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KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.
Interim Chief Executive Officer

THOMAS E. HENRY
Special Trustee

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

Welcome to the final days of the spring 2012 semester. Enclosed is the May 16, 2012 board meeting packet. This is the time of year when we participate in many student celebrations. I am encouraging all faculty, staff, and administrators to take the opportunity to thank everyone for making this a successful year for El Camino College Compton Center students.

I wish to thank the faculty for providing quality instruction to El Camino College Compton Center students and for working into the evening hours grading student papers. I would like to thank the classified staff for their outstanding support of students during these difficult budget times. I thank the administrators for supporting the goals and objectives of the District and the El Camino College Compton Center. Finally, I wish to thank you, Special Trustee, the elected Board of Trustees, and El Camino College for providing me with support and encouragement to fulfill my duties as the interim CEO.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16th. Closed session will begin at 5:00 p.m., with open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The third and final Redistricting Public Hearing is on the agenda during the open session of the regular board meeting. Copies of the proof of publication noticing the Public Hearing, as well as the email and news release sent to all elected officials and area media outlets are attached to this packet.

A presentation on the Infrastructure Facilities Projects from Mr. Kevin Keyfauber, from S & K Engineers, is also scheduled for the May 16th Board meeting.

Please mark your calendar now for the Academic Awards Tea, scheduled for Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge; the Employee Appreciation Breakfast, scheduled for Friday, June 1, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge; and the El Camino College Commencement Ceremony scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Tartar Stadium.

The May 16, 2012 Board Agenda includes the following:

- A. The consent section includes various purchase orders necessary for the operations of the District and El Camino College Compton Center, as well as all personnel actions.

- B. The Discussion/Action Agenda includes the resolution establishing new trustee areas for Compton Community College District; BP 3300-District Public Records Policy; the 2012-2013 El Camino College Compton Center Academic Calendar; and approval of contract of employment for Chief Business Officer.
- C. Per your request, the discussion section includes an opportunity for you to discuss the 2011-2012 elected Board of Trustees self-evaluations, and the 2012-2013 elected Board of Trustees goals.
- D. The Information section includes AR 3301- District Public Records Administrative Procedure; the board meeting presentations and reports schedule for 2011-2012; and the Redistricting Action Plan.

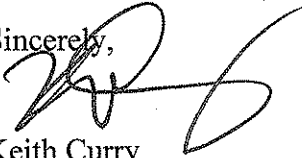
The following items are included for your perusal:

1. Message from Interim CEO, dated April 20, 2012.
2. Letter from Mytha Pascual, ECC Compton Center Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships, dated May 10, 2012 regarding the Institutional Return of Title 4 payments to El Camino College.
3. Memo from Ms. Rachelle Sasser dated February 2, 2012 updating me on the Proposed Organizational Structure for the Human Resources Department. This memo was included in the February 3, 2012 board letter. The May 16 Board Item Resolution No. 05-16-2012C- Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel is a central component to implementing the proposed organizational structure in the Human Resources Department.
4. Letter from Felipe Lopez, Chief Business Officer, dated May 11, 2012, regarding Board Item Resolution No. 05-16-2012D- Process to Temporarily Loan Funds from the General Obligation Bond Project Fund to the Capital Outlay Project Fund.
5. Letter from Wayne Ward, Manager of Maintenance and Operations, dated May 7, 2012 regarding the Central Plant Boiler Emergency Resolution for Repairs.
6. Memo dated May 7, 2012 from Don Chadwick, Division Chief, County of Los Angeles Department of Auditor-Controller, regarding the Compton Community College District: A Department of Public Social Services Community College CalWORKs Program Provider – Contract Compliance Review.
7. Letter from Wayne Ward, Manager of Maintenance and Operations, dated May 7, 2012 regarding the Auction Surplus Final Results.
8. Letter from Robert Butler, ECC Compton Center Director of Student Development, dated May 2, 2012, informing me that the Track and Tartar stadium will be closed June 1, 2012 through June 11, 2012.
9. Memo from Linda Owens dated May 10, 2012, updating me on the MIS Stabilization project.
10. Memo from Linda Owens dated May 10, 2012, updating me on Library/Learning Resource Center.
11. El Camino College Compton Center End-of-Year Student Activities.
12. Redistricting Information: Public Hearing Flyer, proof of publication noticing the Public Hearing, copy of email that was sent to elected officials announcing the May 16 Public Hearing.
13. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases for April 12, 2012 through May 9, 2012.

As a reminder, the District is scheduled for a FCMAT Team visit on May 14-17, 2012 for the Finance Area. The FCMAT visit for the Personnel area is now scheduled for June 5-6, 2012.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the May 16, 2012 Board Meeting, please contact Ms. Paula VanBrown, Executive Assistant to the CEO, at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2001. Any additional back-up information will also be made available to the public at the May 16th Board Meeting.

Sincerely,



Keith Curry
Interim CEO

c: CCCD Board of Trustees
Vice President, Deans, Directors



MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO

DR. KEITH CURRY

Although current economic times are challenging for California Community Colleges, we remain committed to serving the educational needs of our community and ensuring student success. During these uncertain budgetary times, we must look for new ways to help students.

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District was established in 2009 with the mission of maintaining and expanding educational programs and services to students. Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the Foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to El Camino College Compton Center students. The Foundation also supports programs and services that enhance the academic environment.

The Foundation needs your help in responding to a growing need from students. With the increasing cost of textbooks, it is a pleasure to introduce an unprecedented program—**The Foundation Book Fund Program**. We know ECC Compton Center students are eager to learn and ready to take advantage of a college education. Unfortunately, many students arrive to class each day deprived of one critical tool for their success—textbooks.

Your Contributions Will Make a Difference

The Foundation's goal is to raise \$45,000 to distribute textbook vouchers to eligible El Camino College Compton Center students who have financial challenges. **Just \$150 buys a book for a student!** Please support students by making a pledge of \$150.00 to place much needed textbooks in students' hands. Your donation of \$150 may be set up through the payroll deduction program; or you may make a one-time contribution directly to the Foundation.

Your gift of textbooks will have a significant impact on students' ability to successfully complete courses and eventually complete their studies. If you have any questions regarding a donation, or to participate in the voluntary payroll deduction program, please contact Kimberly Stanback at (310) 900-1600, Ext. 2971.

Welcome Foundation for the Compton Community College District Board of Directors

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District board includes community members and business leaders who volunteer their time to support students. Please welcome our appointed Board of Directors:

Tony Williams, Foundation President - is a senior manager of training at Southern California Edison (SCE) where he has served for 18 years. He has also held leadership positions with the following organizations: the East Los Angeles Skills Center, the UCLA Department of Engineering & Technology, USC Community Computing Center, and the Rim2Rim youth basketball program. He earned a MBA degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Chico.

Sherri Franklin, Foundation Vice-President - is a principal partner of Urban Design Center and specializes in economic development. She has experience in securing grant, subsidized, and conventional funding for affordable housing and recreational and community development projects. Her work has given her the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with several nonprofit organizations including: Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles, the Center for Community Change, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Melia Keller, Foundation Secretary - is the President/CEO of Mid Cities Credit Union. She also volunteers with the National Youth Involvement Board to promote financial literacy. Keller honed her leadership skills while serving as a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve Special Operations Command, and received multiple commendations including the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge. She has a master's degree in business and is a graduate of the Western CUNA Management School

Dennis Lord currently serves as public affairs and government relations director for the Southern California Gas Company. Lord is involved with the Port of Los Angeles development, industry competitiveness, regional air quality, economic development, and business and customer retention issues with local, state, and federal offices. He earned his MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

Rodney Murray is the dean of the Career and Technical Education, Math and Science Divisions at El Camino College Compton Center. He has taught business courses at ECC Compton Center for the past 14 years. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in human services with a specialization in Criminal Justice from Capella University. He received his MBA degree and a Bachelor's Degree in science and business from the University of Redlands.

