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December 12, 2012

Board of Trustees
El Camino Community College District

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of President Fallo, I am writing to highlight some important topics that will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Vice President Beam has been in contact with Board President Beverly, and as a result a Closed Session has been scheduled to discuss the Superintendent/President Performance Evaluation and Employment. In open session the Committee of the Whole will discuss the Superintendent/President search selection process and timelines.

The Board will also discuss for consideration its goals for 2013. Recommended additions to the 2013 goals are as follows:

1. Adopt a process to ensure Board representation at significant College events.
2. Develop a formalized College Student Trustee Orientation.
3. Determine the most effective process for community and Board oversight of 2012 Measure E.
4. Support the establishment of student achievement goals that encourage graduation, transfer and certificate completion.
5. Support student programs and services that expedite achievement and success.
6. Solicit broader involvement in Board evaluations from community members.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution certifying to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County all proceedings in the November 6, 2012 General Obligation Bond Election. Included in the Board agenda is the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk Certificate of the Canvass of the Election Results and a summary statement of votes cast.

On January 25-28, 2013 the Community College League of California will hold an Effective Trustee Workshop and Legislative Conference in Sacramento. If you are planning to attend please let the President's Office know as soon as possible.

The Board will also hold its Annual Organizational meeting that includes the election of officers of the Board of Trustees for the position of President, Vice President and Secretary.

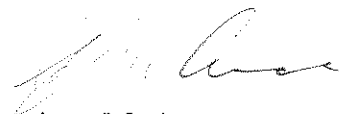
There are Board Policies related to Board duties and responsibilities, the delegation of authority to the Superintendent/President and the Superintendent/President selection in this Board agenda.

The following items are presented for your review:

1. Correspondence from Francisco Arce regarding AA/AS Transfer Degrees;
2. Correspondence from Community College League of California regarding the California Community College Trustees Board Election – 2013;
3. CCLC Effective Trustee Workshop/Legislative Conference Materials;
4. Correspondence from Ms. Jo Ann Higdon regarding a Special Services Professional;
5. Correspondence from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges;
6. "Curry Explains the Road to Accreditation for District," *The Compton Bulletin*;
7. Associate Degree for Transfer Progress for California Community Colleges Report;
8. "State Appointed Administrator of Inglewood School District Steps Down," *Los Angeles Times*;
9. Correspondence to Chancellor Brice Harris from the Compton Community College District Academic Senate;
10. Community College League of California profile of Dr. Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth, Distinguished Alumni.
11. El Camino Compton Center Fall 2012 Associate Nursing Degree Pinning Ceremony Program.

I look forward to the December 17, 2012 meeting, the last of 2012, and the upcoming Holiday Season. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact President Fallo or Susan Pickens.

Wishing you the best in holiday cheers,



Francisco M. Arce
Acting Superintendent/President



EL CAMINO COLLEGE
Vice President – Academic Affairs
December 12, 2012

TO: President Thomas Fallo
FROM: Dr. Francisco Arce
SUBJECT: Associate Degrees for Transfer

Below is the list of associate degrees for transfer (AA-T or AS-T) that are in various stages of approval. The Chancellor's Office approved the Communication Studies, Geology, Psychology, and Sociology Transfer Degrees for El Camino College. Three more degrees are ready for the Chancellor's Office approval:

1. Administration of Justice
2. Mathematics
3. Physics

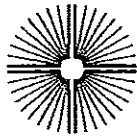
There are 16 degrees at some stage of development in the College Curriculum Committee and will be submitted to the Chancellor's Office for approval during the latter part of the Spring semester and Summer 2013:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. Kinesiology
3. Geography
4. English
5. Political Science
6. History
7. Anthropology
8. Art History
9. Business Administration
10. Computer Science
11. Elementary Teacher Education (Liberal Studies)
12. Journalism
13. Music
14. Philosophy
15. Studio Art
16. Theatre Arts

By Fall 2013, these transfer degrees will be approved by the Chancellor's Office.

The degrees will improve transfer to the California State University because students are given priority admission to a CSU campus if they completed a transfer AA-T / AS-T degree. Students must complete the associate degree for transfer with a minimum GPA of 2.0 to receive priority admission into the CSU system.

