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Subject: President/CEO Message - January 27, 2023

Campus Community,

Happy Friday from Sacramento, California. The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees and I are participating in the [2023 Community College League of California Legislative Conference](#) this weekend. Following our [Compton CCD Advocacy Handbook](#), we will discuss our [2023 Legislative Priorities](#) during various meetings with our state elected officials on **Monday, January 30, 2023**.

I know many of you are waiting for an announcement about the Student Services Building move-in date, and at this time, I cannot make a final decision. I am waiting for additional information from the contractor regarding this project. I will have to decide early next week regarding the move and if it will happen before the beginning of the spring 2023 semester. Please allow me this time to make the right decision for you and our students.

Today's President/CEO Message – January 27, 2023, includes COVID-19 information and other campus-related updates.

Los Angeles County COVID-19 Update

Los Angeles County's Daily COVID-19 Data webpage reports 1,095 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **January 25, 2023**. For more information, go to publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/. Los Angeles County's current CDC Community Level is Medium. Visit the [LACDPH Post-Surge Dashboard and Strategies](#) webpage for more information.

Spring 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, January 26, 2023*, Compton College has generated the following:

- 971 FTES for the **Spring 2023** semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 42%, and 6,679 seats are filled.

Click [here](#) to view yesterday's enrollment snapshot.

Please encourage interested students to enroll today as some sections are already full, and those with low enrollment will be reviewed for cancellation on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023**. Click [here](#) for a list of open classes.

Accelerated Evening/Weekend College Program

In response to the action item from the Enrollment Management Plan, with documented progress in [Progress and Completion, Item 7 from the Action Plan](#), the Academic Affairs Deans, in consultation with the Division Chairs and Vice President Sheri Berger, proposed an Accelerated Weekend/Evening program. The program will commence in the fall of 2023. Classes will be scheduled one weeknight and one Saturday in eight-week sessions. The program plan will ensure students can complete the AA-T in Psychology in two years, taking two classes per term and three asynchronous general education classes during winter and summer. To ensure support for the program, I approved their proposal of \$36,200 per year to cover the cost of outreach and recruitment material, overtime for Classified staff support, adjunct counseling hours, and engagement activities. The College is looking for a creative name for the program. Please send your ideas to Vice President Sheri Berger at sberger@compton.edu. Click [here](#) to view the draft proposal for the Evening/Weekend program.

Spring 2023 Professional Development Information

We are still preparing for the Spring 2023 Professional Development Week and will provide the final agendas in a separate email communication this week. All full-time employees (faculty, Classified staff, and

managers/supervisors) must participate in the virtual Spring 2023 Professional Development Day on **Thursday, February 9, 2023**, via Zoom Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All Compton College faculty and Classified staff are expected to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, February 9, 2023**. To register, please click [here](#). Twenty-dollar Uber Eats codes will be provided for faculty, adjunct faculty, Classified staff, and managers/supervisors participating in the mandatory Professional Development Day.

New Faculty Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be held from 5:00 to 7:10 p.m. via Zoom. We look forward to your participation!

Black History Month Events

The Office of Student Development and Associated Student Government will present four activities in February 2023 in celebration of Black History Month:

- Movie Showing - **Wednesday, February 1**, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. via Zoom, *Horror Noire: A History of Black Horror*
- Movie Showing - **Thursday, February 2**, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. via Zoom, *Fresh Dressed*
- Open Mic – **Thursday, February 23**, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Little Theater, *The Year 1960*
- #BlackLivesMatter – **Monday, February 23**, from 2:30-4:00 p.m., *How Far Has The Movement Come?*

Go to <https://bit.ly/CCBHM23> to access the virtual activities via Zoom Meeting.

Compton College Virtual Tartar Talks

I will host a virtual Tartar Talks on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The focus will be on student enrollment, accreditation, and student basic needs. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

President/CEO Virtual Student Forum

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum will take place on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.** Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom and ask me questions. Students may join the virtual meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/CCVSF2023>. Topics will include the **June 9, 2023**, commencement ceremony, student basic needs, and student support services.

