



## **EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, California 90506-0001**

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March 8, 2012

Board of Trustees  
El Camino Community  
College District

Dear Members of the Board:

Welcome to your Board packet for the last board meeting of winter. After your clocks spring ahead Sunday morning, you will be sure to be on time for our meeting in the East Dining Room of the Bookstore Building on March 12, 2012.

In order to accommodate the number of potential visitors, the March meeting will be held in the East Dining Room on the second level of the Bookstore building. Please note parking arrangements are detailed in a separate communication.

Naturally, this meeting is highlighted by a number of important issues. Let me draw your attention to:

III. Presentation of the Community Advancement Division by Dean Jose Anaya;

IV. Public Hearings on the amendments to the District's previously adopted subjects for negotiations and a public hearing on adoption of the Federation's proposal.

The consent agenda includes:

- A. Academic Affairs, item A, FTES. El Camino College's enrollment goal dropped 7.3% from 19,400 to 18,000 FTES last year. Compton Community College District's goal dropped from 6,400 FTES to 6,000 FTES. It is projected that El Camino College will exceed its goal by 346 FTES and Compton Center will exceed its goal by 416 FTES.
- B. The Student and Community Advancement agenda is highlighted by a request to revise the 2012-2013 El Camino School Year Calendar. The Board previously approved the 2012-2013 calendar with a winter intersession. I recommend we remove winter intersession 2013; move spring semester to begin January 19, 2013, and add a planned second six-week summer session 2013. The recommended change is in light of further FTES reduction in the worst-case funding scenarios.

It also permits priority registration to first-time students who complete assessment, orientation and an education plan. I expect this change to excite some of our constituents. Please note the report from the Calendar Committee is printed in the agenda. Also, see attachment 2, Subcommittee Report from the Calendar Committee.

- C. Administrative Services. All items are relatively routine.
- D. Administrative Services, Measure E, is highlighted by a change order for the Math, Business, Allied Health building for \$133,000.
- E. Human Resources presents routine items and the Compton Center Report highlights Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment metrics.
- F. The Superintendent/President's section updates the Boundary Review Committee timeline.

Supplemental reading includes:

1. Vice President Higdon's Current Year State Revenue Shortfall shows the tremendous impact the State budget cuts have had on the El Camino Community College District, Attachment 3.
2. Included in this Board packet is a copy of the invoice received from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office for the November 2011 election. The estimated expenditure the District budgeted for this item was \$400,000. The invoice amount was \$1.1 million. In most of the jurisdictions the El Camino Community College District Board election was the only item on the ballot. Attachment 4.

Spring is just around the corner and on the first Wednesday of spring, I would like to invite you to a number of events:

1. March 22 Women's Wall Celebration, details to follow;
2. On Friday, March 30, 2012 Chancellor Scott will visit the Compton Center;
3. On Wednesday, April 4, 2012, a Foundation dinner honoring Stan Dunn, details to follow.

A calendar of other year-end events will be in your April Board meeting packet.

Our next Board meeting will be held on April 16, 2012, right after our spring recess.

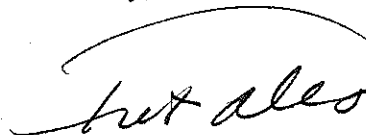
A special Closed Session Board communication is provided under the cover of confidence.

The following materials are enclosed for your perusal:

1. Memo from Vice President Solomita dated March 7, 2012, Union Participation in Collegial Consultation Committees;
2. Memo from Vice President Nishime dated February 21, 2012, regarding Ratifications for the February 21, 2012 Board agenda;
3. Memo from Vice President Nishime dated March 7, 2012, regarding the F-1 Visa Student Program;
4. "Redrawn El Camino College District Boundaries May Change Board Makeup," *Daily Breeze*, February 23, 2012;
5. Student Learning Outcomes Update, El Camino College, March 5, 2012;
6. Compton Community College District CEO Updates Council on Redistricting Plan, February 29, 2012;
7. California Community Colleges Chancellor Stepping Down, *Los Angeles Times*, March 7, 2012;
8. Memo from Police Chief Trevis dated February 24, 2012, regarding recent meeting of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments.