In most disciplines, once the AA-T and AS-T degree is offered, the existing AA/AS degree will be inactivated, however, some programs may choose to keep the traditional degree until students migrate to the new AA-T or AS-T degree.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE
OF CALIFORNIA

Date: December 7, 2012
To: California Community College Trustees
California Community College Chancellors/Superintendents
From: Scott Lay
Subject: CCCT Board Election - 2013

The California Community College Trustees (CCCT) board serves a major role within the Community College League of California. Meeting five times a year, the twenty-one member board provides leadership and direction to ensure a strong voice for locally elected governing board members.

From January 1 through February 15, nominations for membership on the CCCT board will be accepted in the League office. Nominations are to be made by member district board of trustees; and each district may nominate only members of its board.

Each nominee must be a local community college district trustee, other than the student trustee, and must have consented to be nominated. Only one trustee per district may serve on the board.

An official Biographical Sketch Form and Statement of Candidacy **must** accompany the Nomination Form mailed to the League office, and *please use only these forms*. Although not required, it is recommended that nomination materials be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested. Faxed materials will **not** be accepted due to the quality of transmission.

The election of members of the CCCT board will take place between March 10 and April 25. Each member district board of trustees will have one vote for each vacancy on the CCCT board. CCCT board members are elected by the institutional member governing boards for three-year terms. No CCCT board member shall serve more than three (3) terms consecutively. This year seven persons will be elected to the board. Of those seven seats there are five incumbents eligible to run for re-election, one board member has termed out, and one seat is vacated by a trustee that did not run for re-election at the district level. This vacated seat will be filled by the trustee that receives the least number of votes among the top seven vote getters. Pursuant to the CCCT Governing Policies, that person will complete the term of the vacated seat, which expires in 2015.

Election results will be announced at the CCCT annual conference. The newly elected members of the board will assume their responsibilities at the conclusion of the annual conference, May 5, 2013.

If you have any questions about the CCCT board election process, please call the League office.

Attachments: (mailed only to CCC Chancellors/Superintendents)

- Official Nominating Form
- Official Biographical Sketch Form
- Official Statement of Candidacy
- CCCT Board Terms of Office
- CCCT Board Roster



CCCT BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Must be returned to the League office postmarked no later than February 15, 2013, along with the statement of candidacy and biographic sketch form. Faxed material will not be accepted.

Mail to:
CCCT Board Nominations
Community College League of California
2017 "O" Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

The governing board of the _____ Community
College District nominates _____ to be a
candidate for the CCCT Board.

This nominee is a member of the _____ Community
College District governing board, which is a member in good standing of the Community College League of
California. The nominee has been contacted and has given permission to be placed into nomination.
Enclosed are the Statement of Candidacy and the CCCT Biographical Sketch Form for our nominee.

Signature of Clerk or Secretary of Governing Board



CCCT BOARD
BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH FORM

Must be returned to the League office **postmarked no later than February 15, 2013**, along with the nominating ballot and statement of candidacy. **Faxed material will not be accepted.**

PERSONAL

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (office)

E-Mail: _____

EDUCATION

Certificates/Degrees: _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present Occupation: _____

Other: _____

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

College District Where Board Member: _____

Years of Service on Local Board: _____

Offices and Committee Memberships Held on Local Board: _____

State Activities (*CCCT and other organizations boards, committees, workshop presenter; Chancellor's Committees, etc.*) _____

National Activities (*ACCT and other organizations, boards, committees, etc.*): _____

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

OTHER



CCCT BOARD
STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY

Must be returned to the League office **postmarked no later than February 15, 2013** along with the nominating ballot and biographic sketch form. **Faxed material will not be accepted.**

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____

What do you see as the major issues and activities that should be considered by CCCT and the League in the next two years? **(50 words or less; any portion of the statement beyond this limit will not be included.)**

What do you feel you can contribute in these areas? **(50 words or less; any portion of the statement beyond this limit will not be included.)**

