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Campus Community,

Happy Thursday! I know many of you are thinking about the upcoming three-day weekend. I am looking forward to this weekend and will try to send only a few work emails. As always, we have a lot going on at Compton College. On **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees approved [Resolution No. 07-16-2024b, “Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Compton Community College District Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order.”](#) The approval of this resolution places a \$200 million facilities bond measure on the **November 5, 2024**, General Election Ballot.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a reminder about the EASE employee resources, an overview of this summer's STEM Camp, a list of new Board-approved board policies and administrative regulations, and more.

Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **today, July 18, 2024**, Compton College has generated **1,102 FTES** for the fall 2024 semester, a 37.2% increase over Fall 2023 this time last year. The fill rate is currently 44%, and the seats filled are 7,477.

The Student Services Division has been busy assisting new and current students in registering for classes and finding the resources and services they need to be successful this fall. The Welcome Center is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday to assist students with their enrollment needs.

If the current increases for fall 2024 over last year hold, the headcount will be around 5,700 at Census, enrollment will be about 12,000, and FTES will be between 1,700 and 1,800. These totals would be the highest since the 2019-2020 academic year, when we generated 1,882 FTES in fall 2019. Each month, we provide the five-year FTES Projections and Actuals for Compton College to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees. The one that was presented at the **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, Board of Trustees Meeting is available [here](#).

Please encourage current students to register and take advantage of the large selection of classes (***and before the first round of classes is cut due to low enrollment on August 21, 2024***).

Connecting with EASE this Summer

The [July 2024 Connect with EASE](#) is focused on mindfulness, connection, and well-being and includes a calendar of daily prompts for reflection and mindfulness. The online newsletter also contains a [list of low-cost events scheduled for this month](#), from jazz nights at LACMA to twilight strolls at the Huntington Library.

STEM Camp

A High School Summer Enrichment Activity will start on **July 29, 2024**, and end on **August 2, 2024**. It will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Math Science Building. The program will begin with two days of physics and math through some rocket activities, followed by two days of robotics, and will end with our new addition, a day of chemistry.

We have 30 confirmed participants and five on the waitlist who are returners; 80% of the students are from our feeder high schools:

- Compton Unified School District: 43.3%
- Lynwood Unified School District: 26.7%
- Paramount Unified School District: 10%
- Other districts (Long Beach, Los Angeles, Torrance): 20%

Over 30 presentations were made at high schools within the Compton CCD, resulting in a high level of interest in the MESA Program. We reached our program capacity two months before the program deadline. We continue to recruit students, focusing on achieving 100% of participants coming from our feeder high schools. Although we could not meet that goal this year, we did increase enrollment from our feeder high schools by 20% over last year. The increase in presentations also helps us build new relationships in our feeder high schools.

For more information about the MESA Program, don't hesitate to contact MESA Program Manager Lorena Fonseca at lfonseca@compton.edu or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2544, or stop by the MESA/STEM Center (2nd floor, L-SSC).

Envisioning Compton College 2035

Just wanted to provide an update on the development of the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan. Focus groups and listening sessions for students, staff, and faculty concluded this week. The planning team will be working to incorporate the campus community's feedback into a draft of the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan throughout the remainder of summer and early fall. In **October 2024**, we will begin reviewing the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan through our collaborative governance process in preparation for submission to the Board of Trustees for review at its **November 19, 2024**, board meeting and for approval at the **December 10, 2024**, board meeting. In addition, the college will begin efforts to evaluate our Mission Statement this fall and bring forth a revision to [Board Policy 1200 - Mission, Vision, and Strategic Initiatives](#) through our collaborative governance process for adoption in **December 2024**. More information on the development of the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan will be included in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **July 16, 2024**, meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, the following Board Policies were approved, and the Administrative Regulations listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 2510](#) – Participation in Local Decision-Making
- [Board Policy 3710](#) – Securing Copyright
- [Board Policy 3510](#) – Workplace Violence*
- [Board Policy 4250](#) – Academic and Progress Holds
- [Board Policy 4255](#) – Dismissal and Readmission
- [Administrative Regulation 3510](#) – Workplace Violence
- [Administrative Regulation 3710](#) – Securing of Copyright
- [Administrative Regulation 4051](#) – High School Articulation Agreements
- [Administrative Regulation 4231](#) – Grade Change
- [Administrative Regulation 6700](#) – Civic Center and Other Facilities Use

Please note that Board Policy 3510 was formerly Board Policy 8300 – Workplace Violence Plan.

Final Thoughts

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – July 11, 2024](#), I wanted to share that we are currently working on the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions, which will be available toward the end of this month. In the coming weeks, we will finalize the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Final Budget in preparation for the Board of Trustees' review and recommended approval at the **September 10, 2024**, Board of Trustees meeting.

Over 100 high school students from Compton and Lynwood unified school districts will be participating in the 2024 Compton College High School Band Camp from **July 22, 2024**, to **July 27, 2024**. The public is invited to the final performance on the football field at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, July 27, 2024**.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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