

CRAFTON HILLS COLLEE

President's Letter

August 30, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

We have started the Fall 2010 semester with a headcount of more than 6100 students and 338 FTES more than last fall at this time. Our classes are full and our capacity percentage is high. I know you are doing your best and I thank you for trying to accommodate as many students as possible.

Changes:

During the in-service day program I did not announce the department chairs for 2010-11. Congratulations to those new to the position and continued success to those reappointed.

1. Kelly Boebinger – Biological and Physical Science
2. Tom Bryant – Fine Arts
3. Julie Davis-McKee – Social Science
4. Brad Franklin – Allied Health Services
5. Kathy Gibson, Co-Chair – Mathematics
6. Sherri Wilson, Co-Chair – Mathematics
7. Denise Hoyt – Business, Economics, and Information Technology
8. JoAnn Jones – Human Development
9. John T. Koeper – Public Safety and Services
10. Elizabeth Langerfeld – English and Reading
11. Janine Ledoux, Co-Chair – Health and Physical Education
12. Ralph Rabago, Co-Chair – Health and Physical Education
13. Jeff Schmidt – Communication and Language

Accreditation:

- Last week Cheryl Marshall and Matthew Lee finished the last of the accreditation forums seeking input from the campus before the final version is prepared for approval for the Board of Trustees. The report will then be sent to the Accreditation Commission and made available to the visiting team.
- Work continues on SLOs and SAOs and we are confident we will reach the Proficiency level of the Accreditation Commission SLO rubric by 2012.
- The *HR Staffing Plan* is now out for input and corrections. It is slated for completion by the end of this month.
- The *Educational Master Plan* is now published. Copies were made available to everyone on in-service day August 13th and it is available on line. Anyone needing additional hard copies please contact Cheryl Marshall.
- Another major item worked on this summer was the revision of the *Organizational Handbook*. A draft will be available later this fall.
- The long-range *District Strategic Plan* is finished and the district committee will meet soon to review and revise as well to begin strategic planning for KVCR and the Professional Development Center.

- Finally, we are preparing for the fall Accreditation visit sometime in late October, early November.

Legislation:

SB 1440 (Padilla) is important legislation that will give students who earn an associate degree for transfer a direct route to upper division coursework at a California State University. It was approved by the legislature and is headed to the Governor's desk. This legislation is an opportunity to clarify the most appropriate preparation for students who seek an associate degree while preparing for transfer. According to preliminary information supplied by the State Chancellor's Office, the goal is to involve discipline faculty from the California State University (CSU) and California Community Colleges (CCC) to inform the development of CCC degrees that will prepare a student for a given major. It will require the State Chancellor's Office working with the State Academic Senate on implementation questions and guidelines. We will give you updates as we receive them.

Budget:

Currently we do not have a state budget. Many political analysts expect one next month but there is also the possibility that the Governor may refuse to sign one before he leaves office. The state allocation for September will mostly likely be delayed, so Community College Districts are borrowing funds to continue operations. Chancellor Bruce Baron stated that our district will have funding until the end of October and maybe November before doing serious borrowing.

Congratulations:

- This summer the Admissions and Records Office and the Financial Aid Office went through audits based on record keeping and proper documentation requirements for the Veterans Administration and from our own district. The VA audit found everything in order and only recommended tightening up probation per VA standards. The District internal audit on Financial Aid did not identify any problems or concerns. Keep up the good work and diligence.
- What a great job everyone did this summer and fall in staffing the Answer Centers. Every year we help students navigate the campus, provide support, give encouragement and guidance. Thank you Daniel Bahner and now also Rebeccah Warren-Marlatt for continuing to provide the leadership on this project.