Paul Simpson is the founder and CEO of SageTel International, a company specializing in wireless location-based networks. He is also the co-founder and chief operating officer of Elite Skills Basketball Academy. Simpson has served on Marin Academy's Board of Trustees for the past five years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business management and economics from University of California, Santa Cruz.

Dr. Ikaweba Bunting, professor of Ethnic Studies, Behavioral and Social Science Division at El Camino College Compton Center. He earned his Ph.D from the University of Wales.



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE
COMPTON CENTER
Financial Aid Office**

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer
Barbara Perez, VP of Academic Affairs and Student Services

From: Mytha Pascual, Director of Financial Aid & Scholarships *MCP*

Date: May 10, 2010

Subject: Institutional Return of Title IV Funds

As requested, following is a summary of Return of Title IV funds, the various causes for the return of Title IV funds, a summary of the return of Title IV funds liability in the last 12 months, and the reasons for the increased liabilities.

The primary mission of the Office of Financial Aid is the timely delivery of financial funds to eligible students. The Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), as amended, governs the procedures and requirement for the prompt delivery of funds within the first week of classes to assist students with the purchase of books and supplies. The HEA also requires the return of funds when students do not meet eligibility criteria for attendance, when a student withdraws from the institution, and when the institution makes errors.

1. Repayment of Funds when the student withdraws or is withdrawn from 100% of enrolled classes without a record of attendance (no show and class cancellations)

In compliance with the HEA, El Camino College Compton Center initiates the disbursement process for eligible enrolled students in advance of the first week of classes. The student's eligibility for Financial Aid is based upon enrollment. The HEA governs the return of Title IV funds policy for students who fails to attend at least one day of one of his/her class(es) for the following reasons:

- ✓ 100% of student class(es) are cancelled
- ✓ The student withdraws from all of his/her enrolled classes prior to the beginning of the semester.
- ✓ The instructor reports the student as a "no show",

100% of all Title IV funds disbursed for the student must be returned to Title IV and the student is billed for a debt to the college.

2. Repayment of Funds for Students Who Withdraw

HEA rules also require the return of Title IV funds for students to completely withdraw from a period of enrollment (i.e. a semester). These rules assume that a student "earns" aid based on a student's enrollment. "Unearned" aid, other than Federal Work Study, must be returned. Unearned aid is the amount of Federal financial aid received that exceeds the amount the student has earned. Unearned aid may be subject to repayment.

During the first 60% of the semester enrollment, a student "earns" aid in direct proportion to the time of his/her time enrollment. The percentage of time the student remained enrolled is the percentage of aid for that period for which the student earned his/her aid.

- ✓ *If a student receives Title IV funds then withdraws or is dropped from all of their classes before 60% of the semester is complete, they may owe money back to the federal programs. Based on the day that the student withdraw, the financial aid office will calculate the portion of the grant that the student has "earned" from the beginning of the semester until the day the student dropped his/her class(es). The college will owe some of the money back depending on the number of units attempted.*

Example: The student receives a \$1,000 grant; there are 100 days in the term and drops out on the 26th day. The student **earned** 26% of your grant.

$$\$1,000 \times 26\% = \$260.00 \text{ earned.}$$

$$100\% - 26\% = 74\% \text{ unearned}$$

$$\$1,000 \times 74\% = \$740.00 \text{ unearned.}$$

A student who remains enrolled beyond the 60% point of the semester enrollment earned all his/her aid for the period and is not subject to these Return to Title IV rules. However, in some instances a student may owe an overpayment.

3. Financial Aid Overpayments

Financial aid overpayments result from:

- ✓ Inaccurate information reported on the financial aid application.

- ✓ Students who enroll in multiple colleges and receive aid from more than one college for the same term. Because students may **NOT** receive financial aid funds from two colleges for the same period of enrollment, overpayments occur frequently when students transfer and neglect to withdraw from the college that they were attending. This results in multiple schools making disbursements for the same students.
- ✓ Processing errors by the institution. Human errors do occur for various reasons and result in overpayments of financial aid funds.

All overpayments of financial aid funds must be repaid to the federal and/or state agencies, regardless of whether the student or the institution is at fault. Failure to repay financial aid funds will prohibit the student from receiving financial aid at other schools.

Summary of Return to Title IV Refunds 2011-2012

	100% College Liability		Partial Liability		Overpayments	
	\$ Amount Due from College	# of Students	\$ Amount Due from College	# of Students	\$ Amount Due from College	# of Students
SPRING 11	\$26,890.00	26	\$15,156.50	85	\$2,790	7
FALL 11	\$13,931.00	20	\$5,857.00	50	\$1,370	3
SPRING 12	\$33,136.00	44	\$9,066.00	49	\$ 962	2
TOTAL	\$73,957.00	90	\$30,079.50	184	\$5,122.00	12

In conclusion, the increases in institutional liability may be attributed to the following:

- Increased waiting list for classes and compliance in the classroom resulting in increased number of “no show” reporting
- Advance disbursements to students to ensure delivery of Title IV funds as of the first week of classes. Title IV grant disbursements are requested 10 days prior to the first week of classes to ensure delivery by the first week.
- Increased internal file review to ensure compliant processing

The Financial Aid Office is working at mitigating return to Title IV issues. Currently, students are billed for any refunds made to Title IV. We hold any future financial aid until a repayment arrangement is made and this has compelled some students to make repayment arrangements.

The issue is whether we can hold registration for those who have a debt with the District. Using a student registration hold can assist in the effort of collections. Accordingly, we are working closely with the Chancellor's Office in getting a legal opinion to expand our efforts to recover refunds made to Title IV.



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OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Keith Curry
Interim Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Ms. Rachelle Sasser
Dean, Human Resources

DATE: February 2, 2012

RE: Proposed Organizational Structure

December 2011, staff were asked to provide input to develop a new organizational structure for Human Resources. At that time, the Dean provided thoughts which summarized the attached plan and the need to revise the organizational structure of the office. The revised structure was based upon observation of employee workload. Although staff were given the opportunity to provide input in the development of a new structure, they failed to provide input as requested. January 2012, the Dean submitted the proposed structure to the CEO for approval. The attached structure was approved January 10, 2012. Staff were advised of the approval of the new office structure that week. Staff were also apprised of the mechanics of the revision, which would require two employees to apply for the higher positions.

To facilitate the approved structure, the Human Resources Representative position description requires revision. This action is necessary to incorporate duties associated with administration of employee benefits and workers compensation matters into the existing Human Resources Representative position description. It is felt that this organizational structure will foster an efficient, effective utilization of manpower. This change has no fiscal impact.

Human Resources Proposed Organizational Structure

Current Structure-2 Human Resources Representative positions

2 Human Resources Specialist positions

Proposed Structure-3 Human Resources Representative positions

1 Permanent Part-time Professional Development Coordinator

Process- Recruit for vacant Human Resources Representative position; this position will be responsible for functions associated with employment of academic employees. Recruit for an additional Human Resources Representative position; this position will be responsible for the combined job functions of administration of workers compensation matters and employee benefits. Currently these duties are performed by two full-time employees. After careful review, it has been determined that the workload of the existing HR Specialist positions is not at the 100% level. Both are at the 50% level. Once the HR Representative positions are filled, the two HR Specialist positions will be eliminated.

Create the permanent part-time position of Professional Development Coordinator. This position will be responsible for enhancing professional development opportunities at the Center. This individual will work closely with the main campus to coordinate professional development activities in addition to developing Center specific opportunities.

It is felt that this organizational structure will foster an efficient, effective utilization of manpower. This change has no fiscal impact.



OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer

From: Felipe R Lopez, Chief Business Officer

Date: May 11, 2012

Subject: Resolution No. 05-16-2012D – Process to Temporarily Loan Funds from the General Obligation Bond Project Fund to the Capital Outlay Fund.

Below is a summary of the purpose of the resolution no. 05-16-2012D:

As a result of the June 30, 2012 audit conducted by Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP (“VTD”), an audit finding referenced as 2011-17 General Obligation Bond Fund Accountability. The finding stated the District’s General Obligation Bond Project Fund (“Measure CC”) is utilized to provide cash flow to the State fund construction projects, as well as the General Obligation Bond projects. Since some of these projects are funded jointly by the both revenues sources, cash flow is an issue as the State provides payment on a reimbursement basis. By accounting for the funds originally in the Bond Project Fund, the District must transfer out the State funded portion of the projects through a journal entry to the Capital Projects Fund at year-end. In the audit, VTD recommended that expenditures for State funded projects should be charged to the Capital Projects Fund when incurred. For cash flow purposes, the District may take a resolution to the Special Trustee for approval of a loan from the Measure CC to the Capital Projects Funds. This loan would then be repaid when the reimbursement is received from the State. This will clearly identify the Measure CC related expenditures and the State funded project expenditures.

This resolution, if approved by the Special Trustee will authorize the District the ability to provide the Capital Outlay Project Fund a temporary loan from the Measure CC for cash flow purposes, since construction projects eligible for reimbursement or matching funds from the State incur costs that require immediate payment prior to the District receiving eligible funds from the State. Once the District receives reimbursement from the State for Capital Fund Projects, all funds borrowed or loaned from the Measure CC must be repaid.

To ensure all funds borrowed or loaned from the Measure CC are repaid, the District will implement a quarterly reconciliation procedure to review, adjust and reconcile any loans, repayment or balances between the Measure CC and the Capital Projects Fund in order to clearly and accurately identify Measure CC expenditures and Capital Project Fund expenditures. This is in compliance with the 2010-2011 audit recommendation from VTD.

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FROM: WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: CENTRAL PLANT BOILER EMERGENCY RESOLUTION FOR REPAIRS
DATE: MAY 7, 2012
CC: REUBEN JAMES, DIRECTOR OF FISCAL SERVICES, FILE

BACKGROUND

In September 2011, Maintenance and Operations staff proposed to have the boilers located at the Central Plant repaired. The three units provide hot water for heating Child Development Center and Vocational Technology Center buildings. Soon after the Board approved Site Improvements funds; staff developed a preliminary estimate of \$35,000 for the repairs.

Since the boilers were under warranty, staff contacted the original boiler distributor, ElmCo Duddy for a system assessment. ElmCo Duddy recommended we work with Horizon Mechanical Contractors since they were a local authorized repair contractor in our area and familiar with the equipment installation.

SITUATION

Horizon and staff developed a scope of work to repair the three boilers. The proposal was not to exceed \$20,000. Once repair work was underway, staff along with Horizon discovered that all boilers were damaged beyond repair and the damage was outside the warranty coverage. Consequently, staff and Horizon returned to the drawing board. The new scope consisted of engineering calculation to size the capacity for the new boiler- cost not to exceed the \$35,000.

Staff learned after start-up and operating the new boiler a controller device is required to operate the boiler and communicate with the Campus building automation system. Therefore the total cost of the project totaled \$39,932.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the Emergency Resolution for Provision of Repairs of the Central Plant boiler for Child Development Center and Vocational Technology Center since reasonable steps were taken to obtain warranty service, troubleshoot, repair and place the heating system back in service within a timely fashion to avoid health and safety concerns.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to Maintenance and Operations budget, Contract Service account since the increase will be offset by other savings.



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER**

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90071

May 7, 2012

TO: Sheryl L. Spiller, Acting Director
Department of Public Social Services

FROM: Don Chadwick *Don Chadwick*
Division Chief

SUBJECT: **COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – A DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY COLLEGE CALWORKS
PROGRAM PROVIDER – CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REVIEW**

We completed a review of Compton Community College District (CCCD or Agency), a Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) Community College CalWORKS (CCC) Program provider. DPSS contracts with CCCD, a local government agency, to administer the CCC Program. The CCC Program services include out-of-classroom coordination to assist CalWORKS participants in completing their education.

The purpose of our review was to determine whether CCCD appropriately accounted for and spent CCC Program funds to provide the services outlined in their County contract. We also evaluated the adequacy of the Agency's accounting records, internal controls, and compliance with their contract and other applicable guidelines.

DPSS pays CCCD on a cost-reimbursement basis and their contract for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12 is for \$136,000.

Results of Review

Our review covered a sample of transactions from FY 2011-12. Specifically, we:

- Reviewed the case files for ten (18%) of the 57 participants who started receiving services during December 2011 and January 2012.
- Reviewed the personnel files for the two CCCD employees who worked on the CCC Program.

- Traced the payroll costs for the two employees, totaling \$7,880, for January 2012 to the Agency's payroll records and time reports.
- Traced the total revenues and expenditures from CCCD's quarterly reconciliation report for April through June 2011 to the Agency's accounting records, and to DPSS' payment records.

Eligibility

No exceptions were noted.

Program Services

No exceptions were noted.

Staffing Qualifications

No exceptions were noted.

Cash/Revenue

No exceptions were noted.

Payroll and Personnel

CCCD did not obtain a criminal background clearance for one (50%) of the two employees who worked on the CCC Program. Subsequent to our review, the Agency obtained a criminal background clearance for the employee.

Recommendation

1. **CCCD management obtain criminal background clearances for employees before they begin working on the CCC Program.**

Close-Out Review

No exceptions were noted.

Review of Findings and Recommendations

We discussed the results of our review with CCCD on March 14, 2012. The Agency's management indicated agreement with our finding and recommendation, and they will work with DPSS to ensure that the recommendation is implemented.

Sheryl L. Spiller
May 7, 2012
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We thank CCCD management for their cooperation and assistance during our review. Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Jason Stempinski at (213) 253-0141.

DC:AA:JS

c: Wendy L. Watanabe, Auditor-Controller
Thomas Henry, Special Trustee of the Board of Trustees, CCCD
Keith Curry, Chief Executive Officer, CCCD

MEMORANDUM

TO: KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
FROM: WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, FACILITIES, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS
SUBJECT: AUCTION SURPLUS FINAL RESULTS
DATE: MAY 7, 2012
CC: FILE

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, the District held the surplus auction using Joe Tadlock Auctioneer at the Maintenance and Operations yard. About sixty, (60) buyers attended the auction peaking at seventy, (70) participants throughout the day.

The gates opened at 10:00 am; the weather was clear and warm and the auction kicked-off at 11:00 am and ceased around 4:15 pm.

Approximately 85 percent of the approved surplus items sold and remaining items were donated to the public, and disposed through Waste Resources.

Here are the official results:

Total gross sales	\$43,116.50
Less 10% auction commission	<\$4,311.65>
Total wages	<\$1,900.00>
Advertising	<772.00>
Total expenses (NTE \$2,600)	>72.00
District Net proceed	\$36,204.85

The auction was a success and I want to thank you and the Board of Trustees for your support and leadership. We are on track for the start of the Central Plant, Stadium Lighting Phase One project at the end of the month.

Please contact me should you have any questions at extension 2606.

Thank you.

Attachment/ 5 Photos

**Auction Surplus Final Results
Pictures April 14, 2012**

Carlos Garcia, M&O Staff



Auctioneer and buyers



Lt. Box, Campus Police and Gloria Hughes, Business Office



View of Activity at its peak!



