



March 12, 2020

Dr. Keith Curry

President, Compton College/CEO, Compton Community College District

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Compton, CA 90021

Dear Dr. Curry:

Due to the increasing impact of COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus cases here in the greater Los Angeles region, the Academic Senate of Compton College strongly recommends that Compton Community College District take immediate action to circumvent the possible contracting and spread of the Coronavirus at Compton College. Although we are an Academic Senate and operate within our 10+1 purview, it is our intent to be expressly clear in this letter that our recommendations below are made with our entire campus community in mind. At this time, the Compton College Academic Senate Executive Board recommends that Compton Community College District take the following actions:

1. Suspend face-to-face instruction for a 48-hour period during the week of March 16, 2020 to allow faculty to make preparations for alternative delivery of instruction and to hold professional development support for faculty, as needed;
2. For as many classes as possible, begin remote, alternative instruction beginning Thursday, March 19, 2020 that would continue at least until Monday, April 20, 2020. The continuing of and delivery modality of performing art and other lab courses would need to be agreed upon by the CCCFE and CCCD;
3. Implement mandatory social distancing, particularly for those persons that are not feeling well or for those that may have been exposed to others that may have illness such as Coronavirus;
4. Disallow groupings of individuals on campus numbering 50 or more during Thursday, March 19, 2020, and Monday, April 20, 2020;
5. With respect to [Administrative Regulation 4230](#), develop a process for those students who wish to withdrawal from spring 2020 courses the ability to do so with the least impact to their financial aid disbursements and academic records;

6. Continue to provide remote and technological support for students and employees, bearing in mind that a disproportionate amount of our students may not have access to adequate Wi-Fi or computers, while a number of students and faculty may be less experienced computer users;
7. Work closely with the Classified Union to develop a plan that explicitly protects the physical health and financial earnings our colleagues in Maintenance and Operations, administrative support staff, and the many others that may come into contact with students should the campus itself remain open during this time;
8. Continue to work with the Tartar Support Network to provide meals and other services to support the basic needs of our students; and
9. Communicate a plan to the faculty leadership regarding the potential impact on instruction to those faculty teaching at local high schools per our AB288 agreements.

Dr. Curry, the Compton College Academic Senate Executive Board would like to thank you, as well as the work of the Compton College Pandemic Coordinators, for being attentive to and proactive on this urgent matter, and we understand that the immediate actions that we take over the next several days serve to support the safest learning and working environment for all. We look forward to your timely response to these recommendations.

Respectfully,

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cc: Compton College Academic Senate Executive Board