

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE
President's Letter
April 5, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

At the March 11, 2010, Board meeting, our Board of Trustees accepted fifty-two names of district employees (CHC – 11, SBVC – 35, and District – 8) who accepted the Supplemental Early Retirement Program (SERP). The CHC employees on the list who will retire at the end of this spring semester are:

Karen Crooks
Leroy Edwards
Kathryn Farmer
Mamerto (Marty) Licerio
Linda Litvinoff
Stanley Lovingfoss
Gregory Miller
Catherine Pace-Pequeno
Mario Perez
Susan Trost
Frances White

We congratulate our colleagues on their retirement. We shall miss them and the service they provide our students. How many will be replaced? Replacements will be determined on funding and priorities identified through our Planning and Program Review process, revised by the President's Cabinet, and reviewed by the Crafton Council.

Accreditation:

This week we will ask the campus to comment on the District Allocation Model. Presentations will occur for input. The district committee worked diligently on this model and it has some of the best practices from around the state. Each campus will have full control and responsibility for keeping a balanced budget.

Financial Aid:

Most of the provisions of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) were included in H.R. 4872, the Health Care & Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 that was recently passed by the U. S. House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate. SAFRA eliminates bank subsidies for federal student loans and instead provides for direct origination of those loans. The savings generated by that change will be used to expand federal financial aid and provide other higher education initiatives, as well as to reduce the federal deficit by \$10 billion. More details will be coming soon. The health care reform legislation also includes numerous provisions for expansion of the allied health care workforce and some competitive grant money that will go out to community colleges nationally.

WebAdvisor:

WebAdvisor went live on Tuesday, March 23 at Crafton Hills College. It is targeted toward Financial Aid Students who will be able to view the FAFSA and award letter on line. While the portion of WebAdvisor is small at this point, it will eventually become CHC's new portal for financial aid, registration, and educational planning. WebAdvisor is a secure Web Interface that allows applicants, students, and faculty to access personal and college related information such as:

1. It allows Applicants to access information such as assessment, financial aid, and open classes.
2. It allows Students to register for classes and access information such as assessment, grades, schedules, account balances, transcripts, and open classes.
3. It allows faculty members to view their class rosters, enter grades, search for open classes, view their scheduled classes, and view their students' college related information.

WebAdvisor has the potential to allow us to better serve our evening and distributed education students and enhance services to our traditional day students by providing services and information on line and is accessible anytime, anywhere.

Human Resources (HR):

Lizanna Ocampo, Human Resources Generalist, will be available starting this month in LADM 300E on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. She will be able to answer employee questions regarding HR issues such as benefits, leaves of absences, worker's compensation, and employee data changes. The goal is to provide better service to the CHC campus.

Important 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 16** is the cut-off for all Purchase Requisitions encumbering funds from all unrestricted general funds.
- **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.
- **May 7** is the cut-off for all Purchase Requisitions from restricted funding sources (including but not limited to categorical and grant programs).

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President