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Friday, April 8, 2011

Special Trustee and Board of Trustees
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee and Members of the Board:

Our next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2011. Closed session will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m., open session will start promptly at 6:00 p.m.

The April 12, 2011, Board Meeting will include a presentation on the Accountability Reporting for the California Community Colleges (ARCC) report for the El Camino College Compton Center, by Irene Graff Director of institutional Research for El Camino College. The remainder of the consent agenda is routine, however, please draw your attention to the 2011-2012 CCCD Budget Planning Proposal. We will be providing comments on this very important planning document during the Board meeting. The California State Budget situation is going to have a significant effect on the amount of courses we will be able to fund for the El Camino College Compton Center to offer, as well as on the services the Center will be able to provide.

The following items are enclosed for your perusal:

1. 2011 El Camino College Compton Center Year-End Activities
2. Memo from Danny Villanueva, to me, dated March 30, 2011, regarding the city of Compton Parkway Project.
3. Memo from Danny Villanueva, to me, dated April 7, 2011, regarding the agreement with Vasquez and Company, LLC.
4. Memo from Fred Sturner, to me, dated March 22, 2011, updating me on the Learning Resource Center.
5. Memo from Fred Sturner, to me, dated April 7, 2011, updating me on the MIS Server Room Project.
6. Compton Community College District News Releases since the March 8, 2011 Board Meeting.
7. News articles regarding Compton Community District since the March 8, 2011 Board Meeting.

As you know, you are invited to all campus events throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at the Year-End Activities.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry
Interim CEO
Compton Community College District

Keith Curry
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Genevieve Hudley-Hayes, PhD
Special Trustee



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2011 Year End Activities

Athletics Academic Awards Ceremony

Wednesday, April 27, 2011 @ 11:30AM

Compton Center Student Lounge

Academic Awards Tea

Sunday, May 15, 2011 @ 3:00PM

Compton Center Student Lounge

First Year Experience Program Year-End Celebration

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 @ 6:00 PM

Compton Center Faculty/Staff Lounge

EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet

Thursday, June 2, 2011 @ 12:00PM

Compton Center Student Lounge

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Tuesday, June 8, 2011 @ 5:00PM

Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 9, 2011 @ 5:30PM

High School Reception

Thursday, June 15, 2011 @ 5:30PM

Compton Center Student Lounge

ASB Awards Banquet

Wednesday, June 22, 2011 @ 6:00PM

Compton Center Student Lounge



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer

From: Daniel Villanueva, Chief Business Officer

Date: April 7, 2011

Subject: Vasquez and Company, LLC

The District's 2009-10 Audit determined that there were 20 findings, four that represent significant deficiencies, eleven material weaknesses, and/or five instances of non-compliance, related to the financial statements that are required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

As a result of these findings and concerns, we will be engaging the firm of Vasquez and Company, LLC, an independent audit firm, to assist the Business Office in identifying the challenges that face the Business Office and which have resulted in such a significant number of serious audit findings and material weaknesses. The firm will report back to an Independent Audit Committee (see attached) composed of representatives from the various cities within the boundaries of the District to provide feedback and suggestions. The Audit Committee will be Chaired by Dr. Joseph Zeronian, Former Chief Financial Officer for Los Angeles Unified School District and currently the Director of Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California.

Once the audit is complete, the findings and recommendations will be reported out. The engagement letter for Vasquez and Company will appear on the April 12, 2011 Board agenda.

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO
FROM: FRED STURNER, DIRECTOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
SUBJECT: LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC) STATUS UPDATE
DATE: 3/22/2011
CC: DANNY VILLANUEVA, JO ANN HIGDON

This Learning Resource Center update is current as of March 10, 2011. Costs and schedule are projected but are based on current data and are deemed reliable. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

A. Scope – The project includes corrections to the glazed barrel vault assembly; usability modifications to the existing HVAC system and programming enhancements to meet current and future user and technology requirements. Interior improvements include repairs and or installation of new carpet; electrical and data distribution; acoustic enhancements and programming modifications. Also included in the scope is re-commissioning of all constructed systems and; relocation of existing labs on campus and the library collection and equipment.

B. Status - The structure is not occupied at this time. Repairs to the glazed barrel vault assembly are in DSA at this time awaiting issuance for construction. Construction of the testing Mock-up was complete on February 22, 2011. The mock-up was then relocated to the Smith-Emery Curtain Wall Testing Facility in Los Angeles for proof testing on March 23rd and 24th.

