

October 17, 2013

Dear Campus Community,

I hope you are surviving mid-terms and can see the light at the end of the tunnel. We are experiencing growth for the first time in 4 years and it sure feels great. Our Resident FTEs are up by 111 over last fall and total FTEs are up by 124. We expect these numbers to be even larger in the Spring semester. Thank you for serving additional students and working with your deans and VPs to plan the growth wisely.

### **Budget Update**

A consulting firm (The College Brain Trust) has been hired to review the Resource Allocation Model and the budgets at CHC, SBVC, and the District Offices. They will ultimately make recommendations about how the model might be changed (or not) to address college budget needs. On November 4, at 1:00 p.m., the consultants will meet with members from the campus and the district budget committees to discuss the study and answer questions. The meeting will be held in the Board room at the District Office and members of the campus are welcome to attend.

We are continuing to work with Fiscal Services to ensure we understand the allocations and resulting deficits for both colleges for the year 2012-2013. Mike and I are also working on making sure all salary savings from vacancies are accurately reflected. Once we have final numbers on last year's expenses and savings, we will have a better understanding of where we stand for this year.

### **Family Fest**

Our first "Come to College Family Fest" was held on October 12 and was a success overall. We had approximately 200 visitors and received great feedback from the parents and youngsters. Many thanks to all of you who worked on planning, organizing, and being present at the event. Our students were phenomenal as volunteers and ambassadors.

### **Staffing Changes**

In case you haven't heard all of the changes, here's what's happening on the LADM 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor:

- June Yamamoto has selected Mary Bender from the District Economic Development and Corporate Training area as the new CTE Admin Sec
- Karen Childers has selected Nicole Rodriguez as the Admin Sec for RDG
- I have selected Cyndie St. Jean as the Admin Asst for the Pres Office
- Kelly Bingham will return to her position as Admin Asst for the VPI

All of these changes are expected to occur after the November Board Meeting. We are very grateful for the support Kelly, Cyndi Gunderson, and Karen Kellingsworth have provided over the past few months. Please thank them for their expertise and assistance.

**AB955 Update**

The Governor has signed AB955 into law. The text states that the "Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall establish a voluntary pilot program through which an eligible community college campus may establish and maintain extension programs offering credit courses during summer and winter intersessions." Crafton Hills College is listed as one of the eligible colleges. . After public comment at the September Board meeting, the Chancellor sent the following statement via email:

I want to reiterate what I stated at the Board meeting regarding AB955. There has been no action toward implementation and the Board has not been asked to approve implementation. In addition, given the strong and heartfelt pleas against this legislation I have no plans to take the discussion any further. We are under no obligation to implement as the program is voluntary.

From my perspective, the key is that the program is voluntary and I have no plans to implement this kind of extension program. A Board study session is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for dialogue and questions regarding AB 955 during the session and all are welcome to attend.

**District Strategic Planning**

We are at the point in the planning process where we have been asked to draft goals for the District Strategic Plan. We will work with the CHC Educational Master Plan Committee, Crafton Council, the Senates, and any other interested group to develop these goals and to ensure their alignment with our EMP revisions.

In the near future, presentations and discussions will take place on campus regarding the results of the environmental scan and what the results mean for our campus and for the district. The DSPC has begun discussions about the implications and will continue to digest the wealth of data over the coming months.

**Inauguration**

Thank you so much for an amazing and memorable Inauguration ceremony. It is a day I will remember and cherish for many years. I appreciate all of the time and energy so many of you spent on the day.

I wish you all continuing success with the fall semester and look forward to seeing you at upcoming social and holiday events.

Best Regards,

*Cheryl*