Buyers



EL CAMINO COLLEGE COMPTON CENTER

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May 2, 2012

Dr. Keith Curry, CEO
Compton Community College District
1111 E. Artesia Blvd.
Compton, CA 90221

Dear Dr. Curry:

As you know, this year's Graduation Ceremony is scheduled to take place in Tartar Stadium on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

The venue in question requires a significant amount of preparation in advance of the ceremony and therefore will require its temporary closure.

I am recommending that the following announcement be made public in order to provide advance notice to both community and campus users:

**Notice
Track & Stadium
Closure
June 1, 2012 – June 11, 2012**

Please note that the Track & Stadium will be closed during the above period in preparation for the Annual Graduation Ceremony to be held at the Stadium on:

**June 7, 2012
5:30 p.m.
Office of Student Development
(310) 900-1600, ext. 2802**

The length of the closure period is necessitated by events beginning with a mandatory graduate candidate's rehearsal on June 1st. This is followed by daily deliveries to the stadium beginning June 4th and other preparations through June 7th. Finally, we expect the removal of all rental equipment and other items to be completed by June 11, 2012.

We apologize for the inconvenience to community members and other campus users but believe we must put forth our best efforts to celebrate the accomplishments of the Graduating Class of 2012.

We thank you for your continued support.

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We thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Butler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert H. Butler
Director of Student Development

RHB:yz

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO
FROM: LINDA OWENS, SR. PM, VCM
SUBJECT: MIS STABILIZATION STATUS UPDATE
DATE: 5/10/12

1.0 BACKGROUND

The existing Server and Data systems in the MIS building were damaged as a result of intermittent high-heat exposure during the time period of 2006-2009, and having exceeded their useful life, were/are experiencing failures and interruptions in service that were/are increasing in frequency and duration. These failures have a cascading effect that, when coupled with the end of life status of the equipment, make a catastrophic, non-recoverable system failure a certainty in the near future which would cause a campus closure for 3-6 months in addition to the permanent loss of historic data.

2.0 PROJECT BUDGET STATUS

A preliminary budget and schedule based upon our best estimate of scope and duration was submitted to the CBO on April 4, 2011. A budget of \$2,400,000 was authorized by BSD 7 with an additional \$1,000,000 added in December 2011 to cover scope of work from AT&T, Southland and other contractors/vendors. The current projected project budget is \$2,805,021; \$584,979 under the approved 3,400,000 budget.

3.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE STATUS

The current schedule for completion is September 2012. Work completed last month includes relocation/installation of computer room air conditioning units, covering the windows, and other electrical work. Equipment ordered from AT&T has begun to arrive. Various MIS consultants continue to meet to plan the migration of equipment from the old racks to the new racks. AT&T will be onsite in late May to relocate an existing rack so that data cabinet installation can continue.

MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO
FROM: LINDA OWENS, SR. PM, VCM
SUBJECT: LIBRARY/ LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE
DATE: 5/10/12

1.0 BACKGROUND

The project includes a) corrections to the glazed barrel vault assembly including curb replacement; b) usability modifications to the existing HVAC system; c) programming and completing enhancements to meet current and future user and technology requirements; and d) DSA closeout.

2.0 PROJECT STATUS

Glazed Barrel Vault/Curb Replacement - Walters and Wolf has completed the installation of the glazing panels and metal trim pieces at the barrel vault roof. The construction change directive for this work should be submitted to the Department of the State Architect for close out.

HVAC Modifications - The Final agreement between Chevron and the District for the completion of corrective revisions to the HVAC system is going through final review by the respective party's attorneys; and is almost complete regarding the necessary modifications to the HVAC system. Chevron plans to address modifications and enhancements to the HVAC system that are necessary to ensure proper performance and comfort of occupants in the LRC. Part of the settlement agreement with Chevron will require the District's release of approximately \$160,000 in retained funds to Chevron when their work is completed. Once finalized, the agreement will go before the Special Trustee for approval.

Programming for LRC/ Completion Contractor - The LRC Reprogramming Project Team met in February 2012 to discuss and finalize the programming for each of the rooms in the LRC. HMC was asked to put together a preliminary estimate of how much the programming requests may cost. A partial scope of work for a completion contractor was assembled. 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.

DSA Closeout - Bergman Dacey Goldsmith is working on a Request for Proposal to select a DSA close-out specialist to close out numerous change orders at the LRC.

Preliminary Budget/Schedule to open - (prior guesstimate) \$1.4 - \$1.6 Million for project management and consultants; \$600,000 for DSA corrections; \$1.2 million for interior improvements and; \$1 million for technology. Total: \$4.4 million. The LRC is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2013.



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2012 Year End Activities

Academic Awards Tea

Sunday, May 20, 2012 @3:00PM
Compton Center Student Lounge

Athletics Hall of Fame

Saturday, May 26, 2012 @ 5:00 p.m.
Lakewood Country Club

First Year Experience Program Year-End Celebration

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 @ 2:00 PM
Compton Center Faculty/Staff Lounge

EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet

Thursday, May 31, 2012 @ 12:00PM
Compton Center Student Lounge

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Tuesday, June 5, 2012 @ 5:00PM

Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 7, 2012 @5:30PM
Tatar Stadium

ASB Awards Banquet

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 @6:00PM
Compton Center Student Lounge



Redistricting Public Hearing

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

CCCD Board Room

1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221

For more information about the Redistricting Committee,
or to view the redistricting action plan as well as the proposed maps
for the new Compton Community College District Trustee areas, visit:
www.district.compton.edu/district_information/district-redistricting.asp

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The Special Trustee of the Compton Community College District will hold a public hearing on the proposed redistricting of the Trustee Area boundaries.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Compton Community College District Board Room, 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221, May 16, 2012 commencing at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and residents of the District may appear and express their views concerning any item contained within the redistricting proposal.

The proposed Trustee Area Maps are on file and available for public inspection in the Compton Community College District Interim CEO Office, Building "A", 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on the District website: www.district.compton.edu

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El Consejo de Administración Especial del Distrito de la Universidad Pública Compton llevará a cabo una audiencia pública sobre la propuesta de redistribución distrital de los Límites del Área del Consejo de Administración.

La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en la Sala de Juntas del Distrito de Universidad Pública Compton, 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221, el 16 de mayo a las 8:00 p.m. El público está invitado a asistir y expresar sus opiniones sobre cualquier tema contenido en la propuesta de redistribución de los distritos.

Los mapas propuestos del Área del Consejo de Administración están en el archivo y disponibles para la inspección pública en la Oficina del CEO Interino del Distrito de la Universidad Pública Compton, Edificio "A", 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221; 8:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. y en la página en línea del Distrito: www.district.compton.edu

Curry, Keith

From: Curry, Keith
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 2:01 PM
To: 'Curry, Keith (kcurry@elcamino.edu)'
Cc: VanBrown, Paula
Subject: Notice of Public Hearing – Compton Community College District Redistricting: Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
Attachments: Redistricting Public Hearing Notice May_16_2012.pdf; Compton - current lines and four options.pdf

Dear Elected Official,

The Compton Community College District, along with many other public agencies and school districts in California, has begun a public process to review and modify its Trustee Area boundaries. Every 10 years, local community colleges, city councils and other local agencies must adjust their election boundaries in order to equalize the population and ensure fair elections.

Attached are the current Compton Community College District Trustee areas, as well as four proposed new Compton Community College District Trustee area maps for your review.

Notice of Public Hearing – Compton Community College District Redistricting. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Compton Community College District Trustee Areas on **Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Compton Community College District Boardroom, located in the Administration Building at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, California 90221.

This will be our third and final Public Hearing regarding the Compton Community College District Redistricting. After the Public Hearing on **Wednesday, May 16, 2012** the Compton Community College District Special Trustee will adopt one of the proposed new Compton Community College District Trustee area maps.

Your participation and input is encouraged. If you need further information, please contact my office at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2000.