Interior preliminary programming is complete; working drawings for interior enhancements will be complete in May 2011.

Final agreement was reached with Chevron on March 20th regarding the necessary modifications to the HVAC system. Chevron is currently working with our engineer to prepare plans to address modifications and enhancements to the HVAC system that are necessary to ensure proper performance and comfort of occupants in the LRC. Chevron has agreed not only to design these modifications consistent with the districts requirements and to make the necessary improvements to the system all at their own cost.

C. Schedule

<u>Glazed Barrel Vault</u>	
Construct testing Mock-up	02/11
State Architect (DSA) Final Approval:	03/11
Mock-up Testing	03/11
Install System	05/11
Glazed Barrel Vault Complete	08/11

<u>Interior Programming Improvements</u>	
Advertise for Bidding - Interior:	05/11
Award Contract - Interior:	06/11
Complete Programming Project	02/12

<u>HVAC</u>	
Design	03/11
DSA Approval:	08/11
Complete HVAC Project	01/12

<u>Commissioning/Relocation</u>	
Commissioning Start	11/11
Commissioning Finish	03/12
Relocation Start	02/12
Relocation Finish	03/12

LRC Completion 04/12

D. Projected Costs

LRC PROJECTS	Budget		
	External Funding	District Funded	Total
LRC Barrel Vault Completion ¹		\$2,178,950	\$2,178,950
LRC Interior Programming Enhancements		\$840,000	\$840,000
LRC HVAC Modifications ²	(\$490,700)		(\$490,700)
Commissioning and Relocation		\$125,000	\$125,000
Total	(\$490,700)	\$3,143,950	\$2,653,250

¹ Subject to ongoing litigation

² To be paid by Chevron

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO
FROM: FRED STURNER, DIRECTOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION
SUBJECT: MIS STABILIZATION STATUS UPDATE
DATE: 4/7/2011
CC: DANNY VILLANUEVA, JO ANN HIGDON, RUDY RAMOS, JOHN WAGSTAFF

This MIS project update is current as of April 4, 2011. Costs and schedule are projected but are based on current data and are deemed reliable. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

A. Status - programming for this project is complete. Improvements to portions of the building and to acquire and install equipment necessary to maintain MIS operations are funded by this project and approved at this time.

B. Scope – Includes reprogramming and improvements to the MIS building to provide for stabilization of the server array in order to continue to provide for the data needs at the campus.

C. Budget - The budget (see below) for the revised project is \$2,400,000 with \$447,000 for server equipment; \$660,000 for HVAC equipment; and \$38,000 for engineering services provided by a State Capitol Outlay grant to the Compton Community College District and the balance funded by Compton Community College District Energy Bond funds.

SERVER ROOM AND MIS BUILDING ENHANCEMENTS RENOVATION	Budget			Potential Change Orders	Potential Contract Amount	Invoiced To Date
	State Funded	District Funded	Total			
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Mechanical Engineer/Architect	\$38,000	\$69,000	\$107,000		\$107,000	
Server Equipment	\$447,000	\$240,000	\$687,000		\$687,000	\$687,000
Server Racks		\$67,000	\$67,000		\$67,000	
Uninterruptable Power Supply		\$252,000	\$252,000		\$252,000	
Facilities Modification		\$425,175	\$425,175		\$425,175	
HVAC Equipment	\$660,000		\$660,000		\$660,000	
HVAC Equipment Install		\$84,000	\$84,000		\$84,000	
Staff Relocation		\$16,000	\$16,000		\$16,000	
Contingency 5%		\$101,800	\$101,800			
Total	\$1,145,000	\$1,254,975	\$2,399,975	\$0	\$2,298,175	\$687,000

D. Schedule - The current project schedule is as follows:

Start Working Drawings and Procurement Process:	02/11
Complete Working Drawings and Procurement Process:	05/11
Begin Construction:	06/11
Complete Project:	10/11



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim-CEO
From: Mr. Daniel Villanueva, Chief Business Officer
Date: March 30, 2011
Subject: Greenleaf Boulevard Parkway Site

The City of Compton Greenleaf Boulevard Parkway Site project, which will transform the vacant Southern California Edison (SCE) property into a City park, has begun and the City anticipates completion no later than June 30, 2011. As you are aware our concern with the project has been mitigated thanks to the efforts of many. Unfortunately, the District, with no discussion with the Special Trustee or Board of Trustees, agreed to allow the City of Compton to place a three foot, ranch style fence along the North-side of the Campus (attachment 1) in August 2010, which would have provided no security and complete access to our campus.

