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Campus Community,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Associated Student Government and the Office of Student Development for their hard work and dedication to civic engagement and empowerment. Their efforts in encouraging students to register and have a plan to vote in the **November 5, 2024**, election have not gone unnoticed.

It was encouraging to see our community show up to use the Vote Center here on campus. This was a wonderful opportunity for many people to see our campus, especially the new Instructional Building 2.

While Measure CC has received 68% voter approval, the election results have not yet been certified by the [Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk](#). Once the results are official, we can begin planning to use the funds to repair and improve Compton College facilities, including upgrading campus security and building a new 24/7 urgent care facility that will be open to both students and the community.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update on the Compton 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan, an overview of our FTES numbers, multiple November 19 events, and more.

Winter 2025 Enrollment Update

As of yesterday, **November 7, 2024**, Compton College has generated 174 FTES for the **Winter 2025** term. The fill rate is currently 51%, and seats filled is 1,523.

We all must continue to encourage students to persist from fall to spring. In the coming weeks, winter/spring 2025 registration reminder postcards will be mailed to District residents.

Compton College Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES)

Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) is a key metric used in California community colleges to determine funding.

- FTES represents the total number of full-time students enrolled. One FTES is equivalent to one student enrolled full-time for one academic year (15 hours per week for 35 weeks, or 525 contact hours).
- FTES is calculated based on student attendance and course enrollment. For example, if a student is enrolled in 15 credit hours per semester, they count as 1 FTES. Part-time students are combined to create full-time equivalents.
- The state allocates funding to community colleges based on our reported FTES. This funding is crucial as it supports operational costs, salaries, and instructional and student support services.
- We report our FTES to the Chancellor's Office three times a year, with an opportunity to submit a recalculation if needed. Our funding is then adjusted based on these reports, ensuring we receive appropriate financial support.

Compton College's Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) numbers are steadily increasing, recovering from the decline experienced during the transition from El Camino Community College District and the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The FTES goal for the 2024-2025 academic year is 4,125 FTES. We won't have positive attendance for Fall until the end of the semester. The Winter 2025 FTES is currently at 174.

Term	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Summer	493	398	378	469	544
Fall	1,443	1,303	1,242	1,504	1,665*

Winter	210	185	217	247	174*
Spring	1,289	1,080	1,215	1,417	**
Total	3,436	2,966	3,053	3,636	Goal = 4,125

Sources: [California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office – MIS Data Mart](#) and [current Enrollment Snapshots](#)

*Not final. Term hasn't ended or registration is in progress.

** Registration opened 11/5/24.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I will host a virtual campuswide forum on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on enrollment, budget, accreditation, campus committees and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Virtual Campuswide Meeting Registration](#).

Grand Opening Ceremony

The grand opening ceremony for Instructional Buildings 1 and 2 will be held on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**, at 3:30 p.m. in the courtyard between the two buildings. The event is open to the public. There will be speakers, photo opportunities, and tours.

November 19, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting

The **November 19, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public.

Compton College Student Housing Project

In my [President/CEO Message on November 1, 2024](#), I mentioned in the final thoughts section that “October 30, 2024, was a good day for Compton College.” While still I can’t officially announce *all* the good news yet, I can say that Bernards Bros., Inc. has been selected as the contractor for the Compton College Student Housing Project is one of the good news from that day.

The Notice of Intent to Award Contract was issued this week, and the contract will be on the **November 19, 2024**, Board Agenda for review and approval. As you may recall the Compton College received \$80,389,000 from the state of California in [Assembly Bill 183 – Higher Education Trailer Bill](#). I am extremely excited about this project because student housing is a critical need for our students. This marks a major step forward as we move toward becoming the first community college in Los Angeles County with a student housing facility on campus.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **October 17, 2024** meeting are available [here](#).

Summer 2025 Enrichment Program Proposals

The Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, emailed faculty, Classified professionals, and managers about the process for submitting proposals for Summer Enrichment Activities for Summer 2025. This year, we are asking for proposals and will announce which projects are funded after we receive all submissions. The deadline to submit proposals is **Wednesday, December 13, 2024**. The purpose of summer enrichment activities is to engage K-12 students on the Compton College campus. These activities will build lifelong connections to the College. Additionally, these activities provide access to the community we serve.

To submit proposals, please obtain dean or director approval prior to submitting the fillable Word form to Dr. Berger that was emailed to all employees on **November 4, 2024**. The form will ask for the name of the proposed activity, basic program information including a description, program length, target audience, the proposed budget, personnel, supplies, contracts, etc., and an evaluation plan.

Update on Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan

I am pleased to share an update on the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). The draft plan is currently in the final stages of the review process and will be presented to the Board of Trustees for a first read at their meeting on *November 19, 2024*.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all employees who provided valuable feedback on the two options for the new Mission Statement. Your input has been instrumental, and the chosen Mission Statement is below:

Compton College is an equity-driven, inclusive community resource dedicated to providing opportunities and support for historically underserved student populations, particularly students of color. We cultivate a sense of belonging to support students in achieving their academic goals. Compton College provides students with knowledge, strategies, and skills needed for workforce readiness and facilitates clear pathways for program completion and transfer to four-year institutions, all aimed at enhancing the well-being of our local community.

This week, the [draft plan](#) was reviewed and discussed by the Academic Senate. The Consultative Council has already reviewed it, and their insights have been incorporated.

The President/CEO's message within the plan provides a comprehensive overview of its purpose and goals. It emphasizes our commitment to enhancing campus infrastructure, supporting student success, and fostering an environment of educational excellence. The plan serves as a strategic guide, aligning our planning efforts with our budget and providing clear direction for our future endeavors.

Also included in the plan is the Facilities Master Plan, which outline numerous new projects that will be funded by the 2024 Measure CC Bond. Thank you for your continued dedication and support as we work together to build a thriving educational community.

Final Thoughts

These times can bring about a range of emotions, including uncertainty and anxiousness. It's important to take care of yourselves and find moments to step away from stress. Engage in activities that bring you peace, whether it's taking a walk, chatting with colleagues, or simply taking a break from your routine.

Regardless of the election outcomes, our commitment to supporting each other and our students remains unwavering. Our students need us now more than ever, and together, we can help them succeed in their educational journeys at Compton College. Every student is a success story in the making, and with our support, they can achieve their dreams.

A reminder that *Monday, November 11, 2024*, is Veterans Day, and the campus will be closed. We use this day to recognize all veterans, including our students, employees, and their family members and friends. We thank them all for their service.

It is truly an honor to serve as the President/CEO of Compton College and Compton CCD. Please stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,

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