CCCT Board Terms

<u>Election</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Seat</u>	<u>First Elected/Appointed</u>	<u>Next Election</u>	<u>Terms Left for Incumbent</u>
2013	I.	Barreras	2006	2013	1
	I.	Gulassa	2010	2013	2
	I.	Hart	2010	2013	2
	I.	Jaffe	2009	2013	1
	I.	Kinsman	2010	2013	2
	I.	*Singer	2004	2013	0
			**Mann	2005	N/A
2014	II.	Casas Frier	2010	2014	1
	II.	Castellanos	2011	2014	2
	II.	Chadwick	2011	2014	2
	II.	*Figueroa	2007	2014	0
	II.	Gomez	2010	2014	1
	II.	Jones (Robert)	2011	2014	2
	II.	Moreno	2011	2014	2
2015	III.	Acosta-Salazar	2012	2015	2
	III.	Chaniot	2009	2015	1
	III.	*Jones (Bernard)	2008	2015	0
	III.	*Ontiveros	2008	2015	0
	III.	Otto	2009	2015	1
	III.	Ransford	2012	2015	2
	III.	***Vacant	2013	2015	2
	III.	Zableckis	2009	2015	1
<p>* Board member is unable to seek reelection due to three-term limit.</p> <p>**Note: Mann's term expired 2012; per Governing Policies, she stayed on another year to serve as immediate past-president.</p> <p>***Note: Vacancy created when Trustee Stampolis did not run for re-election in his district.</p>					

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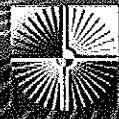
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Effective Trusteeship Workshop

January 25–27, 2013

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento

The Effective Trusteeship Workshop is the single best overview of responsibilities required for board members of California community colleges. State leaders and experienced trustees will provide comprehensive information on the knowledge and skills necessary to be an effective trustee. There will be ample opportunity to discuss your questions. The *Trustee Handbook* will be provided at the workshop, along with other important resources.

Who Should Attend

All recently elected and appointed trustees should attend the Trusteeship Workshop. Continuing trustees, student trustees, and CEOs are also very welcome, and will gain much from the workshop. Board presidents and vice presidents are encouraged to attend the orientation to trusteeship with their new trustees and participate in the Board Chair Workshop in the afternoon.

Registration Fees

Effective Trusteeship Workshop: \$295

includes all workshops and sessions, Saturday reception, dinner and Sunday breakfast, the Trustee Handbook and other publications. This fee also includes the Board Chair Workshop.

Board Chair Workshop ONLY: \$60

includes refreshments, the League's Board Chair Handbook and other publications. The fee is required only if you are NOT attending the Effective Trusteeship Workshop.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be in writing. No refunds are available if cancellation is received after January 11, 2013. All refunds will be assessed a \$50 cancellation fee.

Hotel/Travel

[Click here](#) for information about the conference hotel and to make reservations.

Special Workshop

Board Chair Workshop

Saturday, January 26

1:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • \$60

Being a board president is an important leadership role. The chair runs board meetings, fosters teamwork, represents the board, and works closely with the CEO. The workshop is designed for

board presidents, vice presidents, CEOs, and interested trustees. The *Board Chair Handbook* will be distributed.

Topics include:

- Board Chair Roles
- Running Effective Meetings
- Handling Difficult Situations
- CEO – Board Chair Relations

The Board Chair workshop is included as part of the Trusteeship Workshop, or participants may register for the Board Chair Workshop separately.

Program

The program is subject to change.

Friday, January 25

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. — Introduction to Roles and Responsibilities (*for new trustees only*)

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. — Reception for New Trustees

Saturday, January 26

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. — Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. — Effective Trusteeship

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. — Lunch on own

1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Board Role in Fiscal Policy
- Local Decision-Making: Faculty, Staff, and Student Roles
- Collective Bargaining

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Board Role in Fiscal Policy
- Local Decision-Making: Faculty, Staff, and Student Roles
- Community Relations

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. — Reception

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. — Dinner with CCCT Board Members and Message from Chancellor Brice Harris

Sunday, January 27

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. — Breakfast Session – The Board and CEO Partnership

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. — Introduction to the Brown Act

Legislative Conference January 27 and 28

The Effective Trusteeship and Board Chair Workshops are scheduled in conjunction with the Annual Legislative Conference. Separate registration is required.

