestra Masterworks Concert: Mahler Symphony No. 2, Resurrection, Stefan Sanderling, Conductor](#). Featuring the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay, Richard

Zielinski, artistic and music director. 8 p.m. Friday, May 15, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 16, Mahaffey Theater; and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 17, Ruth Eckerd Hall. \$19-\$65.

Locker Room:

Locker Room: Baseball team begins state tournament play Friday

The baseball team opens play in the state tournament Friday at 10 a.m. against Santa Fe Community College of Gainesville.

It is the 12th consecutive year SPC Coach Dave Pano has guided the team to the tournament, which is being held at Chain O'Lakes Park in Winter Haven.

SPC and Santa Fe met twice during the regular season and split the games. SPC lost 8-4 and won 16-14. Santa Fe won the Mid-Florida Conference with a 17-8 record and was 28-19 overall. SPC was second in the Suncoast Conference at 14-11. Manatee CC ran away with the title.

The eight-team, double-elimination tournament concludes Tuesday.

The softball team lost two games on the first day and was eliminated from the state tournament in Auburndale. Of the three teams from the Suncoast Conference that qualified, only one, Manatee CC, won a game. Polk CC was also two and out. SPC lost its second game 7-5 to South Florida CC after leading 5-1. SPC pitcher Mary Huff was selected second team all state before the tournament.

The tennis team was at the national tournament in Tucson, Ariz. this week and made an excellent showing, Coach Phil Girardi said. "The girls have played very well and we have a good chance of finishing in the top 10," he said as the tournament headed to the quarterfinal round.

For results please visit www.spcollege.edu/athletics.



Lifestyle change to lower blood pressure risks

If your health care provider discovers that you have moderately high blood pressure, you may be put on a medication to lower it. In some instances, this is because it takes more time to educate the patient on healthy lifestyle changes than the duration of the visit, which usually last about 15 minutes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in a study of about 25,000 Americans with high blood pressure, 73% were on blood pressure medication.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), a continued blood pressure reading of 120 over 80 is considered to be prehypertensive and most health experts recommend lifestyle changes.

Recommendations to eat well, get to a healthy weight, stop smoking and manage stress seem overwhelming to most people who suffer from high blood pressure (also called hypertension), but these positive changes may result in improved blood pressure readings, sometimes without medications.

Untreated high blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease.

The DASH eating plan (Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension) is one of the first lifestyle recommendations made by most doctors. The plan is endorsed by the AHA and The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute and is easy to follow, safe, and effective and one that the whole family can enjoy. Research supports that this eating plan can lower blood pressure.

Here is an overview of the DASH eating plan:

- Specific amounts and daily servings of whole grains, fruits and vegetables are the bulk of the eating plan.
- Limited to 2,000 calories a day.
- Includes 2-3 daily servings of low-fat or non fat dairy
- Protein from limited amounts of lean meats, poultry and fish, nuts, seeds and legumes.

To see specific food recommendations and serving sizes, go to hdashdiet.org.

To contact SPC's Wellness Coordinator, contact Cathleen at shears.cathleen@spcollege.edu

To explore additional wellness updates, visit the [SPC Wellness blog](#).

HR Notes: Health benefits during vacation travel

What happens if I'm out of the area, state, or the U.S. and have a medical emergency? How will I be taken care of? You always are covered in case of an emergency, day or night, no matter where you are in the world. Preauthorization is not required for an emergency. Please refer to page 6 of the Open Access Select Pamphlet for details. It is located on the Human Resources Benefits page.



The facts about parabens

The issues

- Parabens are synthetic preservatives found in shampoos, make-up foundations, shaving gels and even food. These chemicals act as preservatives and extend a product's shelf life by inhibiting bacterial growth.
- Parabens are similar to estrogen and interfere with natural hormone production. This may lead to weight gain, and more importantly, may contain potential links to cancer.
- When washed off in the shower or at the beach, parabens can accumulate in waterways or soil and disrupt the hormones in animals. Scientists say certain animal genetic defects may be the result of paraben pollution.
- Up to 60% of products we place on our skin seeps into our blood stream.

