

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE
President's Letter
October 12, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

We are now in the ninth week of the semester and enrollments are over for late start classes. Everyone is working on the class schedule for spring. Schedules will be available the week of November 10, 2009 on line and the following week in print. Priority registration for spring will start on November 16 with open registration starting on November 19. Currently our enrollment based on EIS figures is a headcount of 6260 which is 399 more students than last fall and our full time equivalent student (FTES) count is 2306 which is 129 more than last fall. I do not expect there will be a significant drop in enrollment this spring since unemployment in our service area continues to climb and the community colleges are a good place to prepare for careers and improve skills.

Accreditation (The Crafton Challenge)

- We have just received notification that a team of two will be on campus on October 27 for a follow-up visit with the focus on our Follow-Up Report to the Accreditation Commission. At this point we have not heard from the chair of the team Ms. Kathryn Lehner, superintendent/President of Mendocino College, as to the logistics of the visit. Accompanying her will be Dr. Chris Meyers, Interim Director of Research and Planning, from Cerritos College. I urge everyone to review the Follow-Up Report in case team members ask questions in meetings the team may attend or as they walk thru the campus.
- The Follow-Up Report was sent this Wednesday to the Commission and to the team so we have met the October 15 deadline.
- So much work is being done to achieve complete resolution to the recommendations from the Commission and the pace will not lessen. Work will commence on the next phase of the recommendations that focus on the district. At the last meeting of the District Assembly Chancellor Vela proposed two committees to work on the District Strategic Plan and the Fiscal and Human Resources models. These committees will have representation from the senates (academic, classified, and student), from both campuses as well as district and campus managers. Dr. Matthew Lee will be working with these committees as well as continuing work on our campus.

Budget

- The Community College Chancellor's office notified all community colleges that the Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure Program (TTIP) will not advance apportionment for library on-line resources. TTIP like our categorical programs is sustaining deep cuts. In the past this funding has paid for electronic data bases. We shall be working with Laura Winningham and her staff to look for alternatives.

A final note

- I will be without an assistant for the next week as Cheryl Cox is on vacation. Kelly Bingham will be filling for her plus doing her regular duties. So the best way to communicate with me is email. I check it several times a day.