Once Business Office staff determined the liability this fence would cause the District, it began to work with the City of Compton to provide a safe eight fence to meet the needs of the District. After much discussion, the City agreed to set aside the agreement signed by the then CEO in August 2010, and install a secure eight-foot fence (attachment 2).

Attachments



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April 22, 2010

Mr. Reuben James, II
Director Fiscal Affairs
1111 E. Artesia Boulevard
Compton, CA 90221

Subject: El Camino College - Temporary Construction Easement

Mr. James,

The City of Compton has completed the plan preparation for the construction of a Passive Community Park on the Southern California Edison parcel of land located at the southwest corner of Greenleaf Boulevard and College Entrance (East Road) located north of El Camino College. The park improvements will construct walking trails, seating areas, low level landscape and PAR Course fitness equipment.

The construction improvements will remove the existing chain link fence located along the southerly parcel line adjacent to the Colleges north property line and replace with a new decorative rail type fence. Vehicle access to the parcel will be restricted to through the installation of metal bollards, and restrictive signage. The construction of the new fence and grading along the south property line will require minor rework of the existing pavement on the College property. The City of Compton will perform all work at no cost to the College. To complete this work, the City is requesting the college review and approve the issuance of a temporary construction easement for access and use by the City's contractor to enter onto the College property to complete all work.

Please review the plans and temporary construction easement forms attached. Should you find the work acceptable, please sign and return the easement forms for final processing. Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (714) 665-4518 or Verna Porter, City of Compton at (310) 850-2949.

Sincerely,

HALL & FOREMAN, Inc


David Stuetzel
Project Manager

cc: Verna Porter, City of Compton

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

This Temporary Construction Easement Agreement (the "Agreement"), made this 20th day of May 2010, by and between the Compton Community College District, a California community college district, hereinafter designated Grantor, and the City of Compton, a general law city of the State of California, hereinafter designated Grantee.

WHEREAS, the Grantee wishes to construct a Passive Community Park on the Southern California Edison parcel of land located at the southwest corner of Greenleaf Boulevard and Grantor Entrance (East Road) located north end of the Grantor property.

WHEREAS, Grantee proposes the following improvements in furtherance of the Passive Community Park: replacement of asphalt concrete pavement, installation of fencing materials, including chain link and new railing fencing, striping and signing of parking areas (the "Project").

WHEREAS, Grantee is in need of a Temporary Construction Easement on Grantor's property as described below, for the purpose of constructing the Project;

WHEREAS, the Grantor is desirous of assisting the Grantee in implementation of the Project provided all terms and conditions of this Agreement are met.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY GRANTOR AND GRANTEE, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Temporary Easement.** Grantor, does hereby grant unto the Grantee, its successors, assigns, agents, contractors, subcontractors, and employees permission to enter Grantor's property, located in the City of Compton, as more fully described on Exhibit "A" (attached hereto and incorporated by reference), and grants a temporary construction easement with an exclusive right to perform construction activities necessary to construct site improvements and pavement replacement in furtherance of the Project ("Temporary Construction Easement").
- 2. Consideration.** Grantor, for the true and actual consideration of \$1.00, which shall be deemed just consideration, does hereby grant to the Grantee, by and through its' successors and assigns, a Temporary Construction Easement for a work area from Engineers Centerline Station 9+80 (West Road) to Station 20+92 (East Road), being an area totaling 27,800 Square Feet for the purpose of furthering the Project; namely, constructing site improvements and restoration of parking lot at Grantor's property described in Exhibit "A."
- 3. Specific Uses.** Grantee shall be authorized to use the Temporary Construction Easement for construction or improvement of the public way. The Grantor also grants to the Grantee, its successors, assigns, agents, contractors, and employees the right to erect and use construction equipment on Grantor's property described in Exhibit "A."
- 4. Term of Temporary Construction Easement.** This Temporary Construction Easement shall terminate one (1) year from the date hereof. Grantor and Grantee may extend the term of Temporary Construction Easement upon mutual written agreement.

5. **No Title Conveyed.** The Grantor does not convey any right, title or interest to Grantee, in the above described property (set forth in Exhibit "A"), except as stated herein.

6. **Use by Grantor.** Grantor may use said property and Grantee shall not prevent Grantor from the use of said property; provided, however that such use does not interfere with the rights herein granted.