Respectfully,

Dr. Keith Curry
Interim Chief Executive Officer
Compton Community College District

THE DAILY BREEZE,

Manhattan Beach soccer coach hopes telling his story can change lives

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Abdul Sesay didn't like to tell his story at first.

Many people don't believe it.

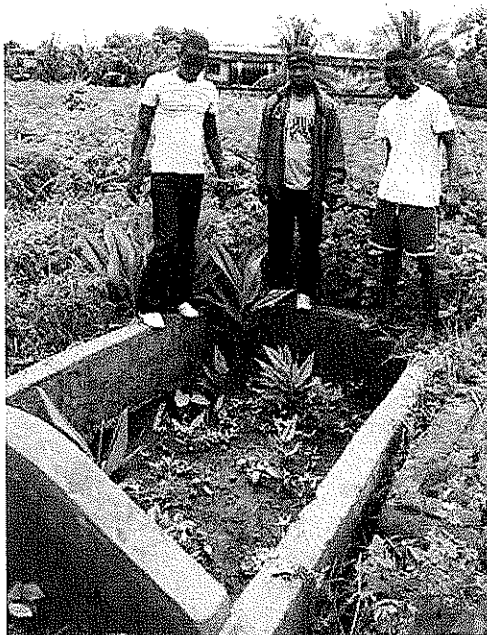
"You laugh," they tell him, struggling to accept it. "You're a happy guy."

But Sesay learned his story could inspire the youth he coaches in Manhattan Beach. So it begins.

Sesay, 29, grew up in Freetown, Sierra Leone, in western Africa. Sesay played soccer starting at age 5.

"Every kid in Africa loves soccer," he says. "That's the only thing we got. After school there is no library, no place to read."

His father, Osman, a vocal opponent of the Sierra Leonean government and staunch education advocate, warned Sesay that he could play soccer for a certain time, but not forever. He wouldn't understand until later what his father's words meant.



Abdul Sesay, center, stands with his close friends Ibrahim and Osman at his father's grave in Sierra Leone.

When Sesay was in high school, civil war broke out. His father was often on the radio criticizing the government.

One day, Sesay was exercising with his teammates in preparation for a tournament when he heard the booms of heavy shelling and shooting.

"It was Jan. 6, 1997," he says. "I will never forget this day."

They were told that the rebels were entering the city of Freetown. Sesay immediately ran home, ducking to the ground to avoid showers of bullets. By 8 a.m., he entered his neighborhood.

"It was like a war zone," he says. "Our house was on fire."

He walked to the front door and saw his uncle lying there, his arms cut off. People were scattered across the ground dead.

"My uncle said, 'Don't worry about me. Leave! The people who did this to me promised to destroy the entire family,'" he says.

Sesay jumped the fence behind his house and saw his father lying on the ground, lifeless. His mother, brother and younger sister were nowhere in sight.

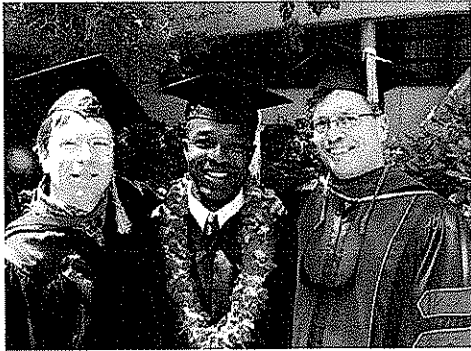
Sesay fled to the Freetown National Stadium, where he searched for two days for his remaining family. His friend told him they would have to escape that night, taking boats to nearby Guinea, where they could stay in refugee camps.

Sesay, 15 at the time, was one of the youngest on the boats. At 3 a.m. he saw one of the boats turn over.

"I started pushing dead bodies for our boat to go through," he says.

The group made it to Conakry, the capital of Guinea. Everybody had a family in the camp except Sesay, so they did not give him food, they did not give him anything, he says.

He scoured the refugee camps within the village for signs of his mother. There were none. For two years he would sleep in the forest, sometimes up in a tree, and eat berries to survive. In the third year, the United Nations decided to put on a soccer tournament for all the camps.



Sesay poses with his professors, James Keese, left, and William Preston, right, at his graduation from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

They found out that's one of the things that brings people together, makes people forget about their misery," Sesay says.

When he approached the coach of his camp's team, the man brushed him aside.

"You can't play here," the coach told him. "You don't even have shoes."

As Sesay watched the team struggle, a player handed him his shoes. Within 10 minutes of stepping into the game, Sesay tied the score, 2-2. In another 5 minutes, the team won 3-2.

"After that game, my life changed," Sesay says. "That game changed my life good."

From that day on, people gave him food, they gave him clothes, they gave him blankets. When he sat down, 20 to 40 people would sit next to him. On his way from the camp to the field to play games, "I didn't touch the ground." The refugees carried him.

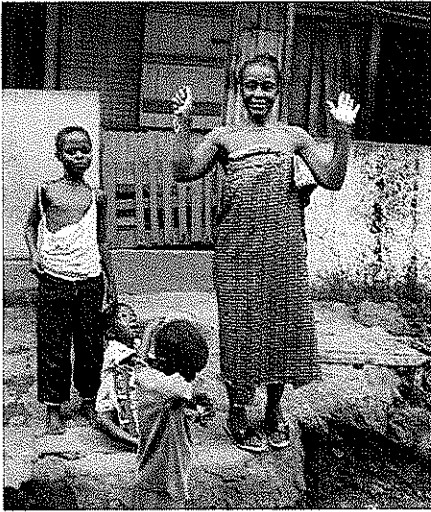
After winning the championship game, the players were offered money for the camp.

"I don't want money," Sesay told them. "I want to see my mom."

Soon, the president of the Association Sportive of Kaloum, a national soccer team in Guinea, contacted Sesay and offered him a spot on the team. After winning best player and highest scorer in his first year, Sesay got a call from the president.

"He said, 'Abdul, I have a fax for you.' I asked myself, 'Who's going to send me a fax? Who knows me?'" he says.

Sesay picked up the fax, and tears streamed down his face. A scout had offered Sesay a chance to try out for the L.A. Galaxy soccer team.



Abdul Sesay is greeted by his stunned mother, Marie, as he walks up to her at a camp in Gambia. Both presumed for years that the other was dead. Sesay spent years searching for her.

"In my country, we see the U.S. as paradise," Sesay says. "Every kid wants to come to America. America is the place I was dreaming of going."

Two weeks later he was on the Galaxy field in Carson. Although the coach was impressed with Sesay's talent, he already had three foreign players, the team maximum at the time. The coach encouraged Sesay, who is not related to soccer player Israel Sesay, to play at Los Angeles Harbor College and come back..

When he returned to play on the Galaxy reserve team, he tore his ligament. His dad's words set in: He couldn't play soccer forever.

So he accepted a full scholarship at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and majored in social science.

While there, he realized, "I'm one of the luckiest kids in Sierra Leone."

"What can I do to make a difference?" he thought. "I'm in America now. Even though I'm not rich, I'm rich in education. I'll never be poor like the people in Africa. So what can I do to give back to those kids?"

With the support of the university's president, Sesay decided to start Give Back to the Children Project, a nonprofit to raise money to build a computer center for kids in Sierra Leone.

"The world is changing. If you don't know how to use a computer, you have no future," he says. "This will allow them to read what's going on in the world and engage in their community."

With the help of the Cal Poly community, Sesay raised enough money to travel around African countries in 2004 in search of his mother. While in Gambia, he met a woman and explained his mission. He gave her his mother's name - Marie Ma. The woman said her mother was living with a woman from Sierra Leone with that name. Sesay followed the woman to the refugee camp.

Standing there was his mother.

Sesay grows quiet retelling it, as if he was still standing there in that moment.

