

**CRAFTON HILLS COLLEGE**  
**President's Letter**  
**May 20, 2010**

**Dear Colleagues,**

This is my final letter for the spring semester. First, let me thank you for all your hard work this academic year. It has been frantic at times in order to complete the work necessary for accreditation, planning and program review, budget and of course, the main reason we exist, to provide instruction and support services to students.

**Celebrations:**

- Congratulations to the Honors Convocation Task Force for a job well done. The event is one of the most rewarding of the season.
- I had a wonderful lunch courtesy of the AGS club. The slate of new officers, I know, will continue the fine service and activities of this student club. The students transferring and graduating have our sincerest best wishes for continued success.
- The Student Recognition Dinner was well organized and well attended (great work Associated Students). We have so many great students; we are indeed fortunate to participate in their advancement. Thank you to the faculty who came out to make the presentations and to the CHC Foundation for its help in funding the event.
- The EOP&S Scholars Ceremony was well attended and our Board of Trustees President James Ramos was honored for his continued support both emotionally and financially.
- EMT's had their completion ceremony last night. As always, it was well attended and well organized.

Please forgive me if I failed to mention other celebrations occurring on campus. I know how important they are to our students and I appreciate the work of faculty and staff in coordinating these events.

**Reminder:**

- **Commencement**  
Thursday, May 20, 2010  
10 a.m., Breakfast - CHC Cafeteria  
5:30 p.m., Preparation for Commencement - PAC 308  
6 p.m., Procession

**Accreditation:**

- I approved the final draft of the *Education Master Plan* and it is now ready to be published. Copies will be made available to everyone on our in-service day August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- A master list of priorities resulting from the Planning and Program Review process with revisions from President's Cabinet is approved and was distributed to the campus community last month. It documented the integration of planning goals and objectives with resource allocation.
- The District Resource Allocation Model received its final review this week and is being used as we develop the developmental budget for 2010-2011. The next step is to evaluate the model and to make recommendations for improvements.
- The long-range *District Strategic Plan* is finished and district-wide input has been incorporated. Only the *HR Staffing Plan* needs to be completed. It is slated for completion by early fall.
- Currently, CHC staff is working on the implementation of improvements based on program review for inclusion in the accreditation report.
- Finally, we are confident we will reach the Proficiency level of the Accreditation Commission SLO rubric by 2012.

- The major items that will be worked on this summer are the revisions of the *Organizational Handbook* and the *Planning and Program Review Handbook*. Revisions will be available for feedback in the fall before approval.
- Finally, in the fall we need to hit the ground running in preparation for the fall Accreditation visit.

**Budget:**

The Governor's May Revision occurred last week. The state has a \$19.1 billion deficit and the Governor is proposing deep cuts and some program eliminations, but there is little change to the community college budget since those proposed in January. The Governor maintained the proposed 2.2% enrollment growth, and the negative -.39% COLA. The governor also maintained his proposal to augment Career Technical Education (CTE) by cutting part-time faculty compensation and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) by \$10 million each. The Governor's proposal has elements that almost guarantee a late budget so there may be changes proposed by the state legislature before we have a final budget. I am sure I will be able to give you better information on budget in the fall.