Every professional and classified employee, both full- and part-time, is automatically a member of PACE. PACE is a wonderful opportunity for our classified and professional employees to get together, network and stay “in the know” about things going on at this wonderful campus of ours. If you want to be involved contact your building rep; you can find who they are here: http://pace.csi.edu/representatives.asp

Spring General Meeting

For this year’s PACE Spring General Meeting we would like to answer some questions you might have as part of our event. There have been a lot of changes and happenings on campus that have raised questions for many. Our goal is to make sure that everyone is on the same page and receiving the same message. There will not be a specific topic and we are looking for questions from everyone. President Fox and Mike Mason have graciously accepted our request to answer what they can in the amount of time that will be allotted. If you have any questions you would like answered send them to Kim Lapray at klapray@csi.edu by Friday, April 3, at 5:00 pm. The questions will be compiled, sorted, and then answered at the PACE Spring General Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 2:00 pm in the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center. Below are some example questions to get your creative juices flowing:

1. What is the role of the new Admissions office?
2. Can you differentiate between the Associate Vice President of Student Services, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, and Associate Dean of Student Success?
3. I’ve heard about the new Student Success Initiative what role do I play in that?
4. We’ve had a couple of legal issues publicized lately what’s going on? Where are we?
5. How is CSI preparing for the retirement of many employees over the next 5 years? Will there be opportunities for mentorship in order to “grow our own people”?
6. What’s CSI doing to combat rising benefit costs that could eventually be unsustainable to cover?
7. Recognizing that a master plan is in the works do we have any other facility building plans?
8. CSI employees have gone many years without a cost of living raise. Will this ever be possible?
9. Because of all of the reorganized departments are there remodeling plans that will begin soon?
At the Water Cooler

Terry Sheaffer
Custodian

At the Water Cooler you’ll meet other CSI employees and get to know them better. Meet Terry Sheaffer, Custodian.

“The early bird gets the worm.” Well, Terry Sheaffer must be a bird on campus competing for that worm. He has been arriving on campus at 4:00 am to start his shift for the past 4 years. During his shift he makes sure the CSI daycare is clean and ready for the teachers and children. Then, he moves to the Office on Aging, and he finishes with the Desert Building-completing a half day’s work before many others even arrive on campus.

Terry loves running into and interacting with other CSI employees such as instructors, custodians, and office personnel. This happens during his duties in the Desert building since that’s when his schedule overlaps with others.

As most, Terry is a coffee drinker, it’s what gets him going in the mornings along with loving the people he works with. A highlight of his work week is the opportunity to engage with and help students. “I not only help them with directions, I help them with anything else they might need.”

Above all, Terry enjoys the interaction he has with the people around him. He has developed some good relationships with some of the people he works with and he likes getting to know the students a little bit as they come through his buildings. However, one of his biggest pet peeves includes, “people who don’t care about the messes they leave behind. Most of the messes are just your day to day variety and those are fine. It’s the gross ones that are sometimes hard to deal with. But these happen very infrequently so it is not that big of a deal.”

After starting at CSI in 2009 as a student, Terry closed his personal business and continued his education. He worked part time as a work study while he studied social work and criminal justice to broaden his horizons. Eventually, he was able to get on full time and here he is. With his ambitious attitude, Terry’s future goals include helping his wife with her upholstery business and to build it up to a place that will generate an income for their future. He is also in the process of starting a handyman business.

Terry believes that the world would be a better place if everyone believed, “acceptance, not tolerance is the key. If people would accept each other for who they are and understood it takes all kinds of people to build a community…”

He shares this belief with his wonderful wife Kay, the love of his life, two children Kevin and Kassandra, his four grandchildren Gavin, DJ, Justina, and Jacob, and his three dogs Kissa, Ruby, and Molly.

If you haven’t run into Terry on campus, you cannot understand the passion this man has for helping those around him. Legend has it that even when students need help with homework. Terry makes time to be available to help walk them through whatever they are stuck on. It’s people like Terry that make this campus such a warm and inviting place for students, faculty, staff, and the community!
The College of Southern Idaho’s new Idaho Falls Center, located at 1235 Jones Street, is now open. CSI opened the new, stand-alone center in January after several years of offering some classes in the evenings at Eastern Idaho Technical College. The Idaho Legislature appropriated money during the 2014 session targeted towards offering more community college classes to Idaho Falls students.

