Good evening honorable members of the board and president Singer. My name is Denise Allen-Hoyt and I am privileged to be serving as the CHC Academic Senate President for the 2013-2014 Academic Year. I look forward to continued positive and collaborative endeavors with each of you this year.

Your CHC Academic Senate had a productive retreat on August 15th. I want to thank the district for supporting our efforts to secure the City of Yucaipa’s Community center for our event. We prioritized numerous action items for the year and have begun work on several. We have recommended the implementation of Wait lists for the CHC 2014 spring term and will consult with our student senate, our counterparts at Valley and the registration office to ensure a smooth implementation of this new registration feature. I also want to state how pleased we are with your decision to approve Bryan Reece as our new VPI.

As you may recall, back in May of 2013 the CHC Academic Senate adopted two resolutions which I was directed to present to this board.

The first resolution, SP13.01 included 6 whereas’ s which delineated the research and data supporting the ongoing efforts being made at CHC to implement your directive to become a comprehensive college. The resolution highlighted the associated need for increased funding to support said directive and recommended the Board work with the chancellor to re-evaluate the allocation model and develop a plan to support our efforts.

We believed the one-time $300,000+ additional access funding from Fund Balance to CHC was a response to the resolution resolves. However we have been informed that the $300,000+ included in our 13-14 budget to (And I quote from the Vice-chancellors May 30 PPT Budget presentation) “address access, comprehensive college, and new construction strategic issues” has in fact, been withdrawn. We would like to know why this was done and how the board expects the college to resolve the 13-14 budget deficit created as a result of this action.

The CHC Academic Senate is urging the board to add this item to one of their upcoming agendas, so that our elected representatives may engage in a discussion and develop a funding plan that will support CHC’s anticipated growth in excess of 10,000 students.

The 2nd Resolution presented to this board last May, SP13.02 titled: Collegial consultation was a reaffirmation of our commitment to the collaborative decision making process – The resolves of that resolution:

Reaffirmed our commitment to participate efficiently in collegial consultation in those areas where we have responsibility and expertise as specified in Title 5 and as established by Board Policy 2225 , and recommended the Board of Trustees embrace collegial consultation and adhere to consistent, systemic structure and processes that foster collegial consultation and Board Policy as written.

AB 955 is a perfect example of why were felt it was necessary to draft and present a resolution on Ccollegial consultation to the board. Last Thursday we found out via several emails (from organization opposing AB 955 - the CHC Student Senate, the statewide AS, the State CTA) that CHC was included in the language of the legislation, along with 5 other CC’s as an Eligible Community College.

It is my understanding, that the decision to offer up CHC as a beta campus was made without campus-based input or any type of collegial consultation. I certainly understand our state-wide elected representatives are charged with the responsibility of protecting tax dollars and of authoring bills aimed at improving programs and services for the citizens of our state... and this bill may be a valid attempt to do just that. I am not here to debate the merits of this particular piece of legislation – and while numerous statewide academic organizations have taken a position on AB 955 – the CHC Academic Senate has not done so, and in fact were never given the opportunity to do so prior to CHC being put on the list to participate. This is unacceptable. We would like to hear from the board about this issue and would encourage the board to do everything in its power to withdrawn CHC from the list of eligible Community Colleges in the language of the law. Finally, could you please let us know at which board meeting this decision was made (we are requesting the agenda date and agenda item number) – and an explanation as to why the CHC Academic Senate was not consulted on this matter.

We look forward to hearing your response to these issues and would be honored to have a member of the board present said responses to the CHC Academic Senate. Please let me know in advance when you would like to attend, so I can add your upcoming visit to our meeting agenda.

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