Be part of the solution

How can I stay away from parabens?

- Stay away from products containing these chemicals: methylparaben, ethylparaben, propylparaben, butylparaben, benzyl-parahydroxybenzoic acid, methyl-parahydroxybenzoic acid, ethyl-parahydroxybenzoic acid, propyl-parahydroxybenzoic acid, butyl-parahydroxybenzoic acid, parahydroxybenzoic acid and parahydroxybenzoate.
- Words like "natural" and "organic" do not mean paraben-free. Don't be fooled by the front label. You likely will find any parabens printed in small letters at the bottom of the back label.
- Buy organic moisturizing body oils made from organic cocoa butter, sunflower oils, peppermint oil, coconut oil and organic spearmint oil.
- Cosmetics Database (www.cosmeticsdatabase.com), an online safety guide to cosmetics and personal care products. While there, sign the petition.

Want to become involved with SPC's exciting sustainability initiatives? Call Jason Green at 341-3283 or visit www.spcollege.edu/sustainability

Equal Opportunity

St. Petersburg College is dedicated to the concept of equal opportunity. The college will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or marital status, or against any qualified individual with disabilities, in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. Recognizing that sexual harassment constitutes discrimination on the basis of sex and violates this rule, the college will not tolerate such conduct. Should you experience such behavior, please contact the director of EA/EO at 727-341-3261; by mail at P.O. Box 13489, St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3489; or by e-mail at eao_director@spcollege.edu.

On SPC-TV

Here is the broadcast schedule for the original cultural programs recorded by SPC for broadcast on the college station. SPC-TV can be seen on Bright House 620, Knology 19 and Verizon 47 in Pinellas County.

» **CoMotion Dance Theatre - Spring 2009 Dance Concert**

Sundays at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Tuesday at 9 p.m. and Thursday at 8 p.m.

» **Frontline: Behind the Lines**

Wednesday at noon and 9 p.m. and Saturday at noon and 9 p.m.

» **The Music Center Presents: St. Petersburg College Band**

Sunday noon and 9 p.m.; Friday 8 p.m.

» **A Night at the Palladium: Harambee; African Culture Showcase**

Monday 9 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

» **The Music Center Presents: Percussion Ensemble**

Sunday 11:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 p.m.; Thursday and Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

» **A Night at the Palladium: Nathan Laube**

Monday 8 p.m.



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PRESENTATION OF RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS

The Board adopted retirement resolutions for Sheila A. Forgione, Baccalaureate Programs & University Partnerships, EpiCenter; and Anne F. Nowlen, International Student Services, Clearwater Campus. Ms. Forgione and Ms. Nowlen were both in attendance and, joined by colleagues, received their resolution as presented by Vice Chairman Burke and President Kuttler.

BIDS, EXPENDITURES AND CONTRACTS

The Board received the following as information only: (1) Quarterly Report of Exempt and Non-Exempt Purchases Not Exceeding \$250,000; and (2) Quarterly Report on Contracts and/or Items Not Exceeding \$250,000 (or those which were previously approved, but have been amended, modified, extended, clarified, or canceled/withdrawn). The Board approved the following: (1) Renewal of Banking Services and Merchant Services Agreements with SunTrust Bank; and (2) Subcontract with Stanford Research Institute International (SRI) to assist the National Terrorism Preparedness Institute (NTPI) with fulfilling contractual obligations to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWAR) through the Maritime Integrated Command and Control Alerting Tool Suite.