His sister and brother were also there. He helped them secure tickets back to Sierra Leone and hopes to one day bring them to America.

He might not have been able to play soccer forever, but Sesay could not leave it behind.

He began volunteer coaching for AYSO in 2005 while at Cal Poly.

Last year, he coached a Manhattan Beach Sand and Surf under 14 soccer team for the first time. He will coach them again this year.

For years, he did not want to tell his story. But in coaching, he saw a greater purpose for sharing his tale.

"I try to change their perspective," he says. "I always ask them to volunteer. I tell them about things they take for granted. I tell them, 'As long as you play soccer, you become an ambassador. Help people in need.'"

Sesay says he transforms his players.

"Some of their parents will come to me and say, 'You're not just changing my child, you're changing me.'"

One of those parents is Manhattan Beach resident Denise Winner, whose son, Brandon, is on Sesay's team again this year.

"He's the only one I've seen get through to my child," Winner says. "He's so passionate. He really goes beyond and just gives back. He thinks these kids are his children."

Winner says Sesay, who now lives in Hawthorne with his girlfriend and young son, picked up a team that had disbanded and took a shot on a lot of younger players, including her son.

"It's been an amazing experience," she says. "He brought a lot of different cultures in."

His coaching style is rather unorthodox for Manhattan Beach, she says.

"He's coaching these very privileged children, and he goes and picks up kids from the barrio and takes them to practice with our kids," she says.

During games, he will talk to every single player during halftime and tell them what they're doing right and wrong, Winner says. And if someone gets injured, even just a cut, he will check on them throughout the game.

"When I heard his story, I was blown away," says 13-year-old Brandon Winner. "He tried to stress the fact of how lucky we are."

Brandon says Sesay is the best coach he's ever had.

"Instead of just coaching us about soccer, he coaches us on how to be a complete person and how to give back," Brandon says. "He's always making sure the team is close with each other, that we're all like brothers. Off the field, he's the nicest guy. On the field, it's game time. He's a whole other person."

Denise Winner says the balance of tough coaching and compassion off the field makes Sesay one of the club's most coveted coaches.

Sesay, who works as a computer aide at Palos Verdes High School, where he used to coach, says he hopes to coach soccer full time one day. **He will coach the women's soccer team at El Camino College Compton Center starting in the fall.**

"I'm not just teaching kids how to play soccer," he says, "but how to be a human being. I want to change lives."

THE COMPTON BULLETIN

May 9, 2012

College plagued by 3-year-old scandal

By Cheryl Scott

Bulletin Staff Writer

COMPTON—El Camino College Compton Center has been in the news this week over a fraudulent grade scandal that took place in 2009.

Three instructors resigned in 2010 and 2011. Herkie Lee Williams, a psychology instructor, resigned in 2010, receiving one month's pay. Math instructors Mohammed Ghafelebashi and Mohammad Boroujerdi resigned in 2011, receiving \$34,000 and \$26,000 respectively.

The story re-emerged last week because the college has for the second consecutive year filed for an extension from the Fifty Percent Law, a part of the Education Code that requires community college districts to spend at least half of their educational expenses every year on salaries and benefits for classroom instructors. The district spent \$28.4 million in 2010-11, but only \$12.8 million went to teacher salaries and benefits.

The district paid law firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd & Romo a total of \$608,826 for trial preparation and legal actions against the instructors. Warren S. Kinsler, a partner at the firm, said the district paid the instructors to resign after spending more than two years trying fire the instructors.

"Ultimately we did it to save the expenses we would incur if we continued pursuing the lawsuit," Compton Community College District interim CEO Keith Curry told California Watch, an online publication that was alerted to the scandal because of the exemption the district filed over the Fifty Percent Rule.

The scandal came to light at the district in 2009, when Curry received a call from Cindy Shum, assistant director for international admissions for USC San Bernardino, informing him that several alumni of the college were unable to read and write but were able to pass math classes.

An investigation showed that Ghafelebashi and Boroujerdo gave students grades ranging from A's to C's to students who had not attended classes at all. When Curry investigated the matter further he found that the 14 students involved all came from Saudi Arabia and Qatar and were enrolled in the classes of the same three instructors dating back to 2004.

Kinsler said that, as a result of the investigation, three students admitted to paying for grades but he did not name the amount. Allegedly students paid a certain amount which determined whether they would receive an A, a B or a C. "Apparently the word was out that if you were having math problems you needed to attend classes taught by the three instructors," Curry said. "I think if that's the case, it's definitely out there now that you can't do that anymore." Since the resignation of the three instructors international enrollment at the college has declined significantly.



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For Immediate Release

May 3, 2012

El Camino College Compton Center's Associated Student Body to Sponsor Health Expo and Family Services Fair May 9

El Camino College Compton Center's Associated Student Body (ASB) is sponsoring a Health Expo and Family Services Fair on Wednesday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. Students and members of the public are encouraged to attend this complimentary event.

The Health Expo and Family Services Fair will include various fitness and health care companies and providers' exhibits covering services such as blood pressure exams, HIV/AIDS/STD screening, mental health referrals, emergency shelter, legal aid and career building. Attendees will be able to interact with these exhibitors and become more aware of the various programs and services they offer in support of healthy living.

For more information, contact the El Camino College Compton Center Associate Student Body at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2804.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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Foundation for the Compton Community College District announces new board members

The Compton Community College District has appointed a new board of directors for its foundation, the fundraising arm of the district. The Foundation for the Compton Community College District was established in 2009, but has been dormant for the last two years. It will maintain and expand educational programs and services to students through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas. The foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other resources to El Camino College Compton Center students. The foundation also supports programs and services that enhance the academic environment.

Tony Williams has been appointed foundation president. He is a senior manager of training at Southern California Edison, where he has served for 18 years. He has also held leadership positions with the East Los Angeles Skills Center, the UCLA Department of Engineering and Technology, USC Community Computing Center and the Rim2Rim youth basketball program. He earned an MBA degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Chico.

Sherri Franklin, foundation vice president is a principal partner of Urban Design Center and specializes in economic development. She has experience in securing grant, subsidized, and conventional funding for affordable housing and recreational and community development projects. Her work has given her the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with several nonprofit organizations including: Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles, the Center for Community Change and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Melia Keller will serve as the foundation secretary. She is the president, and CEO of Mid Cities Credit Union. She also volunteers with the National Youth Involvement Board to promote financial literacy. Keller honed her leadership skills while serving as a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve Special Operations Command, and received multiple commendations including the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge. She has a master's degree in business and is a graduate of the Western CUNA Management School.

Dennis Lord currently serves as public affairs and government relations director for the Southern California Gas Company. Lord is involved with the Port of Los Angeles development, industry competitiveness, regional air quality, economic development, and business and customer retention issues with local, state and federal offices. He earned his MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

Rodney Murray is the dean of the Career and Technical Education and Math and Science Divisions at El Camino College Compton Center. He has taught business courses at ECC Compton Center for the past 14 years. He earned a doctor of philosophy degree in human services with a specialization in criminal justice from Capella University. He received his MBA degree and a bachelor's degree in science and business from the University of Redlands.

Paul Simpson is the founder and CEO of SageTel International, a company specializing in wireless location-based networks. He is also the co-founder and chief operating officer of Elite Skills Basketball Academy. Simpson has served on Marin Academy's Board of Trustees for the past five years. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management and economics from University of California Santa Cruz.

Ikaweba Bunting is professor of ethnic studies in the Behavioral and Social Science Division at El Camino College Compton Center. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wales.

THE COMPTON BULLETIN, May 2, 2012

Compton Community College District welcomes new chief business officer

COMPTON—The Compton Community College District has hired Felipe Lopez as the new chief business officer for the district. The CBO serves as the chief financial advisor to the CEO and has oversight responsibilities for all financial aspects of the district, including administration of fiscal and business affairs, long-range financial and operational planning, and budget development. Lopez previously served for nine years as audit supervisor at Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, a certified public accounting firm that provides audit and accounting services to institutions of higher education in California.