I will be available in the East Dining Room at 3 p.m. on Monday and look forward to seeing you as you arrive for the Board meeting. In the meantime, please contact Kathy or me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Fallo", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Thomas M. Fallo  
Superintendent/President

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Cc: Vice Presidents, Director, Community Relations



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE  
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**

DATE: March 5, 2012

TO: Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President

FROM: Lynn Solomita, Interim Vice President, Human Resources *LS*

SUBJECT: Amended Items for the District Proposal for Faculty Negotiations Public Hearing and Adoption

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
As requested by Board President Beverly, we have amended our original proposal to include the elimination of agency fees for non-union members. In addition, based on our declining financial picture, the VPs discussed the possibility of increasing the required faculty workload from 15 to 18 hours. Lastly, there has been a request to discuss the possibility of increasing contact hours for the Librarians. Hopefully, there are no other critical issues that have been overlooked in the review process by the negotiation team and the Deans and Vice Presidents.

I am in the process of contacting the team members and Spencer to determine availability to begin negotiations as soon as possible after approval of the Federation Sunshine proposals and the District's additional proposals.

EL CAMINO COLLEGE  
Office of the President-Student & Community Advancement

March 7, 2012

TO: President Thomas M. Fallo

FROM: Jeanie M. Nishimura 

SUBJECT: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FROM THE  
EL CAMINO COLLEGE CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Members of the Calendar Committee met on February 28, 2012, to review the work of the three subcommittees charged with discussing the Academic, Economic, and Efficiency issues integral to any calendar decision. All members were cognizant that the fiscal situation the College now faces will impact the number of courses El Camino College and Compton Educational Center can offer students. Protecting course offerings during the primary terms of fall and spring should be the primary concern for the District since that is when faculty are contracted to work and cutting courses too deeply may cause a downward spiral in enrollment. Last year, the Compton Educational Center Department Chairs and Deans supported cutting all courses from the winter session rather than reducing fall and spring course offerings. Both students on the committee acknowledged that overall summer has more value to a larger contingent of students than winter. If only one intersession can be offered, because of fiscal reasons, they indicated support of having a summer intersession over a winter.

These are difficult times, and I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of the Calendar Committee in putting forward the information for the Board's consideration. In addition, the analysis on winter intersession students and employee preferences completed in 2010 is also included for the Board's review.

JN/mre

## Current Year State Revenue Shortfalls

Planning & Budget Committee Meeting March 1, 2012

The \$149 million State take back is regrettable for all community colleges across the State. For ECC, this take back was \$2.6 million of which we had prudently budgeted for \$1.95 million in State take backs. ECC is fortunate to have an unbudgeted shortfall (deficit) of only \$654,853. ECC has now received a rebenching of our State budget revenue from our Chancellor's Office (known as a P-1 report). The P-1 includes the initial State budget reduction, the Trigger 2 cuts and this mid-year take back being referred to as a surprise. ECC's revised P-1 State revenue allocation is \$88.7 million; ECC had budgeted State revenue at \$89.4. The ECC's revenue budget is currently overstated by \$654,853.

In addition to this revenue adjustment, there are two additional items of note. (1) ECC's election costs are expected to be \$700,000 above the budgeted amount of \$400,000, (2) Our FTES audit found that one of our Fire Tech courses cannot be claimed for State revenue in the amount of at least \$450,000. In summary, our current projections are as follows:

\$655,000	Mid-year State deficit (a/k/a surprise)
\$700,000	Additional Election Costs above Budget
<u>\$450,000</u>	Estimated Pay Back on Fire Tech
\$1,805,000	Estimated Budget Shortfall (as of Feb. 26, 2012)

Due to past prudent fiscal actions, ECC staff plans to recommend to our Board that this shortfall be absorbed by our projected ending balance.