7. **Indemnity.** The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Grantor, the Compton Community College District, against any and all loss or threatened loss or expense by reason of damage, claim or liability, or potential damage, claim or liability relating to the Project including, but not limited to, attorney fees, costs, penalties, fines, etc.

8. **Conditions of Entry.** In addition, the Grantee, its successors, assigns, agents, contractors, and employees agree to the following conditions of entry:

A. **Damage to Property:** Shall exercise care to avoid damaging the property in any manner not consistent with the purpose for which this agreement is issued. In the event of damage, Grantee shall be responsible for all repairs, see Section 7, above.

B. **Cooperation with Grantor:** Shall at all times cooperate with Grantor and comply with reasonable requests not inconsistent with the purpose for which this Agreement is issued.

C. **Clearing:** If necessary, shall perform removal of existing asphalt concrete pavement surfacing, signs, fences, and landscape materials with a minimum of breakage, damage, and waste. Materials to be removed shall be removed from the site by the City's contract forces, and no equipment shall be staged or remain parked within the Grantor's property outside the limits of this Temporary Construction Easement.

D. **Restoration and Clean-Up.** Grantee shall restore Grantor's property to conditions as shown on construction plans (Exhibit "A"). Upon completion of the approach, shall clean all the ground occupied of all rubbish, excess material, temporary fencing, and equipment and shall perform any reasonable requests for restoration and clean-up made by Grantor.

E. **Acceptance:** All parts of the approach site shall be left in acceptable condition, as determined by Grantor in its' exclusive determination.

City of Compton, as Grantee


Charles Evans, City Manager

Date: May __, 2010

Compton Community College District,
as Grantor


Dr. Lawrence M. Cox, CEO

Date: May __, 2010



City of Compton
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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WILLIE NORFLEET
City Manager

March 29, 2011

Compton Community College District
Dr. Keith Curry, CEO
1111 East Artesia Boulevard
Compton, California 90221

Dear Dr. Curry,

Re: Chain Link Fence – Greenleaf Boulevard Parkway Site

Please be advised that an 8' high chain link fence with green vinyl slats will be installed along the southerly portion of the Greenleaf Boulevard Parkway Project site.

This site is located adjacent to the north side of the college. The fence will extend the entire length of the southerly portion of the project from east to west (approximately 843 linear feet).

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie Norfleet".

Willie Norfleet
City Manager

cc: Verna Porter, Assistant City Manager, City of Compton
John Strickland, Public Works Dept., City of Compton
Todd Niemann, Griffin Structures, Inc.
F. Martinez, Griffin Structures, Inc.
Daniel Villanueva, El Camino Education Center
Reuben James, El Camino Education Center
Oscar Johnson, MIG
Julia Sylva, Law Offices



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Compton College District Special Trustee to present State of District Address

From Staff Reports

COMPTON—Compton Community College District Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes will give a State of the District Address on Friday, April 8, at 10 a.m. in the Tartar Quad, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd. Students and members of the local communities served by the district are invited to attend. Those planning to attend must RSVP to 310- 900-1600, ext. 2005.

Also participating in the address will be Chancellor of California Community Colleges Dr. Jack Scott, County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, former superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District Dr. Ray Cortines, and the Rev. Norman Johnson of the First New Christian Missionary Baptist Church.

El Camino College Compton Center student Camille Johnson will emcee the event.

The address will include an update on the Compton District, the partnership between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District, and information relative to the process of accreditation.

The address will be followed by a tree planting ceremony as a symbol of inspiration for the future of the Compton District, as well as to honor Arbor Day, which is April 29.

"Trees are a symbol of nature's strength and longevity," said Hudley-Hayes. "There could be no better lasting record of a new beginning than establishing a parallel growing entity."

In December 2010, California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott appointed Hudley-Hayes as the special trustee for the Compton Community College District. Her appointment commenced on January 1, 2011.

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El Camino Compton Center to celebrate Cesar Chavez Day today

From wire service reports

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Cesar Chavez Day events are planned today at the El Camino College Compton Center, a Long Beach park bearing his name and Torch Middle School in Industry.

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The observance honoring the co-founder of the United Farm Workers on the 84th anniversary of his birth will be held from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. in the student lounge. It will also include a produce exhibit with samples, poetry readings, music and a selection of Mexican cuisine for purchase.

More information on the observance is available by calling (310) 900- 1600, ext. 2802.

