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Campus Community,

We have passed the halfway mark in the summer term, and the fall semester will be here before we know it. I'm hoping everyone has found time to relax and enjoy their summer. Our enrollment numbers are looking promising for the fall semester. Please encourage current students to register and take advantage of the large selection of classes (and before the first round of classes is cut due to low enrollment on August 15, 2023).

Yesterday afternoon, Governor Gavin Newsom signed [Assembly Bill 102, the 2023 Budget Act](#). The 2023-24 budget reflects state expenditures of approximately \$310 billion.

For California Community Colleges, the spending plan continues to be shaped by the [Roadmap for the Future](#). The enacted budget for the community colleges reflects stable total funding. It includes about \$790 million in ongoing adjustments to the Student-Centered Funding Formula, of which \$678 million is for an 8.22% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Another \$112.4 million is provided for an 8.22% COLA to various categorical programs. The budget also provides flexibility for remaining funds for deferred maintenance, retention/enrollment, and the COVID-19 Block Grant.

Consistent with prior years, the Chancellor's Office has prepared the attached [2023-24 Joint Analysis of the Enacted Budget](#) to assist your review of the recently signed State budget. This detailed and comprehensive tool is crafted to serve as a common factual resource for further analysis and implementation. For further budget updates and resources, visit the [Budget News page](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – July 13, 2023, includes an accreditation update, July 20 Community Meeting information, and a Summer Scholars Transfer Initiative recap.

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *today, July 13, 2023*, Compton College has generated 772 FTES for the **Fall 2023** term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 29%, and seats filled is 4,908.

Enrollment is doing well. However, we must continue encouraging new and current students to enroll in classes for fall 2023.

Compton CCD Board of Trustees Meeting

The *July 18, 2023*, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in the Compton College Boardroom, which is located in the administration building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m.

Compton Community College District to Hold Community Meeting July 20, 2023

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Member Dr. Sharoni Little will host a Community Meeting on *Thursday, July 20, 2023*, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Little Theater on campus. This meeting is an opportunity for the community to come and hear about what's happening at Compton Community College, including Fall 2023 registration, academic programs, dual enrollment options for local high school students, various student support services, and future residential housing for Compton College students.

Accreditation Update

The Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) has prepared a draft of the [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report](#) (ISER) for approval by the Board of Trustees. The ISER draft was presented to the Associated Student Government (ASG), Academic Senate, and the CCCFE Classified Professionals. The campus community had an opportunity to provide feedback through a form incorporated into the current version. The final ISER is due to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) by *August 1, 2023*.

Compton College Summer Scholars Transfer Initiative

Compton College partnered with the University of California, Irvine (UCI) to offer Compton College students the Summer Scholars Transfer Initiative (SSTI). Students attended a 10-day residential program at UCI. In 2022, 13 students participated in SSTI. This summer, 23 students are participating in SSTI. The students will complete Ethnic Studies 101, consider their university transfer plans, and immerse themselves in university activities. Students receive a \$1,000 stipend after completing SSTI. A graduation ceremony will be held this **Sunday, July 16, 2023**, in honor of the SSTI participants.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. Over the past couple of weeks, I have been conducting final interviews for Compton College Faculty positions, and we have completed the hiring for the following full-time faculty positions for the 2023-2024 year:

- Medical Terminology
- Men's and Women's Soccer Coach
- Nursing (2 positions)

I have a couple more management position interviews in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the Compton College faculty and managers who have served on these positions' interview and final interview committees.

2. Effective Immediately, the Office of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) is renamed the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), and NextUp. In spring 2023, Compton College was awarded the [NextUp program](#) from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
3. Consistent with [Board Policy – BP 2760 Board Political Activity and Resolutions](#), a copy of the letter supporting [Assembly Bill 1096](#) (Fong) – Educational instruction: language of instruction (as amended March 8, 2023) is available [here](#).

Final Thoughts

Last week was very interesting, and for the first time in three years, I did not send a President/CEO Message to the campus community. With the Fourth of July holiday landing on a Tuesday and then working Wednesday and Thursday, to be off on Friday made for an exciting and challenging week. Hopefully, many of you enjoyed the holiday with family and friends like me.

On **June 28, 2023**, EdSource released my latest opinion article, "Unapologetically building opportunities for Black student success," available [here](#).

In closing, we will begin the fall 2023 semester with our mandatory Professional Development Day on **Thursday, August 17, 2023**. The general session begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. All Compton College faculty and Classified Professionals are expected to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, August 17, 2023**, in the gymnasium. More information, including the agenda, will be provided during the first week of August 2023.

Enjoy your three-day weekend. Now, I have to switch focus and finalize the Compton Community College District, July 18, 2023, Board agenda.

Sincerely,

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