For those of you tracking the impact of State actions on ECC:

\$5,508,000	Initial Budget Cuts
\$1,793,000	January "Trigger" Budget Cuts
<u>\$2,616,000</u>	February Mid-year State deficit (a/k/a surprise)
\$9,916,000	Total (rounded)



## Los Angeles County REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK

DEAN C. LOGAN  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

February 23, 2012

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El Camino Community College District  
16007 Crenshaw Boulevard  
Torrance, CA 90506

INVOICE #: 12-2029

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ATTENTION: Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President

**NOVEMBER 08, 2011 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS**PRORATA COSTS

Securing Boards and Polls	\$400,934.85
Board Member Payroll	63,821.47
Official Ballots	17,021.98
Voter Recorder Assembly	9,131.48
Supply Processing	216,817.41
Delivery and Mileage	37,282.71
Mailing and Postage	21,107.25
Precincting	2,075.24
Election Supplies	6,520.22
Ballot Material Processing	23,048.09
Election Day Costs	179,780.50
Post Election Activities	30,838.03

SUB-TOTAL PRORATA COSTS

\$1,008,379.23FIXED COSTS


Publication	\$3,867.42
Printing	88,854.58
Campaign Finance Disclosure	1,065.79
Candidate Filing and Nomination	2,032.79
Election Preparation	37.94

SUB-TOTAL FIXED COSTS

\$95,858.52**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE****\$1,104,237.75**

Please indicate the invoice number on your check when making payment. If you have any questions, please contact Election Billing Unit of Financial Services Section at (562) 462-2690.

DEAN C. LOGAN  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

  
Ann Smith, Manager  
Fiscal Operations

**PLEASE REMIT WITHIN 30 DAYS TO:**  
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk  
Financial Services Section, Rm 7211  
12400 Imperial Hwy  
Norwalk, Ca 90650-8357

## **BILLING / ESTIMATE COMPONENTS FOR ELECTIONS**

All estimates are based on the estimated number of registered voters, permanent absent voters, voting precincts, number of pages per measure, number of offices, and the number of jurisdictions sharing prorated costs with your agency at the time of your request. Changes in any of these factors will have an impact on the final costs. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Election Billing Unit of the Financial Services Section at (562) 462-2690.

### **A. PRORATA COSTS (SHARED BY PARTICIPATING AGENCIES)**

#### Securing Boards and Polls

This charge is for the costs of recruiting and training precinct officers, coordinating and securing polling places, as well as car and truck rental expenses associated with performing these tasks. The cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

#### Board Member Payroll

This cost represents the agency's prorated share of the actual costs of precinct officer payroll, polling place rentals and custodial services on Election Day.

#### Official Ballots

This cost represents vendor charges for printing and processing the official ballots. The cost is based on number of registered voters and prorated among all participating agencies.

#### Voter Recorder Assembly

This charge is for labor and services & supplies costs associated with assembling and processing the vote recorders for polling places. The cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

#### Supply Processing

This charge represents the costs of assembling supply boxes containing ballots and voting supplies for polling places, as well as processing miscellaneous election supplies. The cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.



## **BILLING / ESTIMATE COMPONENTS FOR ELECTIONS**

### Delivery and Mileage

This charge is for delivery of booths, voting equipment and other supplies to polling places as well as car and truck rental expenses associated with performing these tasks. The cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

### Mailing and Postage

This is a prorated share of the actual postage expenses and labor costs for mailing sample ballots. The cost is based on number of registered voters and prorated among all participating agencies.

### Vote by Mail Processing

This charge is for the cost of processing Vote-by-Mail requests. It is based on a cost per request and prorated among all participating agencies.

### Precincting

This represents the labor cost required to define precinct boundaries and is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

### Election Supplies

This charge is the costs for items contained in the election supply boxes used at the polling places. The cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

### Ballot Material Processing

This charge is for labor and services & supplies costs associated with preparing and proofreading ballots and other election related materials. It is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per ballot group basis.