“This new center has allowed us to expand our courses and programs,” said CSI Idaho Falls Director Josh Sakelaris. “This semester, we are serving 75 students in various programs. Students are excited about their class options and are able to register for classes that fit their busy schedules. Our objective at this point is to give degree-seeking students in the Idaho Falls area the opportunity to earn at least a few of their required classes before moving on to a four-year university. We also offer students the opportunity to earn their associate’s degree in three programs right here in this center at a much lower cost than anywhere else in the state.”

What is a PACE General Meeting: A social gathering with informative speakers and food. The spring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, at 2 pm in the Rick Allen room at the Herrett Center.

What happens at General Meetings?
The staff of the College of Southern Idaho come together and share information.

What is the Purpose?
It’s a meeting conducted annually in the fall and in the spring. It is one of the ways we are able to connect with each other and deliver new knowledge and information. We discuss issues and projects occurring throughout campus. The meeting also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of PACE members through public recognition.

Who can attend?
Professional and classified employees that are both full-time or part-time employees.

Why people participate in General Meetings?
The PACE General Meeting provides an opportunity for staff to meet face to face and expand their network of colleagues. The meetings not only strengthen bonds and work relationships among staff, but also facilitate awareness of activities transpiring at CSI.
New Faces on Campus

Coleen Florke
New Position
IT Systems Support Specialist
Taylor/SUB 210, ext. 6364
Hello everyone, my name is Coleen Florke, I am an IT Systems Support Specialist in the Institutional Information & Effectiveness Department. I have lived in Twin Falls for the last 29 years, I previously work for the Kimberly School District for 16 years as the Assistant Tech Director. I have four children, three grandchildren and another grandchild on the way! I am very excited about the opportunity I have to work at the College of Southern Idaho. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone!

Dan Guthrie
Dan Guthrie, Restructured position vacated by Victoria Thurber
Admissions Coordinator
Taylor/SUB 210, ext. 6292
Dan comes to CSI after spending 10 years in the sales industry. He obtained his Bachelor’s in Business from Sierra Nevada College, Lake Tahoe in 2002. He is an avid runner with a handful of marathons and half marathons under his belt, and always looks forward to the Race to Robie Creek each April.
Dan lives in Twin Falls with his wife, two daughters, two pugs and one yellow lab. He is very excited to join our CSI Family as a recruiter to help the College of Southern Idaho grow and to work with a dedicated and focused team.

Jentri King
Student Services Specialist
Replacing Tara Nunnelley (moved to Financial Aid)
Office of the Registrar
Taylor Matrix, ext. 6237

Tammy Graham
Replacing Amanda Holloway
Social Service Specialist
Refugee Center, 736-2166
McManaman, ext. 6605
Devon Jenks

Devon Jenks, New Position
Accountant
Taylor 135, ext. 6215

I am excited to be joining the College of Southern Idaho. I have lived in Twin Falls my whole life, and I love it here. I graduated from Hansen High School. After high school I served a two year mission in Bangalore, India. I then graduated with an Associate’s degree from the CSI. After CSI I received my Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in accountancy from Boise State University. I worked the past two years at a local accounting firm. I’m excited to learn and grow with CSI.

My wife Kayla and I have a two year old daughter named Sawyer. We are also expecting our second child in July. I enjoy watching and playing sports. As a family we enjoy playing board games, watching movies, and going for walks.

Lauren Hildreth

Lauren Hildreth, replacing Dani Hansing
Admissions Coordinator (previously titled New Student Services Coordinator)
Taylor/SUB 210, ext. 6291

Hi everyone! My name is Lauren Hildreth and I’m one of the new off campus recruiters. I’m very excited to represent CSI around the state. I grew up in a military family so I claim America as my home, but I was in Georgia for about 14 years. I went to the University of Georgia for my bachelors and masters degrees. I know you are wondering, how did you get to Idaho? Well my husband got a job with the Idaho Fish and Game Office in Jerome. So now we are here. We got married in August of 2014 and have no kids, unless you count my 60 pound dog as a fur child, then we have one. I look forward to meeting everyone and working here at CSI. I’ve heard great things about working here.

Taenia Hudson

Taenia Hudson, New Position
Senior Services Specialist/Insurance Coordinator
Office on Aging

Hello Everyone! I am so excited to be part of CSI family! After working part time for 7 months educating the public regarding Medicare fraud, I feel privileged and honored to have the opportunity to expand my services to educate and assist Medicare beneficiaries, caregivers and their families with additional opportunities offered by the CSI Office on Aging.

My husband and I feel very blessed to have raised 3 wonderful children. Our son is serving in the Navy, our oldest daughter is a student here at CSI and our youngest daughter is a junior at Xavier Charter School. We love to have spontaneous barbeques, walking our dogs and reading a good book.