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento

The League's Annual Legislative Conference provides a unique opportunity to connect with other advocates and learn the latest news on the state budget and economic outlook for California. Attendees will also learn about new members of legislative committees, legislative proposals affecting colleges and student learning, and advocacy strategies for the current legislative year. Join your community college colleagues in the launch of this exciting legislative year as we advocate for community colleges and student success.



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December 11, 2012

TO: President Thomas Fallo

From: Jo Ann Higdon, M.P.A

Mr. Robert Bradshaw is recommended to serve as a Special Services Professional (SSP) in the role of Construction Program Director.

Mr. Bradshaw shall assist the District in all phases of the Bond program including, but not limited to: program planning implementation, review of contract documents and agreements, schedules, constructability reviews, request for proposals, bid documents, cost control, project coordination and close out.

Mr. Bradshaw has extensive experience in the construction industry. He worked for many years for an architectural firm which specializes in California community colleges and DSA Field Act regulations. For the past eight years, he has served in a similar role for another community college.

The work load associated with the upcoming large number of construction projects is substantial and his additional expertise is critical.

As the Construction Program Director, under the direction of the Vice President, Administrative Services, he will work in concert with Director of Facilities, Planning and Services, the Director of Business Services, and Business Manager.

Jo Ann Higdon, M.P.A
Vice President, Administrative Services



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November 9, 2012

Dr. Thomas Fallo
Superintendent/President
El Camino College
16007 Crenshaw Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90506

Dear President Fallo:

This is confirmation that El Camino College's accreditation status was reaffirmed in fall 2008, which verifies that it meets the ACCJC/WASC Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies. Specifically, language from one of these required elements states: "The institution demonstrates that all instructional programs, regardless of location or means of delivery, address and meet the mission of the institution and uphold its integrity." (Accreditation Standard II.A.1)

For El Camino College this includes all programs and services provided by the College to advance and support student success and student achievement, including the English as a Second Language (ESL) courses which have been offered since 1978. In addition to these seven credit ESL courses, six noncredit courses are also offered at the El Camino College Compton Center.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan B. Clifford".

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.
Vice President

Cc: Jeanie Nishime, Accreditation Liaison Officer;
Margaret Ramey, Interim Director of Admissions and Records

THE COMPTON BULLETIN—November 14, 2012

Curry explains the road to accreditation for district

CARSON— Compton Community College District interim CEO Keith Curry gave the Carson City Council an optimistic accreditation update on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The school operated as Compton Community College until 2006 when the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges revoked its accreditation, causing it to lose its funding and making class credits ineligible for transfer to other colleges.

“We entered into a unique partnership with El Camino Community College after losing accreditation and continued providing education opportunities to students,” Curry said. “Without that agreement the college could not offer courses.”

Curry said his association with the college began when he was 12.

“I was a ballboy for the football team,” he said. “Working with colleagues who were at the college back then is intriguing.”

The college has seen a dramatic rise in attendance since 2006.

“Back then, we only had 6,000 students,” Curry said. “Current enrollment at the college now stands at 14,000. That is because of the hard-working staff on campus, and the community, which knows we offer quality courses.”

Curry said a steering committee oversees the accreditation process.

El Camino Community College must apply for eligibility and for accreditation.

The focus right now is the eligibility application.

“We look at our prior audits, and how they relate to the district,” Curry said. “The college will take the next step in 2013, or 2014.”

Curry said moving forward has the entire campus motivated.

“Faculty, staff and students are preparing the college’s application,” Curry said. “We are holding a campus forum on Nov. 29, so our constituents and prospective students understand where we are in the process, and they can review a draft of the document.”

The college must meet 21 standards when applying for accreditation.

“We meet 16 right now,” Curry said. “When we apply for accreditation eligibility we meet another requirement.”

One standard that is partially complete is measuring student learning outcomes.

“We need to ensure what is going on in our classrooms and our different programs complies with ACCJC standards,” Curry said.

The biggest concern rests with financial resources and accountability, institutional planning and evaluation.

“I have dealt with financial instability since I became the CEO,” he said. “We had 26 findings on our audit, and 11 of them were significant weaknesses. We have to do a lot of work in that area.”

The next audit will be released in December.

