

President's Letter
February 22, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Associated Students presented the board members with some of the tombstones representing sections canceled for the spring semester. In addition, the four student representatives also read aloud a sampling of the student comments lamenting the cuts that are seriously affecting their educational progress. On the whole the presentation was well received. The trustees commented on how little they could do given the funding by the state. However, the trustees did reaffirm their commitment to serving students given the budget constraints.

Accreditation:

- Work continues on the four recommendations that we at the campus must completely resolve by October 15, 2010 and the three recommendations with a district focus. In addition to the report there will be another follow-up visit by commission representatives next October.
- Our consultant Matthew Lee will give the Board of Trustees an update on the progress of the various committees working on accreditation recommendations at the April 22, 2010 board meeting.

Early Assessment Program:

- Kirsten Colvey, Dean of Student Services, recently submitted to the State Chancellor's office an application to participate in the California Community College Early Assessment Program (EAP) in partnership with four high schools in our service area and California State University, San Bernardino. Kirsten received notification that CHC's application received a high score. As a result she and representatives of the four feeder schools have been invited to Sacramento to be on the first implementation group. The EAP tests 11th grade students on their level of readiness in English and math. It is an excellent opportunity for CHC to work collaboratively with the CSUSB campus and our feeder high schools to help improve the level of preparation of incoming students. A secondary level of implementation is the use of EAP tests results for placement of students demonstrating college readiness.

A sign of the times:

- I just received a letter from the President of California State University, Fullerton which explains the criteria for the Fall 2010 upper division transfer admissions cycle and I quote:

“...we have removed our major impaction plan, but will retain our regional impaction criteria. Within our local area, students (completing the majority of their work at Orange County Community Colleges), who earn a 2.0 GPA and complete all other CSU requirements by the end of the Spring 2010 semester will be admitted. Outside of our area, students will need to complete all of their CSU requirements by the end of the Spring 2010 semester and they will need to meet an elevated GPA cutoff. Right now we are admitting out of area students at a 3.8 GPA and above, but that number will be adjusted downwards as the application process continues. It is unlikely that we will be admitting any out-of-area students who have less than a 3.0 GPA.”

Fullerton received 20,000 applications for an estimated 3,500 upper division transfer Fall 2010 enrollment slots. Any of our students wishing to transfer to CSU Fullerton will have to meet higher criteria for admission than students residing in the immediate footprint of the Fullerton campus. For students planning to transfer to CSU San Bernardino all paperwork needs to be completed and in the admissions office by July 15th for the Fall 2010 quarter. According to the Registrar there will be 1400 transfer slots for Fall 2010. The CSUSB footprint includes all the community colleges in our region so our students will not have to meet a higher criterion.

Save the dates;

- **April 8, 9, 10 & 11** is the performance of the “Magic Flute”, a student opera in collaboration with the University of Redlands School Of Music. This is the third year the two campuses have worked together to provide an enriching experience for students.
- **April 17** is the date for the CHC Foundation Annual Gala Dinner & Auction at the Hilton in San Bernardino. This year’s theme is Mardi Gras.