Long Beach's 10th annual Cesar Chavez Day Celebration at Chavez Park will begin at 3 p.m. with the dedication of the Jenny Oropeza Community Center, named for the state senator who died in October.

"We are looking forward to honoring the great work of Senator Oropeza and everything she did to build this park when she was on the Long Beach City Council," said Councilman Robert Garcia.

The festivities will run through 7 p.m. and will include music, performances, food, information tables and activities for children and families. Admission is

free. More information is available on the website of the Long Beach Community Hispanic Association, centrocha.org.

The Basset Education Foundation's second annual Cesar Chavez Day celebration will honor Chavez and local heroes and institutions, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Industry Station, the Bassett Teachers Association, Classified School Employees Association and San Gabriel Valley Tribune reporter Thomas Himes, who wrote a series of articles about vehicle checkpoints and impounds.

The celebration will be held at Torch Middle School from 5-9 p.m. and is free and open to the public. More information is available by calling Laura Santos at (626) 261-9358 or by sending her an e-mail at L.Santos@bassett.k12.ca.us.

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Chavez is especially remembered for spearheading a grape boycott in 1965 that went nationwide in 1968 and lasted until 1978, resulting in higher wages for farm workers and focusing national attention on their plight.

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Cesar Chavez Day celebrated today at Long Beach park

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2011-03-30 / Front Page

Keith Curry appointed interim CEO of Compton Community College District

By Cheryl Scott
Bulletin Staff Writer



Curry

COMPTON—The Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District announced on March 16 the appointment of an interim chief executive officer for the district. Dr. Keith Curry, who has served as the El Camino College Compton Center dean of student services since 2006, has been appointed to the post.

"Dr. Curry is widely known for his dedication to promoting and supporting programs to help students succeed and reach their academic goals," said CCCD Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes. "His demonstrated leadership skills, ability to assess and quickly respond to student needs, and his familiarity with the Compton Center and the community are all assets he brings to this position."

A Compton native, Curry served the community by volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board.

He also co-authored the CUSD Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine, where he was dean of student services.

Many of the college's student support programs were expanded or created under Curry's leadership. He established the First Year Experience in 2009. The program offers a supportive educational environment that encourages student success through shared learning communities, and services such as counseling, mentoring, orientation, and campus tours. The first year of the program, 68 students participated; by the second year, enrollment in the program had reached more than 140 students.

Curry previously served at the University of California Irvine as director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. In this position, he worked with incoming freshman students to help them succeed in college. While at UC Irvine, Curry was instrumental in re-establishing a partnership between local school districts, including Compton Unified School District and the University of California, Irvine.

Curry has strong family ties to the community. His service has included volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board. He also co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine.

Curry earned his doctorate degree from the University of California at Irvine, and a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz.

At his appointment announcement, the mood was upbeat and full of hope for the future of the community as he spoke about his own humble beginnings and his first "job" at the district, where he served as ball boy for the college baseball team at the age of 12. "And today, I'm CEO," he said.

He also shared personal stories of his dedication to student success and of working with former gang members and at-risk teens who have earned their degrees at ECC Compton Center and transferred to both the University of California and California State University systems.

"My work has meaning because of students like Terrance, who emerged from a tough background to become an ASB officer, advocated for students, and had the determination and drive to graduate from Compton Center and transfer to UC Riverside," Curry said. "He plans to return to Compton Center possibly as a counselor and help others. That's why we are here — to provide an opportunity for all of these individuals to receive a college education."

The Compton Community College District is working with El Camino Community College to earn accreditation for the college, a prolonged and complex process that could take as long as 10 years.

"Our goal for this district is to once again have a college," said Curry. "There are some people in our communities who misunderstand the partnership and the accreditation process. That is why the special trustee and I will be hitting the road fast and furiously for visits to area elected officials, business organizations, churches and community leaders to inform and update everyone about both of these important issues.

"I look forward to this opportunity to continue serving students and my hometown," Curry said. "I am encouraged by the positive spirit of collaboration I see as we work together with our partner, El Camino College, to achieve this goal."

Curry assumed the interim CEO position on March 22. The search process for a permanent CEO, following Board Policy 2420, will get underway in the future.

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Educator rises from ball boy to district's interim CEO

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COMPTON — After relieving Lawrence Cox of his duties as Compton Community College District's CEO a month ago, newly appointed Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes announced March 16 that Keith Curry has been selected to fill the remainder of Cox's contract.