Affordability, Food & Housing Access Taskforce Report

In preparation for the upcoming Legislative Conference, the CCLC released a new brief by the CEO Affordability, Food, and Housing Access Taskforce: [Deepening the Commitment to Affordable Student Housing](#). This new policy brief congratulates the Legislature and Governor for making a serious commitment to housing access for CCC students while making several important policy recommendations for the state system. Highlights include:

- Advocating for the state to stay committed to funding that is already budgeted for planned housing projects as colleges build out their designs for more housing
- Stressing the need for additional funding in future budget years to address the pent-up demand for affordable student housing across the state
- Supporting technical changes to existing laws to allow for plan review at either the local level or by the Division of State Architect
- Endorsing the use of state-scheduled maintenance funding for housing repairs to help colleges maintain their housing stock over time
- Changing scoring criteria to incentivize the construction of family housing in recognition of the demand within our colleges that goes beyond the typical conception of a college student
- Leveraging housing on our campuses to address the food insecurity issues that our students face

President/CEO Closing the Loop

The Petitions Exception Committee (PEC) composition and purpose have been approved. This committee is being established to address the occasional warranted exception to policy or procedure. The committee will

create a petition submission process, establish guidelines and procedures, and communicate the decisions as needed to those impacted. The PEC will review the following.

- Excessive Course Repeat (4th attempt only) - Students petition to repeat courses for a few different reasons, including fourth attempts for extenuating circumstances.
- Drop a Course with No Record - Students petition to drop courses with no record and a refund to ensure an evaluative grade or a "W" is removed from their academic record, along with a refund of tuition fees. Students might be eligible to drop a course with no record if they stopped attending by the 10% drop deadline. Per Title 5, California Code of Regulations, no exceptions are allowed for removing a grade if attendance was beyond the 10% drop deadline.
- Excused Withdrawal - Excused withdrawals are drops processed with an EW evaluative symbol for extenuating circumstances. Excused Withdrawal(s) shall not be counted in progress probation, dismissal calculations toward the permitted number of withdrawals, or counted as an enrollment attempt. Petitions can be submitted during or after the current semester.
- Priority Enrollment - Students petition for priority enrollment when they have lost priority due to 90+ units or probation status. Each student is assigned an enrollment 'appointment,' which represents the day and time that registration opens to that student online or in person. Compton College sets enrollment appointments based on guidance from Title 5 Section 58108.
- Withdrawal After Deadline - Students petition to retroactively withdraw after the 75% deadline to have an evaluative grade (letter grade) replaced with a "W" withdrawal. Documented extenuating circumstances may be eligible for an "Excused Withdrawal." All requests for a grade change from an evaluative symbol to a "W" (Withdrawal) or No Record must be made within 18 months of the date when the grade was posted and initiated by the
- Overload Exceptions - Students who do not meet the Overload unit and GPA requirements would like special consideration for Overload approval. Petitions must be signed/approved by a counselor and include a statement or supporting documentation related to the reason for approval consideration.
- Other student petition requests include but are not limited to: refund of fees related to COTOP, non-resident, health services, student activities, etc., and other appeal requests.

The PEC will consist of representatives from the following groups: one Classified staff member representing all categorical programs (EOPS, CalWORKS, SRC, etc.), Admissions and Records, Academic Affairs (dean), instructional faculty, and counseling faculty. The Petitions Exception Committee will be chaired by Richette Bell, Director of Admissions and Records.

Final Thoughts

In closing, for the last three years, we have been dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, declining enrollment, student completion rates, student basic needs, student and employee mental health challenges, construction (i.e., Student Services Building), and other essential matters. However, these challenges have not stopped our excellent work for our students and the communities we serve. I hope everyone is proud of our work and looks forward to the spring 2023 semester.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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President/CEO
Compton College