

January 27, 2014

Dear Campus Community,

I hope your Spring semester is off to a great start. I definitely missed you on In Service Day (it is still one of my favorite days) but the video certainly had some sort of entertainment value...you can decide how to describe it. ☺

Some of our current events and projects are described below. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Environmental Scan

An Environmental Scan for the District was completed in October 2013 and both colleges have been reviewing and digesting the wealth of data it contains. Ben, Keith, and I are presenting an overview of the data at the following meetings:

- Crafton Council – January 28, 1:00, President's Conference Room
- SSEEMM Committee – January 29, 10:00, LRC 110
- Chairs – February 7, 9:00, CHS 237
- Academic Senate – February 12, 3:00, LRC 226
- All Student Services Meeting – TBD
- EMPC – TBD

You are welcome to attend one of these meetings to hear the information or let us know if there are other meetings where you would like us to give the presentation. We want your input regarding the implications for the college.

The full scan can be viewed at:

http://www.craftonhills.edu/~media/Files/SBCCD/CHC/About%20CHC/Research%20and%20Planning/Planning%20Documents/SBVCD_Env_SCAN%20FINAL%20Report10_24_13.pdf

Student Success Project

Our proposal for Student Success was funded by the Board at the January meeting. We will receive \$148,000 for the 2013-2014 AY to supplement State and grant funds. I emailed the full proposal to the campus in December, but let me know if you want another copy. The project includes:

- Expansion of the Left Lane Project
- Increased Tutoring and Counseling hours
- Piloting the use of tablets and other technical support in the classroom
- The development of Directed Learning Activities (DLAs)
- Enhancing the website to clarify educational pathways (e.g., certificates, degrees, and transfer)
- Instituting Educational Plans for every student
- Enhancing Professional Development related to the Student Success Initiative

Budget Study

The Budget Study conducted by The College Brain Trust is complete. The VPs and I are reviewing it in preparation for a special Chancellor's Cabinet meeting on January 30. After our initial discussion, the study will be broadly distributed and it will be on the February 13 meeting agenda of the District Budget Committee. Dialogue will continue throughout the Spring semester regarding the recommendations. There is not yet a timeline for decisions about Crafton's budget.

Title V Grant

The opportunity to apply for a Title V Coop Grant is expected this year and would be due in March. Several ideas have come forward and these will be discussed at an Open Forum on Wednesday, January 29 at noon in LRC 226. You are welcome to come hear about the ideas and share your input. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact me or Karen Childers.

New Faculty

I am thrilled to have two new faculty this Spring. Jeff Cervantez has joined us to lead the Philosophy and Religious Studies discipline. We will also have a Career Counselor join us after the February Board Meeting.

Brandman University

Our agreement with Brandman University was approved at the January Board Meeting and they are targeting August for the start of their classes on the CHC campus. The six degrees they hope to offer here are:

- Ed.D., Organizational Leadership
- Master of Arts, Education
- Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Arts, Organizational Leadership
- Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies

More information will be forthcoming, but these classes will be available to both students and employees. They will also be interested in talking to CHC employees who are qualified to teach in these programs.

Open Office Hours

I will hold Open Office Hours as follows:

- Friday, Feb 21, 11:00-12:30
- Friday, March 28, 3:00-5:00
- Thursday, April 24, 3:00-5:00

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Best Regards,

Cheryl