He has served as a presenter on state program accountability and audit issues for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from California Baptist University, and a certificate in accounting for governmental and nonprofit organizations from the University of California Riverside. Lopez will officially join the district as chief business officer on April 30.

CALIFORNIA WATCH

College pays instructors to resign amid alleged pay-for-grades scandal

May 2, 2012 | [Erica Perez](#)



Photo courtesy ABC7 Students at El Camino College Compton Center

Three El Camino College Compton Center professors who resigned in 2010 and 2011 gave fraudulent grades to several international students who had never attended classes, according to documents and interviews with college officials and an attorney who investigated the alleged scheme.

Some of the international students also told the district's attorneys they had paid the instructors for grades, said Warren S. Kinsler, a partner at the law firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo, who helped investigate the allegations for the Compton Community College District.

The district and its lawyers spent two years and \$600,000 investigating the fraud and trying to fire the professors, according to records and interviews. Ultimately, the district paid them to step down rather than continue racking up the hefty legal fees associated with trying to fire tenured professors.

Psychology instructor Herkie Lee Williams resigned in December 2010 and received one month's pay. Math instructors Mohammad Ghafelebashi and Mohammad Boroujerdi resigned in September 2011. The district paid settlements of \$34,000 to Ghafelebashi and \$26,000 to Boroujerdi.

Ghafelebashi also taught math part-time at Long Beach City College from 2002 to July 2011.

In an interview, Williams denied falsifying records or receiving payment for grades.

"I just have one word: not true," he said. "I said, well, I can't allow my reputation to go down the drain, so I had an opportunity to resign."

Williams was paid \$102,513 in 2010, including overtime. He is now receiving retirement benefits and living in Las Vegas.

Neither Boroujerdi nor Ghafelebashi could be reached for comment. Their lawyer also declined to comment. The settlement agreements say that both men disputed and denied the allegations.

California Watch obtained the settlement agreements with the three instructors and the formal statements of charges against Boroujerdi and Ghafelebashi through a public records request. The statements of charges detail the allegations regarding falsification of grades and attendance records involving Boroujerdi and Ghafelebashi.

Compton Community College lost its accreditation in 2006 after reports of corruption and severe financial mismanagement. The Compton campus on East Artesia Boulevard is still open, but it operates as a satellite of El Camino College in Torrance.

Under the terms of the partnership, the El Camino Community College District is helping Compton work to regain accreditation. Meanwhile, El Camino manages Compton's administrative functions, subject to the oversight of a special trustee appointed by the state Chancellor's Office.

In late 2009, Keith Curry, then the dean of student services at El Camino College Compton Center, said he got a call from Cindy Shum, assistant director of international admissions at CSU San Bernardino.

Shum told Curry that several international students who were trying to transfer to CSU San Bernardino were unable to pass CSU placement exams despite earning A's and B's in math from the former Compton Community College, Curry said.

“(Shum) just called me out of the blue,” said Curry, who is now interim CEO of Compton Community College District. “I’ll never forget our conversation. She said, do you guys know what’s happening with these students who can’t read and write, but they’re able to pass the math courses?”

Shum told Curry she heard a rumor that students were paying for grades, Curry said. She provided names of several students and instructors, and Curry did some research. He found that the students, all of whom were from Middle Eastern countries, were taking classes from the same three instructors, and that they were signing up for every level of math, even if they had tested higher or didn’t need the course.

“A student would take a Calculus course the first term, and the next term they would be taking a basic skills pre-algebra course,” Curry said.

Shum did not respond to requests for an interview.

International students studying at California community colleges on F-1 visas risk their legal status if they fall below a full course load or land on academic probation.

The district hired Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to investigate in 2009. Curry said he and the district’s lawyers discovered a pattern indicating potential fraud involving the three instructors dating back to 2004.

Curry also said he shared information about the fraud with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. A spokeswoman for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the agency could not confirm or deny the existence of a homeland security investigation unless a probe resulted in some otherwise public enforcement action.

After gathering evidence of falsification, the district put all three instructors on paid administrative leave and asked them to resign, but only Williams agreed to do so in fall 2010. Williams had taught psychology at the former Compton Community College part time since 1984 and full time since 2000.

Boroujerdi and Ghafelebashi refused to step down when the district asked. The district placed them on suspension without pay and filed formal charges against them in November 2010.

The statements of charges show Boroujerdi and Ghafelebashi falsified attendance records and grades for a group of about 14 foreign students in two Spring 2010 math classes.

Even though none of the students showed up for a single class, Boroujerdi and Ghafelebashi marked each of them present for every class meeting and gave them passing grades ranging from A's to C's, the report said. In addition, Boroujerdi himself failed to show up for class or report his absences on six occasions during the semester, according to the charges.

Many of the students, whose last names were redacted from documents provided by the district, were from Saudi Arabia and Qatar, Kinsler said. He said it was likely that there was a middleman involved in the scheme that the district’s investigators were unable to identify.

“There seemed to be a pretty good understanding that if you were having trouble in math, for example, you would go to these instructors at Compton,” Kinsler said. “We had people who would drive past several other community college districts to enroll with these gentlemen and take these classes.”

Boroujerdi was hired full-time at the former Compton College in 2001. The associate professor of mathematics earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Queens College, according to district documents. Before he was suspended in November 2010, he was paid \$82,401, including overtime, that year.

Ghafelebashi earned his bachelor's degree at Tehran University in Iran and went on to get master's and doctoral degrees in physics at Cornell University, district records show. He was hired full time at Compton in 2002. Before his suspension, Compton paid him \$99,138, including overtime, in 2010.

Ghafelebashi also taught part time until July at Long Beach City College, where he was paid \$26,243 in 2010-11. The Human Resources department at Long Beach City College had no record of whether anyone at Compton had informed the department about the investigation, a spokesman said.

Curry said after the college put the professors on leave, international student enrollment at Compton declined. The college saw a 36 percent drop in international student enrollment from 2008-09 to 2010-11, from 151 students to 99 students, data show.

"If there was word out that you can come to Compton and you can get a grade or get credit for a class, the word's out now that you can't," Curry said.

After the charges were filed in fall 2010, the district's legal costs escalated because attorneys were preparing for the dismissal hearings, Kinsler and Curry said. Before districts can fire tenured faculty members, they must have a hearing before an administrative law judge in which the Education Code provides full rights of discovery.

It was also after the charges were filed that the attorneys got their first breaks on the pay-for-grades aspect of the investigation. Kinsler said three students admitted paying for grades, but he would not say exactly how much. He described the amount as a few hundred dollars per grade.

"What we learned from some of the students was that if you paid x amount you'd get a C, if you paid y you'd get a B, and if you want an A you'd pay a little more," he said.

Kinsler and Curry provided details about information they gathered regarding pay for grades in interviews. The district did not provide documents detailing these allegations, citing attorney-client privilege.

In 2011, the district's investigation shifted to zero in on the payment for grades, but many of the students either changed stories or obtained legal counsel and stopped cooperating, Kinsler said.

"What could be proven on that score was not real strong," Kinsler said.

Kinsler contacted the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office and the U.S. Attorney's Office in March 2011. He said they did not have much interest because of the difficulty of proving students paid for grades.

A spokeswoman for the District Attorney's office said the college district had contacted them but had never followed up with anything in writing that would have enabled them to start an inquiry.

Ultimately, the Compton Community College District paid Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo \$608,826 in legal fees from 2009 to 2011 for the investigation and preparation for the hearings.