Curry, who has served as the El Camino College Compton Center dean of student services since 2006, has been appointed to replace Cox, whose employment contract was terminated prematurely on Feb. 24 by Hudley-Hayes even though it had been extended an additional year in December and was not set to expire until June 30, 2012.

Without explaining why Cox — who had been widely credited with breathing life back into the campus after it lost accreditation in 2006 and was placed under the oversight of the El Camino College District — was fired, Hudley-Hayes has been the subject of speculation that the move was made in order to halt progress and keep the campus under the auspices of El Camino.

Disputing those rumors, Hudley-Hayes told The Wave recently that her only intention was to find a replacement who could effectively move the campus forward toward accreditation.

Out of seven applicants — some within the district and others not — Curry was chosen because he "is widely known for his dedication to promoting and supporting programs to help students succeed and reach their academic goals," Hudley-Hayes said. "His demonstrated leadership skills, ability to assess and quickly respond to student needs, and his familiarity with the Compton Center and the community are all assets he brings to this position."

Born and raised in Compton, Curry has strong ties to the community, district officials said. Prior to joining the staff at ECC Compton Center, he volunteered as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and served on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board. Additionally, he co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine.

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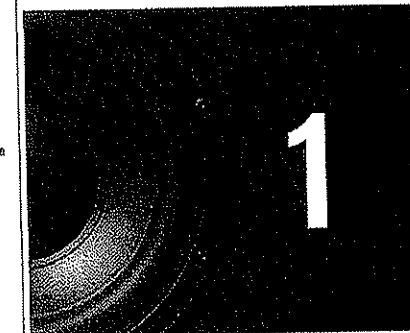
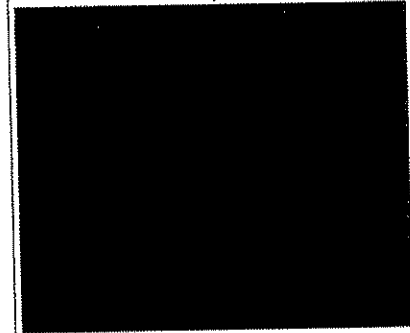
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Caption: Keith Curry (pictured) was appointed as Compton Community College District's new interim CEO March 16. (Courtesy photo)

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Millicent Cook, 46, of Paramount was arrested March 11 after a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging her with four counts of theft of student assistance funds, U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Thom Mrozek said.

Gwendolyn Renae Harris, 39, of Long Beach, who did not work at the school, surrendered Monday in connection with the case, Mrozek said.

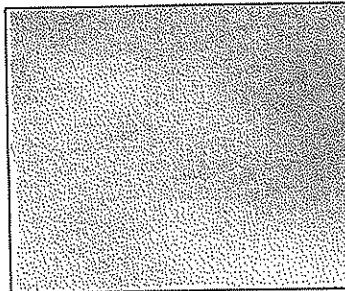
Harris faces the same charges.

The indictment, returned Feb. 25, alleges that Cook and Harris applied for federal Pell Grants using the names and Social Security numbers of "students" they recruited, and bilked money from the U.S. Department of Education from 2003 to 2006.

The "students" were real people, but never attended classes at the campus, where academic programs are overseen by El Camino College near Torrance.

Once Cook and Harris received the federal financial aid money, they gave some to their recruits and took the rest for their own personal expenses, Mrozek said.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan White, who is prosecuting the case, said he could not comment on the "students"

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An internal audit completed when El Camino College officials began administering the Compton campus in 2006 discovered the alleged theft that year. Investigators estimated the loss at \$56,064.

Harris and Cook pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles and are each free on \$5,000 bonds.


According to the indictment, a financial-aid check obtained on March 9, 2006, was for \$1,393. Another check delivered the same day was for \$1,263.

A check obtained on April 7, 2006, for the same fake student was for \$1,012.

Trial is scheduled for May. If convicted, each could go to federal prison for five years.

The investigation was conducted by the U.S.

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Authorities said about \$5 million was embezzled from the former Compton College by various people - including a trustee - from 2003 to 2005.

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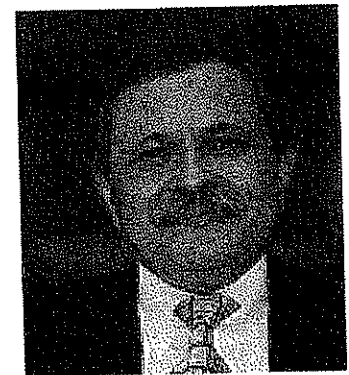
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New CEOs

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Utpal Goswami will serve as interim president of College of the Redwoods (California), effective April 30. Goswami was appointed the college's vice president of instruction in 2010. Previously, he served for four years as vice president and provost of academic affairs at Yavapai College (Arizona).