### Election Day Costs

Charges in this category consist of costs for Sheriff, Fire Warden, Communications, Mechanical, Electrical support services and public relation activity on Election Day. Sheriff Services are required to transport official ballots to the Tally Center. Electrical and Mechanical support services are required at the Tally Center to ensure the smoothness of election operations. Labor costs are incurred for serving the media on Election Day. These costs are prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

## BILLING / ESTIMATE COMPONENTS FOR ELECTIONS

### Post Election Activities

This charge is for the costs of salaries expended to conduct Official Canvass. This cost is prorated among all participating agencies on a cost per precinct basis.

## **B. FIXED COSTS**

### Publication

This charge represents billing by local newspapers for publication of election and polling place information before the election. It is based on actual costs directly related to each agency plus the overall publication costs for the election prorated among all the participating agencies.

### Printing

This cost consists of vendor charges for printing sample ballots, multi-lingual ballots and vote recorder pages. Sample ballot and multi-lingual ballot costs are prorated by numbers of pages printed and registered voters while vote recorder page costs are prorated by number of precincts.

### Campaign Finance Disclosure (Campaign Reporting)

This cost relates to auditing and filing of candidate financial papers and campaign statements. It is prorated based on number of candidates.

### Candidate's Filing & Nomination (Candidate Nomination)

This cost is for processing candidate nomination papers to be placed on the ballot at time of filing. It is prorated based on number of candidates.

### Election Preparation

This category includes the salary expenses involved in setting up and coordinating the issuing of election filing procedures and complying with resolutions. The cost is prorated based on total average sample ballot page size and number of participating agencies.

### Signature Verification

Represents costs for searching files to validate signatures submitted from registered voters.



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE  
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**

DATE: March 7, 2012

TO: Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President

FROM: Lynn Solomita, Interim Vice President, Human Resources *Y*

SUBJECT: Union Participation in Collegial Consultation Committees

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As you are aware, the Federation and ECCE are choosing not to participate in the IBC (Health Benefits Committee) at this time. The POA representative did attend our meeting last week. As articulated by Luukia, ECCE feels the committee makeup, as defined in the Factfinder's report which was adopted by the Board in November, is not a "balanced" committee and "collegial consultation" would not be possible. The committee structure recommendation has an equal number of union and management representatives with no "super majority" vote required. Additionally, it was clear that the committee could present recommendations which would then be negotiated at the table with the respective bargaining units.

The Planning and Budget Committee did meet last week and did not have representation from either the Federation or ECCE. However, two faculty members did attend apparently as observers. Both participated in the discussions.

The Calendar Committee meeting last week did have representation from all constituents, including the Federation and ECCE.

I spoke with Katie Gleason who indicated that there is a classified and a faculty representative on the Foundation Board; however, they are not designated as Federation and ECCE representatives.

The Federation has withdrawn from College Council. To date, I have not heard of any problems with ECCE or Faculty participating on hiring committees, as appropriate. Elizabeth Shadish did indicate that the Federation would not be participating in the Accreditation Committee in a February e-mail. I do not know if the Federation position has changed.

I will keep you advised of any further positive or negative developments

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El Camino College  
Office of the Vice President – Student & Community Advancement  
Jeanie Nishime, Vice President

February 21, 2012

TO: President Thomas M. Fallo

SUBJECT: Ratifications for the February 21, 2012 Board Agenda

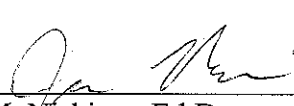
The following contracts were ratified at the February 21, 2012 Board meeting. The justification for lateness is shown below:

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES – BOG

The Chancellor's Office establishes the calendar for grants submitted under the federal government, and the date extended to the end of September. After the partnership received the grant, it took from the time of submittal to now to get the grant to Jose Anaya's area (about two months) and for Board approval at the February Board meeting. However, the dates of service must include the date the grant was actually approved for service. This is the reason for the September start date – the date the grant was awarded. Jose Anaya previously discussed this with Rocky Bonura.

ACADEMIC CULTURAL EXCHANGE (JAPAN); ACE OVERSEAS...