"We hired Felipe Lopez as our new chief business officer," Curry said. "Our prior audit had four findings just related to the school's stability and organization in the business office."

The timeline for eligibility carries significance, he said, but the processes at the college are more valuable.

"If we can provide quality services to the student body the school will move forward towards accreditation," Curry said. "If the college is not ready to move forward in 2013, then we will set a 2014 target date."

The Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team still reviews the operation.

"They oversee financial management, academic achievement, personnel and facilities management, governance and community relations," Curry said. "FCMAT does not play any role in the accreditation process."

Councilman Mike Gipson expressed concerns that the elected board of trustees has no voice or authority.

"That is taxation without representation," he said. "I note the improvements at the college, but you talk about the current financial situation. Since El Camino receives \$5 million per year to run the college, I wonder if things would be better if that money went straight to the school."

Curry said Dr. John Hamilton is the representative for the elected board of trustees.

"The elected board participates in district matters to a certain degree," he said. "It does not have legal rights because of the special trustee."

The money from the state goes to El Camino, Curry said, and has no bearing on the financial issues.

"We would not get that money without the agreement with El Camino," he said.

The college provides information to the board regarding decisions involving the district.

"At some point during the accreditation process the board will have local control over the governing process," Curry said. "There is no timeline for that transition right now."

Associate Degree for Transfer Progress for California Community Colleges¹

College	# of Degrees	College	# of Degrees	College	# of Degrees
Alameda, College of	2	Golden West	12	Porterville	5
Allan Hancock	5	Grossmont	3	Redwoods, College of the	4
American River	12	Hartnell	5	Reedley	7
Antelope Valley	2	Imperial Valley	9	Rio Hondo	5
Bakersfield	4	Irvine Valley	6	Riverside City	6
Barstow	2	Lake Tahoe Community	5	Sacramento City	6
Berkeley City	6	Laney	3	Saddleback	4
Butte	5	Las Positas	5	San Bernardino Valley	2
Cabrillo	6	Lassen	8	San Diego City	6
Cañada	8	Long Beach City	10	San Diego Mesa	2
Canyons, College of the	5	Los Angeles City	4	San Diego Miramar	5
Cerritos	10	Los Angeles Harbor	3	San Francisco, City College of	3
Cerro Coso Community	3	Los Angeles Mission	3	San Joaquin Delta	9
Chabot	6	Los Angeles Pierce	3	San Jose City	2
Chaffey	11	Los Angeles Southwest	2	San Mateo, College of	11
Citrus	13	Los Angeles Trade/Tech	2	Santa Ana	4
Coastline Community	5	Los Angeles Valley	3	Santa Barbara City	8
Columbia	2	Los Medanos	6	Santa Monica	6
Contra Costa	4	Marin, College of	5	Santa Rosa Junior	7
Copper Mountain	2	Mendocino	8	Santiago Canyon	7
Cosumnes	5	Merced	5	Sequoias, College of the	3
Crafton Hills	10	Merritt	3	Shasta	4
Cuesta	3	MiraCosta	2	Sierra	10
Cuyamaca	4	Mission	10	Siskiyou, College of the	8
Cypress	5	Modesto Junior	6	Skyline	7
DeAnza	4	Monterey Peninsula	3	Solano	3
Desert, College of the	9	Moorpark	11	Southwestern	2
Diablo Valley	5	Moreno Valley	3	Taft	7
East Los Angeles	5	Mt. San Antonio	6	Ventura	11
El Camino	9	Mt. San Jacinto	2	Victor Valley	7
Evergreen Valley	4	Napa Valley	5	West Hills – Coalinga	2
Feather River	2	Norco	3	West Hills – Lemoore	4
Folsom Lake	6	Ohlone	4	West Los Angeles	3
Foothill	2	Orange Coast	6	West Valley	7
Fresno City	5	Oxnard	3	Woodland Community	4
Fullerton	18	Palo Verde	2	Yuba	2
Gavilan	7	Palomar	3		
Glendale Community	4	Pasadena City	13	High-performing college	
				Minimum compliance college	

¹ Count includes Associate Degrees for Transfer that have been developed or are in progress at each campus.