(From top) Keith Curry and Utpal Goswami

Appointments

James Berberet has been named interim executive director of the Highland Community College Foundation in Illinois. Berberet retired in January from Ultrasonic Power Corp. as president and chief operating officer. He takes over from **Susan Atherton**, who retired in January after 16 years at the post.

Kurt Haskell is now director of the Small Business Development Center at Coconino Community College (Arizona). Haskell returns to the center where he previously served.

as a small business analyst from 2007-09. Most recently, he was a business retention and expansion manager for the city of Flagstaff, Ariz.

Thomas Meyer, dean of academic affairs at the Wolfson Campus of Miami Dade College (Florida), was recently elected to the board of directors of the American Conference of Academic Deans. Meyers has more than 20 years of teaching and training experience and 11 years in various management and administrative roles.

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Compton College worker accused of theft

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A maintenance employee with the Compton Community College District - whose academic programs are overseen by El Camino College near Torrance - has been arrested on suspicion of grand theft, college officials announced Monday.

Rey David Popo, 39, was arrested on suspicion of stealing about \$9,000 worth of materials from the district, said Lt. Ray Box of the El Camino College Police Department.

Officials allege that a scheme took place in which one or more district employees went to Home Depot, purchased items using a district account and neglected to fill out a purchase order for the items afterward.

Although any theft exceeding \$950 is a felony, this alleged crime pales in comparison to the deeply ingrained fraud and malfeasance that in 2006 caused Compton Community College to become the first - and heretofore only - junior college in California to get its accreditation revoked.

But school officials went public with the arrest largely to demonstrate their commitment to transparency. On Monday, they announced the incident in a press release.

"In the past, the college hasn't always been as forthcoming as it could have been," said Genethia Hudley-Hayes, the newly appointed trustee hired to oversee operations at the Compton district, referring to the scandals that plagued the school in the mid-2000s.

"All of a sudden, it hits the paper and people say, 'How did that happen, and what more could they be hiding?' I'm not going

to be a party to that. Whatever the news is, the community has a right to know."

Popo was arrested in mid-February, and then placed on paid administrative leave pending a full investigation.

On Wednesday, another employee was placed on administrative leave after confessing to committing petty theft. That employee has not been arrested.

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\$5 million was embezzled from Compton College by various people.

One of them was a former college trustee, Ignacio Pena, who went to jail after pleading guilty to embezzling about \$1 million by setting up dummy courses that vacuumed taxpayer dollars. His wife also was arrested.

In 2006, the college lost its accreditation. Later that year, El Camino College agreed to take the campus under its wing.

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About the same time the college's accreditation was revoked, the state stripped Compton's board of trustees of all legal authority. The board still meets every month, but only as an advisory body. In place of the governing board, the state chancellor of community colleges appointed a single trustee with executive power.

Several people have held the position. In January, Hudley-Hayes took the reins from Peter Landsberger.

Hudley-Hayes credited the discovery of the alleged theft to Wayne Ward, the Compton district's new department head for maintenance and operations.

"He discovered there were very few checks and balances in place, and that things were pretty much walking out of there on any given Sunday, so to speak," she said.

The stolen items included copper wiring and tools and coverings used to install the wiring, Box said.

Hudley-Hayes said new checks and balances are in place to avoid similar incidents in the future. For instance, she said, purchase orders from Home Depot must now be filled out and approved before the purchase is made, not after, as was done before.

She added that none of the alleged theft involved money for voter-approved construction bonds.

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The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items.

The community is invited to attend this meeting, where an opportunity will be made available for questions to regarding the State of the District, for those who may have missed the April 8 State of the District Address.

The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the District website, www.district.compton.edu.

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About the Compton Community College District

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Carson, Compton, Enterprise, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook. The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee, who works with the five-member elected Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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From Ball Boy to Compton Community College District CEO, Keith Curry is Dedicated to the City of Compton

Compton native Keith Curry's roots in the city run deep. Appointed on March 16 as interim CEO of the Compton Community College District, by Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes, Curry was welcomed with a standing ovation by an audience that included family members, students and community supporters—including friends from his local barbershop.