The Board item was not processed because it was understood the students would actually come to El Camino in the Fall 2012; however, in the meantime, the company is actively recruiting for El Camino. Since the company is in the process of this recruiting, the contract start date was amended to cover the time the vendor is in the process of recruiting for ECC – October 1, 2011.

  
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Jeanie M. Nishime, Ed.D.  
Vice President

EL CAMINO COLLEGE  
Office of the Vice President-Student & Community Advancement

March 7, 2012

TO: President Thomas M. Fallo

FROM: Jeanie M. Nishime



SUBJECT: F-1 VISA STUDENT PROGRAM

In response to the Board of Trustees inquiry for information regarding F-1 Visa student recruitment, the following information is provided to show the number of students and the country of origin. Information on outcomes from recruitment trips and agents in the field will be provided next month.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Total #</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Total #</u>
Argentina	1	Guatemala	1
Australia	2	Hong Kong	80
Azerbaijan	1	India	6
Bangladesh	3	Indonesia	9
Belize	1	Iran	1
Brazil	10	Italy	2
Bulgaria	2	Japan	164
Burma	1	Jordan	1
Cambodia	1	Kazakhstan	1
Canada	1	Korea	172
Cayman Islands	1	Lithuania	1
China	102	Macau	2
Colombia	1	Malaysia	2
Costa Rica	1	Marshall Island	1
Cote D'Ivoire	1	Mexico	3
Ecuador	1	Mongolia	16
Egypt	3	Morocco	6
France	2	Myan Mar/Burma	6
Germany	2	Nepal	4

<u>Country</u>	<u>Total#</u>
Netherlands	1
Nigeria	6
Pakistan	2
Papua New Guinea	2
Peru	4
Philippines	11
Portugal	1
Russia	4
Singapore	1
Sri Lanka	3
Sweden	3
Switzerland	1
Syria	2
Taiwan	8
Tajikistan	8
Tanzania	1

<u>Country</u>	<u>Total#</u>
Thailand	7
Tonga	1
Turkey	7
Ukraine	1
United Kingdom	4
Venezuela	1
Viet Nam	52
Yemen	1

Total Number of F-1 Visa Students – 747

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## **Redrawn El Camino College district boundaries may change board makeup**

By Rob Kuznia Staff Writer Posted: 02/23/2012 03:46:09 PM PST

Updated: 02/23/2012 05:01:25 PM PST

Trustee boundaries in the El Camino Community College District were changed this week for the first time in at least 60 years - a move that increases the likelihood a Latino will soon be elected to its board.

The board's 4-1 decision Tuesday night to approve a new map recommended by a seven-member panel will affect every voter in the South Bay, as it permanently alters how elections will be held.

Beginning in 2013, residents will vote only for candidates in their trustee areas, as opposed to at large, meaning voters in Torrance, for instance, will no longer have any say in who represents Inglewood and vice versa.

Officials say the new boundaries will also correct an inequity that has long been inherent in the El Camino district: Tiny areas with small populations and sprawling areas with large populations are equally represented. Under the current setup, for example, El Segundo and Inglewood are each represented by one trustee, even though the former district is home to 16,000 residents and the latter 110,000.

In the new system - which takes effect in November 2013 - the population of every trustee area is about 108,000.

The systemic overhaul will have political ramifications for certain board members, which perhaps explains the lone dissenting vote of Maureen O'Donnell.

O'Donnell, who currently represents Trustee Area 5 in Torrance, will effectively be pushed out of office in 2013 unless she moves to another part of town.

The same is true for Trustee Ray Gen, who currently represents Area 4 in El Segundo, but he voted for the plan anyway.

"I thought (the board-appointed redistricting committee) did a great job," said Gen, whose second term will expire in 2013. "There's only so many ways you could carve up the district."

He added that he isn't sure if he will run again in 2015.

"If I don't, I think I've served well and I enjoyed the process," he said. "But you never know."