State appointed administrator of Inglewood school district steps down

LA Times

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Kent Taylor, the state administrator in charge of the financially troubled Inglewood School District, resigned from the position Friday after the Department of Education learned of a tentative agreement he made with the local teachers union without approval from the state.

Taylor's resignation comes months after he was appointed by State Supt. of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson to lead the district — which was taken over by the state in September when Gov. Jerry Brown approved legislation granting \$55 million in emergency loans to help the roughly 14,000-student district.

Torlakson has appointed La Tanya Kirk-Carter, the district's assistant superintendent of business services, as interim state administrator for the district.

"This change is in the best interests of taxpayers, students and employees of the Inglewood Unified School District," Torlakson said in a statement. "I'm confident that our work to address the district's troubled finances will proceed without interruption."

The resignation came after the education department learned of a proposed collective bargaining offer between the district and the Inglewood Teachers Assn.

Due to his position as state administrator, Taylor did not have the authority to enter into a labor contract without prior approval by Torlakson or a designee or before the completion of a financial review and plan to bring the district back to solid fiscal health.

In a letter, the department informed the teachers union that the agreement was voided.

Taylor could not be reached for comment.

Peter Somberg, president of the Inglewood Teachers Assn., said that the agreements were negotiated in good faith and that union officials were under the impression that Taylor had the authority to enter into them. Prior to beginning the bargaining process, union officials asked Taylor several times if he did in fact have the authority to do so. He assured the union that he did, Somberg said.

When Taylor was appointed, Somberg added, there was no indication from the state and Torlakson that Taylor did not have that power.

"There was nothing ever mentioned that he didn't have authority to negotiate with us," Somberg said.

The community embraced Taylor, and his rapport with teachers and others in Inglewood was appreciated, he said.

“There was — and hopefully there will continue to be — a palpable atmosphere of hope among all the stakeholders in this community,” he said. “To grow enrollment, grow opportunities for all of us, all our kids.”

Prior to taking over at Inglewood, Taylor was the superintendent in southern Kern County and worked as a teacher, principal, administrator and school board member in several Southern California districts, mostly in the San Bernardino area.

Taylor grew up in Inglewood and graduated from Inglewood High in 1982.

From: Odanaka Michael

Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 7:41 AM

To: Henry, Thomas; Fallo, Thomas

Cc: Curry, Keith; Perez, Barbara; Wasserberger Toni; Evans, Jerome; French-Preston Essie; Halligan Christopher; Odanaka Michael; Panski, Saul; Pratt, Estina; Smith, Darwin

Subject: Letter to Chancellor Harris

Tom and Tom.

Attached is a letter that Toni Wasserberger and I are sending to Chancellor Harris this week. We are a little concerned with how Tom's retirement next year might impact the partnership and want to emphasize to Chancellor Harris our faculty's support of the partnership and appreciation for the work that both of you have done to create, support and strengthen the partnership. In addition, we want to let Chancellor Harris know how important it is to maintain some continuity in the partnership leadership.

Michael

*If everyone is moving forward together,
then success takes care of itself."* Henry Ford.

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Academic Senate

November 29, 2012

Dr. Brice Harris, Chancellor
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Chancellor Harris:

On behalf of the faculty of the Compton Community College District, we would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, and look forward to working with you and your staff in the months and years ahead. We are ever mindful that the State of California has consistently supported our District and is committed to the restoration of a college on our campus. We are also extremely grateful for the facilities construction projects already underway and planned for, approved by the Chancellor's Office.

We are appreciative of the leadership role that the El Camino College District has played since 2006 in partnering with our District to ensure that we are able to provide solid academic programs and student services to the residents of our District, while also eventually seeking accreditation for the El Camino College Compton Center. The faculty of the Compton District has great respect for Tom Fallo, who has always been committed to our students and the restoration of our institution. There would not have been a partnership without his leadership. His imminent departure is greeted with some consternation on our part because of the central role that he has played in the partnership.

