

April 7, 2015

Dear Campus Community,

It's just six weeks until graduation! Let's celebrate our students and their accomplishments as we move to the close of another academic year. The dates for upcoming events are listed below. Thank you for all the work you are doing for students and to support our college.

Event Dates

- April 15 – COACH Cupboard Ribbon Cutting, Noon
- April 24 – Student Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m.
- April 29 – Fire Academy Graduation, 6 p.m.
- May 1 – EOPS Scholars Grad Ceremony, 6 p.m.
- May 15 – Scholars Convocation, 6 p.m.
- May 21 – EMT Graduation, 6 p.m.
- May 22
 - Grad Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
 - Commencement, 6 p.m.
 - End of Year Party, 8:00 p.m.

Classified Appreciation Luncheon

The luncheon is tomorrow in the cafeteria. Please come and support the event to honor our Classified Staff.

April Board Meeting on Campus

The April Board of Trustees meeting will be here on campus, Thursday, April 9, in LRC 231. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m. and open session begins immediately following. Our Honors students will be giving a brief presentation to the Board.

Meeting at Apple Headquarters

As the Region 9 Representative on the CEOCCC Board, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a meeting at Apple headquarters in Cupertino on March 19. We spent the day talking about teaching and learning which was gratifying and intriguing. The Apple folks presented information about "millennial" learners and a number of examples were presented about how technology can be used to create a student-centered classroom.

There are over 80,000 apps designed specifically for education and others can be used, as well. For example, an English instructor uses multiple apps to help students learn Shakespeare. The students used the iBook of Romeo and Juliet, iAnnotate for note taking in the book, and the iPad camera and voice recorder along with iMovie to produce their final project. Another example showed how the Explain Everything app can replace a digital whiteboard and was used for students to explain their thinking in a biology class. The paramedic program at Victor Valley College has adopted iPads and digital textbooks for use in the program which has dramatically decreased student costs.

As a follow up, we will meet with Apple representatives in April to discuss ways to support teaching and learning at CHC including flipped classrooms and the use of tablets. I'll be sharing additional information at upcoming meetings. Let me know if you have any interest in these areas.

Hiring Update

Hiring processes are underway for faculty in fire, chemistry, accounting/business, respiratory, math, tutoring, health and wellness, and counseling and for two custodians. We are holding interviews on campus this time around. Please thank Kelly, Cyndie, and Karla for all the organizing they've done to make this happen.

Annual Gala

Our Gala took place on March 28 with 189 in attendance. We raised \$117,000 at the event including nearly \$12,000 for Veterans services, over \$12,000 to support students' needs, and \$3,300 for the COACH Cupboard. The gala was a lot of fun and pictures/videos are posted on the website. We hope to hold next year's event on campus in the new Crafton Center.

Update on Accreditation

We continue to make progress on the findings in our accreditation report. The IEAOC Committee has prepared a template for tracking progress and in preparation for our Follow Up Report. We held an Open Forum today and both students and employees attended. The Accreditation Ad Hoc Task Force for the District met yesterday and made good progress on identifying next steps. As part of informing the community, I presented to Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis last month. This month Rebeccah will meet with the Retired Teachers and I will meet with additional service organizations. Our first broad dialogue about the use of assessment results took place on Flex Day with 27 in attendance representing most disciplines. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

Deficiencies	Progress/Next Steps
College Recommendation 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the implementation and regularly assess and review SLOs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrate the use of assessment results to make improvements to courses and programs ○ Demonstrate the use of student learning assessment results in college-wide planning ○ Demonstrate that resource decisions are based on student learning assessment results ○ Develop and implement a process to ensure that SLOs are on all course syllabi 	Progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are up to 90% for Courses and 91% for programs (See Table Below) • The SLO Cloud Tool is in use and positive feedback has been received. • We held our first campus-wide dialogue on Flex Day regarding GEO and ILO results and provided ideas for improvement in those areas with 27 in attendance • Committee charges have been revised as appropriate to include responsibilities for discussing assessment results • Best practices for process to include SLOs on all syllabi have been collected and are being reviewed Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are discussing ideas about the broad dialogue,

	<p>planning, and resource allocation that must be conducted and documented</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VPs, Deans, and Chairs need to ensure that SLOs are on syllabi
College Recommendation 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Distance Education plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include student support, library, and learning support services 	<p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions about a DE Coordinator are making progress and the open search on campus is planned for the near future Funding is available for a .5 DE Faculty Coordinator <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin development of the plan
College Recommendation 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a policy to address when programs are eliminated or significantly changed and ensure the process does not negatively impact students 	<p>Completed</p>
College Recommendation 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish the College Catalog in a timely manner and with a high level of accuracy 	<p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing changes have been made The digital catalog project is underway Clean up of errors is underway <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete clean up by June 30
Areas to Improve	
College Recommendation 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain Board approval of the mission statement before use and publication 	<p>Completed</p>
College Recommendation 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete performance evaluations in a timely manner across all employee groups 	<p>Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding evaluations have been completed <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with HR to develop accurate lists and due dates Classified evaluations for some employees are due in April

I look forward to seeing you over the next 6 weeks. Thanks for everything you do.

Best Regards,

Cheryl