

DVC InfoTech

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Introductions

Greetings Diablo Valley College faculty and staff! I would like to introduce this newsletter and myself. The primary purpose of DVC InfoTech is to keep you apprised of information technology news, plans and resources. Over time, it may include feature articles and technology tips as well. For now, I plan to email the newsletter to all staff at DVC and leave some printed copies by the mailroom. The first bit of news – if you haven't already heard – is that I am the new Dean of Information Technology and Services. As it happened, my first week on the job included the 50th Anniversary Retreat at Asilomar. I truly appreciated meeting so many of you and learning more about the history and culture of the college. I could not have imagined a better orientation session and I am happy to be here!

Brief Bio

My educational career began as a substitute community college mathematics instructor and part-time tutor. I went on to teach high school mathematics and science. During that time, I worked summers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for the deep space network and atmospheric chemistry groups. I transferred to JPL full-time as an instructional technology specialist to conduct computer and science staff development outreach programs in partnership with NASA and CSULA. This led to an adjunct faculty position at CSULA and a full-time Director of Technology and Information Systems position for a neighboring school district. Some of the major projects as director included: (a) design and implementation of computer networks and server resources for every learning and working space throughout the district, (b) installation of computers and two-way TV in every classroom, (c) rollout of laptops for every teacher and administrator, (d) development of a comprehensive technology staff development program, and (e) collaborative creation of technology standards, scope and sequence for all students. I am an alumni of Lane Community College, University of Oregon, California State University, Los Angeles and the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.S. in Mathematics, M.A. in Instructional Technology, advanced graduate studies in cognitive science and a secondary teaching credential in advanced mathematics, physical science and computers. My wife and I have three daughters and enjoy living in the Bay Area.

Contact Information

My office is on the first floor of the library building between the computer center and media center (L150A). Probably the easiest way to contact me is via email (bseaberry@dvc.edu) or voice mail (x355). I welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Technology 2000 Update

The remaining tasks for Technology 2000 will be completed by this summer. They include (a) networking the remainder of the campus, (b) installing ceiling mounted LCD projectors in H110, H117, LS201, M101, PA101, PA106, SC501 and SC601, (c) rolling out shared LCD projectors on carts for two or three listed classrooms, and (d) installing computers and printers for remaining faculty.

Information Technology Committee

The Information Technology Committee will begin meeting in April. Ben Seaberry and Mark Steidel are the co-chairs. The committee will begin to formulate a strategic technology plan. The first order of business is to develop a process for the 1999-2000 instructional computer allocation. I will keep you updated.

Future Updates

I will try to keep the DVC InfoTech limited to one page. So for the sake of brevity (and space) I'll simply mention that upcoming newsletters will include information on Computer and Media Services, Exchange Email, WebCT and the DVC Website. *Please contact me if you would like to suggest or submit an item for DVC InfoTech.*