Finally, we want to communicate to you how pleased we are at the steadfast leadership of our Special Trustee, Tom Henry, and how important it is that he continue in this role for the foreseeable future, especially at this critical time when ECCD President-Superintendent, Thomas Fallo, has indicated his intention to retire. Tom Henry was there in 2006 when we lost our accreditation and it was his steady hand and hard work that helped implement the partnership with the El Camino District in conjunction with Tom Fallo's unwavering support. The first Memorandum of Understanding between our two districts was a collaborative effort led by these two individuals, and a product of their mutual respect and trust. Last year, at another time of crisis, when the partnership was endangered, Tom Henry once again assumed the role of Special Trustee and helped calm the waters. He has since overseen the appointment of a strong fiscal team and adoption of a budget and planning process that has brought us solvency and a plan for long-term stability.

But with Dr. Fallo retiring in the spring, the possible loss of Mr. Henry as well, would be simply unfathomable. We have communicated our strong wish to Mr. Henry that he remain as our Special Trustee as long as possible. However, we thought we should let you know how we feel as well.

Mr. Henry is someone with whom we have worked collaboratively and collegially for almost six years. He is a person who can be trusted without reservation and he has always kept his word to us. Under his leadership we have come a long, long way. But we strongly believe that his work with Compton is not yet done, and we respectfully request that you ask him to continue as our Special Trustee at this critical time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Odanaka, President, Academic Senate, Compton Community College District

Toni Wasserberger, President, Compton Community College Federation of Employees

Cc: Tom Henry, Compton Community College District, Special Trustee

Tom Fallo, El Camino College, President/Superintendent

Keith Curry, Compton Community College District, Interim CEO

Barbara Perez, Compton Education Center, Vice President

Christina Gold, El Camino College, Academic Senate, President

Community College League of California
11-17-2012
Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth, Distinguished Alumni

To the Community College League of California's Board of Directors, members, and guests,
Thank you for selecting me to be among your Distinguished Alumni, and for inviting me to attend this event in the presence of distinguished leaders in California's community college education system.

This Annual Convention Program inspires and excites, even in a difficult climate of educational administration. Your session this morning, titled "The Empowered Student: Considering the Whole Person, Family, and System", encourages an educational environment where students move through the development process by being welcomed, being heard, being innovative, and being empowered to lead other students.

This was *my* community college experience.

El Camino College empowered me as a student.

My Whole person, from childhood to adulthood, grew up at our community's college.

At age 10, El Camino College is where I learned to swim.

At age 16, El Camino is where I attended Advanced Placement classes, which was my high school bridge to college.

At age 18, El Camino is where I learned to disco dance and wear polyester pantsuits.

At age 19, the El Camino College counselor directed me into a career in medicine, because she understood me, as a whole person, and therefore, guided my future path based on what she knew about me, the whole student.

El Camino College became the foundation of everything that followed.

Our community colleges consider family. Six children in my family attended El Camino College, for both scholastic and community outreach programs.

Our community college is where my parents spent countless hours as tireless volunteers.

The most successful communities, social, educational, or otherwise, are those that nurture its citizens and its families, and that provide the environment and resources for its residents to grow in character, skill, and knowledge.

California's Community Colleges is the educational system that provides these crucial elements for a community, its residents, and its families, to help reach their most promising potentials.

Upon high school graduation, I could have chosen to attend a number of universities. I chose my local community college, for I knew, that this was the educational environment in which I would thrive, that was most affordable for a large immigrant family, that was comfortingly familiar through the high school to college bridge via the Advanced Placement program, and that was the highest quality teaching comparable to many universities.

My community college experience, life changing and deeply influential, is possible through the remarkable educational leadership in the community college system.

Those of us committed to the work of promoting quality education in our communities are keenly aware of the difficult climate that we face. The theme of the conference, "Singing in the Rain", reminds us of our responsibility to remain positive and tenacious in our work. In rain, snow, sleet, or shine, our ability to challenge the current social and economic changing climate, to maintain quality education at our community colleges will allow positive life-changing student experiences, such as mine, to continue to be available to our students.

Thank you, again, Community College League of California, for an educational system that supports a community's success, by providing the environment and resources, that are responsive to and sensitive to, the needs of the students and families residing in its community. You empowered each and every student, by considering the whole person, family, and system.

May your work continue with success, with continual positive influence.

In closing, I thank you, again, for selecting me as one of your Distinguished Alumni, in an education system that produces many outstanding graduates. Thank you for inviting me to be one of them. I am deeply honored.