

September 10, 2012

Dear Campus Community,

I hope your Fall semester is off to a good start. Our enrollment is currently at 5,268 heads (90 less than last Fall) and 1,966 FTEs (100 less than last Fall). As always, thank you for serving students by adding those you can and providing assistance through support services.

Spring and Summer Schedules

Plans are currently underway for the Spring Schedule. We are looking at FTEs, budget, and last Spring's offerings to identify classes that must be taught along with a contingency list of cuts should Prop 30 fail to pass. Fund raising efforts for Summer 2013 are officially underway; our goal is to raise \$100,000 in order to offer around 25 classes.

Committee Membership

We are near completion of filling openings on Committees. Thank you for your willingness to serve on Committees this year and to contribute your input and efforts. While we all struggle with finding the time to do committee work, it is an essential part of communication, collaboration, and transparency. We held our first training for Committee Chairs on August 22 and it was well attended. The topics included a review of the Organizational Handbook, use of OneNote for posting minutes, the importance of being inclusive of all members, and communication with constituencies. We will meet again in early Spring to see how things are going.

Human Resources

Tanya Rogers will serve as the Interim Vice Chancellor of Human Resources beginning today. She has worked as the District's Internal Auditor for the past few years and brings a wealth of experience to the position. I will be meeting with her on a regular basis to ensure we receive the services we need from HR.

Open Meetings

I will hold my first Open Office Hours on Friday, September 14, from 1:30 – 3:30. You are welcome to make an appointment or you can stop by. Rebeccah, Mike, and I will hold an Open Q&A Session on October 31. This session is being sponsored by the Classified Senate and you will have the opportunity to submit questions anonymously, so watch for the link sent out by Michelle Riggs.

Innovative Ideas

I mentioned *Ted Talks* and the *Carnegie Foundation* on In Service Day. Now that the semester has settled in, you might want to visit their websites. The links are:

<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/>

<http://www.ted.com/talks>

One of my favorite presenters is Sir Ken Robinson:

http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html

I hope you find these sites interesting and informative.

Best Regards,

Cheryl