The board's action changes the fundamental nature of how the trustee areas are divvied up. As is, the areas are oriented around locations of high schools. But the new map is based on a more complicated formula that takes into account several factors, such as population size, racial makeup and city boundaries.

The new configuration increases the likelihood of a Latino board member because Area 2 - which now takes in Hawthorne, Lawndale and Lennox - will shrink to include only the vast majority of Hawthorne and all of Lennox.

That area is currently represented by Lawndale resident Mary Combs, who is white. If she opts to run for re-election in 2015, she will be forced to compete in Area 4 representing both Lawndale and the eastern half Torrance. In 2013, meanwhile, there will be an election for the new Area 2, which is 63 percent Latino.

The idea of redrawing the boundaries has long been championed by board President Bill Beverly, who in November was elected to his sixth term.

But it wasn't until other California community colleges started getting slapped with lawsuits over issues of racial equity a couple years ago that the effort in El Camino began to gain traction.

In October, for instance, Cerritos Community College - facing a legal threat from a group concerned about the voting power of Latino residents - moved to change its elections process so trustees are elected by trustee area instead of at large.

Beverly, who noted he began urging the board to go this route a decade ago, said the El Camino board voted to make the changes for all the right reasons.

"We weren't sued," he said. "It was just the right thing to do."

He added that the board already is a diverse body, noting that it includes an Irish Catholic woman, a Jewish woman, a black man and an Asian man - although there are no Latino members.

As for O'Donnell, she presented her objections in technical terms, but it appears she suspects at least some level of political maneuvering against her.

O'Donnell took exception to the way in which the proposed new districts are numbered - her new district will be No. 4 instead of No. 5. She also raised questions about the legality of the motion to approve the recommended map as is, over her objections. The motion was made by Josh Casper, the student member of the El Camino board. The student trustee has an honorary presence on the board, so any votes cast by such board members are strictly symbolic.

"We as representatives are elected by the public to vote, make motions, etcetera," she said. "Not somebody sitting there as a student adviser." She added that Casper is the son of faculty members at the college. In November, the faculty union made a concerted but unsuccessful effort to unseat Beverly, who was supported by O'Donnell.

Beverly sided with the board majority over his ally. "I could see no logic to changing it to protect an incumbent," he said, "and as much as I would like to do that for a person I consider a friend, I believe that would be inappropriate grounds for rejecting the recommendation of the committee."

Despite her objections, O'Donnell - a former Torrance city councilwoman - said she long ago decided against running for re-election in 2013. O'Donnell added that she is in favor of the overall goals of the plan.

"I favor a system that allows voters to select people with whom they are acquainted rather than strangers in other parts of the district," she said.



**Student Learning Outcomes Update  
El Camino College  
March 5, 2012**

**Course and Program Assessments**

All courses and programs must be assessed on a four-year cycle. These timelines have been compiled and are used by facilitators to create semester plans for their divisions. As of this report, ECC has a total of 1126 active courses. This semester, we will continue to input all past reports into CurricUNET and ask faculty to check for accuracy. Currently, 100% of all programs and 91% of all courses have SLO statements. Approximately 35% of all courses and 85% of all programs have been assessed at least once. These assessment results are then included in program review, which informs program plans and requests for funding.

SLO Report as of March 5, 2012

	Courses		Programs	
	%	#	%	#
<b>SLO Statements</b>	91.39%	1029	100.00%	63
<b>SLO Assessments</b>	35.69%	412	85.71%	54

**SLO Coordinators and Facilitators**

The two SLO faculty coordinators are Kaysa Laureano and Kelly Holt. The Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the faculty coordinators lead the campus in completion of SLOs and assessments. The team meets weekly to discuss issues at hand and strategize ways to increase participation and awareness of SLOs. There are also SLO facilitators, who work with faculty within their division. They provide updates and trainings at division and department meetings. They also provide CurricUNET trainings and additional support faculty may need. The College holds monthly SLO facilitator meetings to discuss any new issues or changes and to receive status updates.