Born and raised in Compton, Curry's life work has centered on the city. His service to the community has included volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board; he also co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine. More recently, he completed his doctoral dissertation on the former Compton Community College's loss of accreditation.

At his appointment announcement, the mood was upbeat and full of hope for the future of the community as Curry spoke about his own humble beginnings and his first "job" at the District where he served as ball boy for the college baseball team at the age of twelve. "And today, I'm CEO," he said. He also shared personal stories of his dedication to student success and of working with former gang members and at-risk teens who have earned their degrees at ECC Compton Center and transferred to both the University of California and California State University systems.

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During his address on March 16, Curry was at ease as he injected humor while sharing stories illustrating his personal dedication to the District, and subsequently outlined his plans to address budget shortfalls, facilities needs, supporting the partnership with El Camino College and community outreach. He also acknowledged

the fact that he is the interim CEO of a District without a college and stressed the importance of the partnership with the El Camino Community College District.

"Our goal for this District is to once again have a college," said Curry. "There are some people in our communities who misunderstand the partnership and the accreditation process. That is why the Special Trustee and I will be hitting the road fast and furiously with visits to area elected officials, business organizations, churches and community leaders to inform and update everyone about both of these important issues."

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Compton Community College District Special Trustee Appoints Interim Chief Executive Officer

The Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) today announced the appointment of an interim chief executive officer for the District. Dr. Keith Curry, who has served as the El Camino College Compton Center dean of student services since 2006, has been appointed to the post.

"Dr. Curry is widely known for his dedication to promoting and supporting programs to help students succeed and reach their academic goals," said CCCD Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes. "His demonstrated leadership skills, ability to assess and quickly respond to student needs, and his familiarity with the Compton Center and the community are all assets he brings to this position."

Many existing student support programs expanded and others were created under Curry's leadership, most notably the First Year Experience (FYE). Established at ECC Compton Center two years ago, FYE offers a supportive educational environment that encourages student success through shared learning communities and services such as counseling, mentoring, orientation, and campus tours. The first year of the program, 68 students participated; by the second year, the enrollment more than doubled with over 140 students.

Curry previously served at the University of California, Irvine as director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. In this position, he worked with incoming freshman students to help them succeed in college. While at UC Irvine, Curry was instrumental in re-establishing a partnership between local school districts, including Compton Unified School District and the University of California, Irvine.

Born and raised in Compton, Curry has strong family ties to the community. His service to the community included volunteering as chair of the Compton Unified School District Achieving College Partnership and serving on the Compton Unified School District Foundation board; he also co-authored the Compton Unified School District Gear-Up proposal during his tenure at UC Irvine.

"I look forward to this opportunity to continue serving students and my hometown," Curry said. "I am encouraged by the positive spirit of collaboration I see as we work together with our partner, El Camino College, to achieve this goal."

Curry earned his doctorate degree from the University of California at Irvine, and a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz. His professional affiliations include working with the African American Male Educational Network and Development (A²MEND) organization, and the Association for California Community College Administrators. Curry is married to Nina Elizabeth Scott-Curry, and has one son Kamilo Ali Curry (1 year old).

Curry assumes the interim CEO position immediately. The search process for a permanent CEO, following Board Policy 2420, will get underway in the future.

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Compton Community College District Special Trustee To Present State of the District Address on April 8

Special Trustee Genethia Hudley-Hayes will provide a State of the District Address on Friday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tartar Quad at the Compton Community College District, 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard in Compton. Students and members of the local communities served by the District are invited to attend. Those planning to attend must RSVP to 310-900-1600 ext. 2005.

Also participating in the address will be the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, Dr. Jack Scott; The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor of the Second District County of Los Angeles; Dr. Ray Cortines, former Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District; and Reverend Norman Johnson, First New Christian Missionary Baptist Church. El Camino College Compton Center student Camille Johnson will emcee the event.

The address will include an update on the Compton District, the partnership between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District, and information relative to the process to accreditation.

The address will be followed by a tree planting ceremony as a symbol of inspiration for the future of the Compton District, as well as to honor Arbor Day, which is April 29.

"Trees are a symbol of nature's strength and longevity; there could be no better lasting record of a new beginning than establishing a parallel growing entity," said Hudley-Hayes.

In December 2010, California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott appointed Dr. Hudley-Hayes as the special trustee for the Compton Community College District; her appointment commenced on January 1, 2011. Her bio may be viewed [here](#).

About the Compton Community College District

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Carson, Compton, Enterprise, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook. The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee, who works with the five-member elected Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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