

**CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE**  
**President's Letter**  
**October 26, 2009**

**Dear Colleagues,**

I returned last Thursday from an accreditation visit to Las Positas Community College in Livermore, California. It was a very busy and intense week. It is always good to examine how other community colleges are organized and structured and it was an opportunity to pick up some practices that may be applicable to our campus.

**Accreditation (The Crafton Challenge):**

- A team of two will be here tomorrow to verify the follow-Up-Report submitted to the Accrediting Commission. They may interview key personnel on campus to ascertain the progress we have made on the recommendations made by the Team last October 2008. We welcome them to the campus and are pleased to discuss and demonstrate our work.
- The Educational Master Planning Committee (EMPC) recommended a set of Quantitative Effectiveness Indicators (QEIs) which they approved on October 13. Much hard work went into formulating the QEIs and I commend the committee for its work. I have now approved the QEIs and they are posted on the CHC website under Educational Master Plan Committee.

**Budget:**

- Travel is highly restricted; when possible only one person from a department will travel with the expectation that materials and ideas will be shared with others on campus.
- Our CARE program will not be able to supplement students with additional book vouchers this spring due to budget cuts. If the students are also on EOPS, they may be able to receive some help for books. The CHC Foundation is seeking additional funding for the Emergency Book Fund.
- Recently, Chancellor's Cabinet reviewed all of the positions to be abolished due to the SERP retirements, resignations, transfers, and regular retirements. Fifty-one positions were identified and the final paperwork is now complete. Of the fifty-one positions, sixteen are from Crafton, twenty-nine from Valley, five from District, and one from KVCR. Crafton's sixteen positions included: four managers, four faculty members and eight classified staff (two classified positions were abolished to fund four part-time positions in the Child Development Center).

**Current Recruitments:**

- A screening committee is in place for the position of Director of Research and Planning and if everything occurs according to the timeline, the position will be filled by the start of the spring semester.
- The EMS faculty position closed October 18 and a committee started the screening process. We hope to have an instructor hired for spring.
- The Vice President of Instruction will conduct the final interviews for two teacher positions in the Child Development Center. The two positions will be filled when board approved.

**Articulation Tidbits (Provided by Judi Harrington):**

- California State University San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona closed admissions for both winter and spring 2010.
- University of California system is considering raising fees by 30%.

**A Final Note**

Do not forget to donate a box or two or more to the Associated Students' Cereal Drive. Their goal is to collect 1,000 boxes to donate to Mary's Mercy Center, a local agency that cares for homeless and abused women and children. The drive will continue until Friday, October 30. Collection boxes are located in the Student Life Office next to the cafeteria and at the Child Care Center.