**CurricUNET and Training**

CurricUNET is a database used for all SLOs and assessments. CurricUNET is up and running and faculty are currently receiving training and inputting their SLOs and assessments. The SLO coordinators hold regular campus-wide training workshops. The SLO facilitators work at the division level to provide training and support to faculty.

## **Core Competencies**

ECC has six core competencies (institutional level SLOs). This semester, the College is assessing the third core competency: personal and professional growth. During the fall semester, the Assessment of Learning Committee designed and piloted a student survey to use for assessment of the core competency. The Institutional Research Office will distribute and collect the student surveys and will produce a report of its findings at the semester. Both campuses, ECC and CEC are included in the core competency assessments. The "Core Competency and You" Newsletter, discussing the Creative, Critical and Analytical Assessment results was distributed to faculty via email in February. There is a survey link at the end of the newsletter, inviting feedback from faculty regarding the process and results.

## **ACCJC – Proficiency by 2012**

The Commission's Student Learning Outcomes benchmark is for all colleges to achieve proficiency level by fall 2012. ECC will be proficient in fall 2012. The College continues to work with the campus to ensure it is meeting the following:

1. Student learning outcomes and authentic assessment are in place for courses, programs and degrees.
2. There is widespread institutional dialogue about the results of assessment and identification of gaps.
3. Decision-making includes dialogue on the results of assessment and is purposefully directed toward aligning institution-wide practices to support and improve student learning.
4. Appropriate resources continue to be allocated and fine-tuned.
5. Comprehensive assessment reports exist and are completed and updated on a regular basis.
6. Course student learning outcomes are aligned with degree student learning outcomes.
7. Students demonstrate awareness of goals and purposes of courses and programs in which they are enrolled.

**The Compton Bulletin**, February 29, 2012

[http://www.thecomptonbulletin.com/news/2012-02-29/News/Keith\\_Curry\\_addresses\\_City\\_Council.html](http://www.thecomptonbulletin.com/news/2012-02-29/News/Keith_Curry_addresses_City_Council.html)

Keith Curry addresses City Council

Compton Community College District CEO updates council on redistricting plan.

By Cheryl Scott

COMPTON—Compton Community College District CEO Dr. Keith Curry attended a City Council meeting on Feb. 14 to update the Council and the community on the plan to redraw the district's trustee areas and other issues.

The district, along with many other public agencies and school districts in California, is required to review and modify its elected trustee area boundaries every 10 years. The district currently has four trustee areas. Each has one vote except Compton, which has two. The other areas are Carson, Lynwood and Paramount.

By terms of the Voting Rights Act, the district must have five separate trustee areas, with each area having one vote. Depending on which of the redistricting options is chosen, Compton may still have two votes because there would be two distinct areas in Compton.

Special Trustee Thomas Henry recently appointed a Redistricting Committee to explain the redistricting options to the public. A public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. at the college. Community members are invited to give their input regarding the proposed boundaries.

The goal is to finalize the new areas by May. Election for the new areas will be in 2013.

At that time five trustees will be elected. Once elected, the trustees will draw lots to determine which will serve for two years and which will serve for four. This is to avoid having all five seats determined at once in future elections

Curry said that his top priority now is solving the financial issues that were cited in the most recent evaluation by the Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT).

“The top three issues in the evaluation were financial,” said Curry. “That’s what I am focusing on now.”

In response to a question from Mayor Eric J. Perrodin regarding when “the community will get its college back,” Curry said that there remains a great deal of work to be done and that it will be at least seven years.

“People don’t understand the accreditation process,” he said. “People often ask me why we cannot move forward with accreditation now. We cannot do that because the district is not yet ready and, more importantly, the timetable is set by the ACCJC (Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges), and it is very long. There are specific steps that must be taken and there is a specified time that must pass between steps. ACCJC is in complete control of the timeline.”

The district is forming a Bond Oversight Committee to monitor the use of \$100 million in funds from Measure CC passed in 2002. An updated report on the use of the bond money and other funds provided by the state will be issued in two weeks.