GRANTS/RESTRICTED FUNDS CONTRACTS

The Board authorized applications for and acceptance of grant funding (if awarded) from: (1) American Council on Education, in partnership with Wal-Mart Foundation, to sponsor *Success for Veterans Awards Grants*; (2) Workforce Florida, Inc. for the "Employ Florida Banner Center for Water Resources" grant program; (3) University of Central Florida for Emergency Communication and Alert Equipment for the State University System of Florida and Florida Community College Campuses; and (4) U.S. Air Force for an Educational Service Agreement for Dental Hygiene Training.

CAPITAL OUTLAY (Money that can be spent only on construction projects)

The Board received, as information only, the Quarterly Report of Construction Contract Approvals Not Exceeding

\$250,000. The Board approved the following: (1) Disposition of Surplus or Obsolete Property; (2) Quarterly Selection of Pre-Qualified Small Contractors; (3) 2008/09 Sanitation, Casualty, and Safety Inspection Report; (4) Amendment to Lease Agreement between SPC and the Hon. C.W. Bill Young, Member of the House of Representatives, for a Lease of Space at the Seminole Library Addition, SE; (5) Agreement between SPC and the National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) for a Lease of Space at HEC; (6) Phase III Construction Documents and Guaranteed Maximum Price for Faculty Offices Renovation, SE; and (7) Phase III Construction Documents (Phase I) and Change Order #1, Renovate/Remodel of Natural Science Building, CL. Regarding the latter item, the Board expressed interest in a master plan for the Clearwater Campus, which will be further discussed at the June Board meeting following a preliminary planning session.

CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RULES

The Board approved the following changes to the Rules and Procedures Manual: (1) Rule 6Hx23-2.07 Terminal Pay. This clarifies and modifies language regarding terminal sick pay, terminal vacation pay, and terminal vacation DROP pay; (2) Rule 6Hx23-2.14 Workday and Workweek. This updates the rule and modifies language regarding the College's workday and workweek for faculty, A&P staff and career service employees. It also revises the College's overtime and compensatory time policies; (3) Rule 6Hx23-2.30 Vacation Leave. This clarifies and modifies language within the rule regarding vacation leave. It also removes language regarding accumulated vacation leave pay; (4) Rule 6Hx23-2.35 Family and Medical Leave. This updates the rule to align language with federal regulations; and (5) Rule 6Hx23-4.02 Admission Requirements. This updates the rule by changing references from Dual Credit to Dual Enrollment; changing the name of the Early Admission form to Early Admission to College form; and deleting language that is no longer relevant.

CREDIT CURRICULUM CHANGES

EFFECTIVE TERM III, 2008-2009: The Board approved addition of the following courses: EEX 4290 The Nature of Autism; EEX 4291 Effective Learning Environments for

Students with Autism; EEX 4292 Communication with Students with Autism, Families, and Other Professionals; EEX 4941 The Nature of Autism Field Experience; EEX 4942 Effective Learning Environments for Students with Autism Field Experience; EEX 4943 Communication with Students with Autism, Families, and Other Professionals Field Experience. The Board approved changes in the following course: HUS 1445 Children of Dysfunctional Families.