I’m grateful to continue to work with all the fantastic people at the Office on Aging and look forward to getting involved and meeting many more of you! To concluded, my thoughts I would like to share a one of my favorite quotes “Let us be grateful to people who make us happy, they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom” – Marcel Proust
You may have heard rumblings across campus over the last few months about an upcoming accreditation visit being hosted by the College of Southern Idaho. For some of you, this is an old hat, while for others, this is totally new and foreign! Regardless of your experience with regional accreditation, I’m here to give you some insight and let you know what you can expect! Here are some questions you might have:

**What is regional accreditation?**
CSI is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). Regional accreditation covers the entire college, rather than specific areas or programs. It allows students to transfer their CSI credits to other regionally accredited institutions and allows CSI to award Federal financial aid, among many other things.

**How often do these visits happen?**
Accreditation is an ongoing process that follows a seven year cycle. The colleges provide reports to NWCCU throughout the cycle, and typically hosts teams at the mid-point of the cycle and at the end of the cycle. This visit marks the end of our current seven year cycle.

**Who are the members of the team?**
Regional accreditors are just like you. They are faculty, staff, and administrators from other community colleges in our region who volunteer to participate in this valuable peer-evaluation process.

**What are the dates of the visit?**
The team will be here April 20-22, 2015.

**Will I have an opportunity to visit with the team?**
Yes! There will be three “open meetings” where you can drop in to visit with the team. One meeting will be for students, one for faculty, and one for staff. The times and locations of these meetings will be published and we encourage you to attend!

**Will I be asked to meet one-on-one with an evaluator?**
Possibly. Each evaluator is responsible for setting up his or her own meetings and determining who to visit with. But there are lots of us and only a few of them, and they are only here for a few days. So don’t feel bad if they don’t get to you!

**If I am interviewed, what do I say?**
Just answer their questions as honestly as you can. This is our chance to tell the story of CSI. There are no wrong answers.

**How can I access the report to read it?**
The report is available at [http://www.csi.edu/aboutCSI/accreditation.asp](http://www.csi.edu/aboutCSI/accreditation.asp)

If you have more questions please do not hesitate to contact Chris Bragg, 732-6775 or cbragg@csi.edu. You can also visit with your immediate supervisor about plans he or she might have for the visit. And, watch for additional info coming soon!
Listening Woman – Book – This 1978 mystery is just one of the many that Tony Hillerman wrote. This particular one concerns the character of Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn, Navajo of the Slow Talking People. He is on a mission to discover the murders of Hosteen Tso and Anna Atcitty. On this journey he runs into some militants formerly belonging to AIM. It is a nice telling of the story and I know I will be reading more Tony Hillerman mysteries.

Rebel - DVD – Presented on PBS, this is the story of Loreta Velazquez a secret soldier of the American Civil War. After the death of her children and then her husband, she entered the War as a soldier named Harry T. Buford. This is the story of her journey through the war, her thoughts on the war, and the terrible loss she witnessed. While learning about Loreta you will learn that there were over 1,000 women soldiers. Their efforts have long been kept secret. Loreta wrote a memoir and published it in 1876. It was called The Woman in Battle. Due to the fact that her story was considered a hoax, it has remained hidden for 150 years.

Ender’s Game – DVD – Well, now, let me tell you that Harrison Ford plays a total brilliant numbskull in this movie. He is so focused on a perceived impending attack on earth, he is not willing to try and communicate with the supposed enemy race. He has no compassion. His end motive is to eradicate. Along comes a young boy named Ender. He becomes the proverbial patsy for Harrison’s character. And the result is traumatic for Ender. He spends the rest of his days searching for a new planet for the lonely queen that is left from the race. Viola Davis is great in her performance as the team psychologist. She realizes that there has to be empathy on the part of warriors and there has to be processing time. It cannot be push, push and push some more. At the beginning of the movie I thought I would not finish it. I am glad I persevered. The underlying message of the movie on communication and avoiding obliteration was well worth it.

Philomena – DVD – If you love to watch Dame Judi Dench, you will love this movie based on a true story. Steve Coogan does a right nice job with his role as a former BBC reporter. They are both on a journey together to find Philomena’s son that was taken from her almost 50 years ago. A nice touch to the movie is that Philomena’s daughter never showed any judgment towards her mother when she found out the secret her mother had been carrying for so many years. In fact, the daughter is the one that finds the reporter to help her mother come to peace with this part of her life. This movie garnered 4 Academy Award Nominations for best picture, best actress, best original score and best adapted screenplay. I think you might agree that watching this story is time well spent.