Curry said that current enrollment at the Compton Center is more than 12,000 students. After accreditation was revoked 2006, enrollment dropped to a low of just over 1,000.

“There is a new energy at Compton Center,” he said. “It’s obvious to anyone who spends any time on the campus. Students are enthusiastic and the atmosphere is charged and revitalized. We’ve been through some rough times, but we’ve turned the corner. The future is bright.”

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## California Community Colleges chancellor stepping down

LA Times

Jack Scott, 78, will retire as of Sept. 1. 'I figure 58 years of work is enough,' he says. The search for a successor will begin immediately.

By Larry Gordon, Los Angeles Times

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Jack Scott, a veteran and popular educator who has headed the state's community college system during a period of brutal budget cuts and was often a voice decrying the impact on students, announced Tuesday that he will retire as chancellor overseeing the 112 campuses.

Scott, 78, became chancellor of the nation's largest community college system in January 2009 after a long career as a state legislator and college campus leader, giving him rare insights into both politics and academia. A Democrat, he served in the Legislature for 12 years until 2000, as an assemblyman and senator from the Pasadena area, and previously was president of Pasadena City College and Cypress College.

In an interview Tuesday, Scott said the last few years of budget battles in Sacramento had not been easy but he emphasized that he was not retiring because of discouragement with the funding of higher education in California.

"I figure 58 years of work is enough," he said. "I'd prefer a less demanding life."

After he steps down Sept. 1, he said, he will write, do some part-time education consulting and cope with another challenge: rebuilding his Altadena home, which was destroyed in a Christmas Day electrical fire.

A grandfatherly figure who charms audiences with witticisms, Scott has been an important advocate in the recent effort to make it easier for students to transfer from the two-year schools to four-year universities. Parts of this and other reforms are awaiting review by the Legislature and face some opposition because they would ration classes and give priority to students who have such concrete goals as a degree, vocational certificate or transfer.

"Aerobics classes have a good purpose, but I don't think they are quite as urgent as educating the high school student who wants to transfer to a four-year university or the vocational student who wants to train for a career in nursing or auto repair," said Scott, a historian with a doctorate from Claremont Graduate University.

During his three years at the community college headquarters, state revenue for the system dropped about 13%, course offerings declined about 10% and overall enrollment fell from 2.8 million to 2.6 million, Scott said. Meanwhile student fees rose from \$26 to \$36 per unit and will go to \$46 in the summer.

Scott, whose annual salary is \$198,500, frequently has denounced what he described as the "disinvestment" in public colleges and universities.

"I hope in the future that California realizes how important higher education is to the economy of the state and the well-being of the state," he said.

In the Legislature, Scott was the author of numerous laws that benefited community colleges.

Scott Himelstein, president of the community colleges Board of Governors, praised the chancellor and said his leadership "will be evident in the success of our colleges for generations to come." Officials said the search for a successor to Scott will start right away in hopes of naming one in the summer.

Carl Friedlander, a statewide leader of the California Federation of Teachers' community college union, said Scott provided stature and principles during a difficult period.

"He's not a miracle worker, but he's been effective in his advocacy," Friedlander said. "He brought such knowledge of the community college budgets and the whole state budget to the position."

Scott used the budget crisis to his advantage in pushing for the recent reforms, according to Nancy Shulock, executive director of the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy at Cal State Sacramento. "If there was one silver lining to the cuts, it's that he got some things done that might not have gotten done when times were not tough," she said.

Scott convinced people "that things have to change," she said.

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Good afternoon. Today I attended the 13 annual general assembly South Bay Cities Council of Governments hosted at Carson Community Center. The theme was disaster preparedness, safety and security. I had occasion to meet the Mayor of Carson, Jim Dear, who commented that he was happy to see that El Camino has oversight of Compton Center and he personally felt that the Compton Center was safer due to El Camino College Police merger. He was delighted that I attended the meeting. I also met Assemblyman Steve Bradford who asked for a photo op with me. I also met a councilman from PV. There were other South Bay officials present who commented that they were happy to see El Camino College represented.

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