Partially as a result of the high legal fees, the district has for two years in a row requested exemptions from the Fifty Percent Law, a part of state Education Code that requires each community college district to spend at least half of its education dollars each year on salaries and benefits for classroom instructors.

The district's total education expense was \$28.4 million in 2010-11, but it spent \$12.8 million – less than half – on salaries and benefits for teachers.

The “unanticipated, unbudgeted, and necessary expenditures for legal services” meant that the district would have been in “serious hardship” if it had to meet the requirements of the Fifty Percent Law, according to documents the district filed with the Chancellor’s Office.

The California Community Colleges Board of Governors approved the exemption earlier this month.

“From the get-go, the district was trying to get (the instructors) to resign, and they insisted (against it) up until we were nearing the point where we were in discovery preparation for evidentiary hearings,” Kinsler said.

In the end, Curry said, the district decided to settle with the instructors because doing so would be less costly to the district than continuing to pursue termination – a process he said would have taken another three or four months.

“We did what was right,” Curry said. “And what I mean by that is that we want to assure the quality of instruction for all students at El Camino Compton Center. And we want to make sure the reputation of El Camino is not tarnished by Compton Community College instructors.”

Reports of pay-for-grades schemes and international student fraud at Compton date back to 2006, when the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team – which provides fiscal advice to local education agencies – conducted an extraordinary audit of the college. The Chancellor’s Office had asked the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools to assign the team to conduct the audit.

Without naming names, the 2006 audit reported allegations that several employees of the college had issued thousands of fraudulent immigration forms to students from Middle Eastern countries, using Compton Community College as the school the students would be attending, when in fact the students were not attending Compton.

In another audit finding, a former student athlete complained in a letter to then-Compton College President Ulis Williams that a coach had charged him \$300 for a grade change.

The audit noted that the practice of changing grades for money came up during many interviews with college staff.

“We have corrected so much since 2006 as relates to the district,” Curry said. “Our focus has always been to provide student success and quality of instruction. We corrected this issue.”



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For Immediate Release

May 1, 2012

El Camino College Compton Center Hosts Latino Heritage Observance and Celebration May 3

The El Camino College Compton Center Associated Student Body and Office of Student Life will host a Latino Heritage Observance event on Thursday, May 3 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. The complimentary event is open to the public.

Activities will include a musical performance by Mariachi Cachanilla de Mexicali, Cinco de Mayo observance and a farm produce exhibit. The produce exhibit symbolizes the plight of those who were catalysts of a movement to improve conditions of migrant workers and their families.

The highlight of the Latino Heritage Observance event will be a dramatic portrayal of Cesar Chávez, written and performed by Roberto Alcaraz. The presentation will include excerpts from speeches by Cesar Chávez interlaced with a fictional interpretation of the "movimiento" (the Movement) and the state of civil, as well as worker's rights today.

Alcaraz is an actor and singer who has performed with the East L.A. Classic Theatre, The Bilingual Foundation for the Arts and Reprise Theatre Company. He played the role of Cesar Chávez in Ed Begley Jr.'s play *Cesar and Ruben, the Cesar Chávez Story*. Alcaraz also traveled extensively throughout Latin America experiencing and documenting the culture, traditions and ceremonies of the people as the host of a 13 part series by Latino Public Broadcasting called *My Americas*.

For more information about this event, contact the ECC Compton Center Associated Student Body office at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2804

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April 27, 2012

Compton Community College District Welcomes New Chief Business Officer

The Compton Community College District welcomes Felipe Lopez as the new Chief Business Officer (CBO) for the District. The CBO serves as the chief financial advisor to the CEO and has oversight responsibilities for all financial aspects of the District including administration of fiscal and business affairs, long-range financial and operational planning, and budget development.

Lopez previously served for nine years as audit supervisor at Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP, a Certified Public Accounting firm that provides audit and accounting services to institutions of higher education in California. He has served as a presenter on state program accountability and audit issues for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from California Baptist University, and a certificate in accounting for governmental and nonprofit organizations from the University of California, Riverside. Lopez will officially join the District as Chief Business Officer on April 30, 2012.

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April 24, 2012

El Camino College Compton Center to Host Mental Health Awareness Event April 27

El Camino College Compton Center, in collaboration with the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, will host a Mental Health Awareness event on April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Coordinated by the ECC Compton Center Special Resource Center, the complimentary event is open to members of the community, as well as students, faculty and staff. **Pre-Registration is required by April 25.**

Appropriately titled "Building Bridges through Education," the event will provide information to participants on mental health resources, services and programs, in addition, there will be booths set up by various community and county agencies. The event will also feature individualized breakout sessions on topics such as: navigating the mental health system, recognizing mental illness and how to communicate effectively, building student support clubs and bringing mental health services to campus, to name a few.

Those wishing to attend the Mental Health Awareness event must pre-register by Wednesday, April 25. Registration Forms are available at the Special Resource Center at ECC Compton Center, Building F, Room 10; or online at:
www.compton.edu/student-services/support-services/special-resource-center/index.aspx

For more information, call the Special Resource Center at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2402 or 2069.

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April 23, 2012

Foundation for the Compton Community College District Announces Newly Appointed Board Members

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) is pleased to announce the recently appointed Board of Directors for the Foundation for the Compton Community College District.

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District was established in 2009 with the mission of maintaining and expanding educational programs and services to students. Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the Foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to El Camino College Compton Center students. The Foundation also supports programs and services that enhance the academic environment.

The members of the Foundation Board of Directors are:

Tony Williams, Foundation President – is a senior manager of training at Southern California Edison (SCE) where he has served for 18 years. He has also held leadership positions with the following organizations: the East Los Angeles Skills Center, the UCLA Department of Engineering & Technology, USC Community Computing Center, and the Rim2Rim youth basketball program. He earned a MBA degree from the University of Southern California and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from California State University, Chico.

Sherri Franklin, Foundation Vice-President – is a principal partner of Urban Design Center and specializes in economic development. She has experience in securing grant, subsidized, and conventional funding for affordable housing and recreational and community development projects. Her work has given her the opportunity to develop long-term relationships with several nonprofit organizations including: Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles, the Center for Community Change, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor.

Melia Keller, Foundation Secretary – is the President/CEO of Mid Cities Credit Union. She also volunteers with the National Youth Involvement Board to promote financial literacy. Keller honed her leadership skills while serving as a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve Special Operations Command, and received multiple commendations including the Army Commendation Medal and the Combat Action Badge. She has a master's degree in business and is a graduate of the Western CUNA Management School.

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Dennis Lord currently serves as public affairs and government relations director for the Southern California Gas Company. Lord is involved with the Port of Los Angeles development, industry competitiveness, regional air quality, economic development, and business and customer retention issues with local, state, and federal offices. He earned his MBA degree from Pepperdine University.

Rodney Murray is the dean of the Career and Technical Education, Math and Science Divisions at El Camino College Compton Center. He has taught business courses at ECC Compton Center for the past 14 years. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in human services with a specialization in Criminal Justice from Capella University. He received his MBA degree and a Bachelor's Degree in science and business from the University of Redlands.

Paul Simpson is the founder and CEO of SageTel International, a company specializing in wireless location-based networks. He is also the co-founder and chief operating officer of Elite Skills Basketball Academy. Simpson has served on Marin Academy's Board of Trustees for the past five years. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in business management and economics from University of California, Santa Cruz.

Ikaweba Bunting, professor of Ethnic Studies, Behavioral and Social Science Division at El Camino College Compton Center. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wales.

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April 19, 2012

Compton Community College District Special Trustee Advisory Committee to Meet

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the CCCD Boardroom, located in the Administration Building at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. All committee meetings are open to the public.

More information on the role of the committee and a list of its members can be found by visiting the District website at: district.compton.edu/board_of_trustees/special-trustee/special-trustee-advisory-committee.asp.

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