EFFECTIVE TERM I, 2009-2010: The Board approved addition of the following courses: CRW 2100 Fiction Workshop; CRW 2300 Poetry Workshop; FIL 2030 Film History; MUC 1606 A Composer's Guide to the Recording Studio; MUC 1616 Introduction to Film Scoring; MUC 2000 Songwriting; MUH 2052 The Music of the World; MUL 1017 History of Rock I (1950-1969); MUL 2018 History of Rock II (1970-1989); MUL 2019 History of Rock III (1990-Present); MUL 2380 History of Popular Music; MUM 1034 Vocal Coaching for the Recording Studio; MUM 1310 Legal Issues for the Musician I – Court System and Contract Law; MUM 1311 Legal Issues for the Musician II – Intellectual Property Law; MUM 1312 Legal Issues for the Musician III – Labor and Employment Law; MUM 2037 Pop Vocal Style; MUM 2609 Critical Listening: Analysis of Contemporary Production Techniques; MUN 1031 Pop Music Ensemble; MUN 1711 Jazz Combo; MUN 1712 Jazz Combo II; MUN 1718 Rhythm and Blues Ensemble; MUN 2004 Recording Studio Ensemble; MUT 2300 Commercial Music Theory and Arranging I; MUT 2300L Commercial Ear Training I; MUT 2301 Commercial Music Theory and Arranging II; MUT 2301L Commercial Ear Training II; MVB 1317 Brass for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk I; MVB 2327 Brass for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk II; MVK 2125 Popular Piano Techniques II; MVP 1317 Drums for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk I; MVP 2327 Drums for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk II; MVS 1317 Electric Bass for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk I; MVS 1318 Electric Guitar for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk I; MVS 2327 Electric Bass for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk II; MVS 2328 Electric Guitar for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk II; MVW 1317 Woodwinds for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk I; MVW 2327 Woodwinds for Rock, Jazz, Blues and Funk II; PGY 2215C Professional Studio Portraiture; RMI 1112 Fundamentals of Insurance Planning; SPN 2949 Study Abroad Cooperative Work Experience Spanish. The Board approved changes in the following courses: ASL 1160C Advanced American Sign Language with Lab; CET 1171C Personal Computer Repair I; CET 1172C Personal Computer Systems Repair II; CGS 1100 Microcomputer Applications; CGS 1823 Web Site Design Concepts; ENG 2103 World Cinema; HIM 1102 Introduction to Healthcare Informatics; IDH 2634H Honors Service Learning; IDS 1101H Honors Interdisciplinary Studies: Ancient. The Board approved deletion of the following courses: BUL 2361 Business Entities and Agency Law; EVT 4334

Standards-Based Instructional Methods for Technology Education; SLS 1106 The First Year Experience. The Board approved addition of the following programs: AS Degrees: Insurance Services (INSVS); Music Industry/Recording Arts (MIRA); Photographic Technology (PGY). The Board approved addition of the following programs: AS Degree: Digital Media Production (DMPRD); Digital Video Production (DVPRD); Video Game Foundations (VGF). The Board approved changes in the following programs: AS Degrees: Business Administration (BUS); Computer Networking (COMPNET); Computer Programming and Analysis (COMPRG); Information Technology (IT) Security (ITSEC); Technology Management (TECMGT); Web Designer (WEBDS); CT Programs: Computer Support Certificate (APLUS); Microsoft Certified IT Professional: Server Administrator Certificate (MCITPSA); Microsoft Certified IT Professional: Enterprise Administrator Certificate (MCITPEA); Web Development Specialist Certificate (WEBDVS). The Board approved deletion of the following programs: AS Degrees: Computer Information Technology: Microsoft Certified Office Specialist (MOS)/Office Systems Technology (OSMGT); CT Programs: Computer Programming Certificate (COMPRG); Microsoft Certified Office Specialist Certificate (MOS); Web Designer Certificate (WEBDS).

STUDENT TUITION AND FEES

The Board approved changes to the Student Tuition and Fee Schedule as follows: Additions to DES 1020L, and changes to DEH 1003L and DSE 1200L, all effective Fall 2009.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

President Kuttler provided an update on activity in the Legislature. He reaffirmed that the news is much worse than ever anticipated, with the College facing a 19.7 percent cut in baccalaureate program funding and a 12.6 percent cut on the 2-year side. As a result, he said every possible cutback will have to be considered over the next year due to these major cuts, which are beyond anything SPC has ever dealt with, and this may include employee benefits, construction staffing due to lack of PECO funds, any extras, etc. He further noted other problems arising in the legislative session, particularly a retirement bill that could severely affect the College's adjunct ratio and require more full-time faculty.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

The Board confirmed its next meeting as Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at the EpiCenter, to begin with a Budget Workshop at 8 a.m., meeting to follow at 8:30 a.m. or soon thereafter.