



## EL CAMINO COLLEGE

Office of the Vice President – Academic Affairs

### NOTES – Council of Deans November 18, 2021

Present: J. Anaya, J. Aramburo, M. Arthur, T. Bailey, J. Baumunk, D. Breckheimer, W. Cox, C. Dao, A. Devera (for A. Moutra), R. Dreizler, A. Estrada, C. Gold, D. Gonzales, A. Grant, G. Greco, J. Gutierrez, A. Hernandez, J. Hu, J. Joy, L. Justice, S. Kunisaki, S. Kushigemachi, M. Lemons, C. Martin, K. Martinez, D. McClelland, J. Miera, R. Miyashiro, A. O'Brien, D. Patel, B. Price, V. Rapp, R. Serr, J. Sims, K. Sundara, G. Toya, V. Unda, G. Valle, I. Zugic

Guests: J. Baranski, E. Brenes, K. Campos, R. Dietz, D. Graham, R. Wright

#### 1. INFORMATION

Notes of October 21, 2021 - Approved as written.

#### 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION

##### A. Equity-Minded Teaching Institute:

Erica Brenes, English professor and member of the Equity-Minded Teaching Institute (EMTI), gave a brief overview of the Institute. She emphasized that the objective of EMTI is to offer extra teaching support during the winter for faculty who are interested in learning how to teach equitably in the classroom. She noted populations that are supported during the winter session are instructors teaching gatekeeper courses who historically show equitable student outcomes; faculty who know about equity but want to become leaders; and faculty who want better outcomes but are struggling to acquire that information. It was noted that funds from Guided Pathways are used to pay for the training and participants who complete the program will receive a \$500 stipend. The application deadline to apply for winter is November 19. The link to apply: [https://elcamino.formstack.com/forms/ecc\\_equity\\_minded\\_teaching\\_institute\\_application](https://elcamino.formstack.com/forms/ecc_equity_minded_teaching_institute_application).

##### B. WBTW COVID Testing Procedures:

J. Sims welcomed Rob Wright from World Back to Work, who was invited to the meeting to answer questions and summarize the entry screening and testing process on campus. R. Wright explained that unvaccinated individuals coming to campus are required to go through the same entry screening process of answering the questionnaire and temperature check; however, they must be tested once a week. Testing consists of pool testing and rapid testing. He noted there are two types of pool testing which are both done on campus. The first type of pool testing is anonymous, without reflex, and includes 25 samples tested together. This test is conducted at the entry screening stations on campus. If a positive result comes back among the 25 samples, all 25 individuals in that pool are marked as "pending positive" and their access to campus is restricted until the individual goes to the MBBM for a rapid test. The second type of pool testing is with reflex and is used for student athletes, as they do not have time to wait to see who is positive due to practice, close contact, and competition schedules.

Individual swabs are taken and tested in the lab in groups of 10. If a positive result comes back in the group of 10, then each individual swab is retested to determine the affected individual. Any individual can go to MBBM to be rapid tested, free of charge, with results in approximately one hour. Individuals who fail entry screening (fever or symptomatic) can leave or go to MBBM to get a rapid test to get cleared. After January 4, individuals will still need to check-in at the entry screening station, have their temperature checked and show their blue pass; however, no pool testing will be done at the stations. Individuals granted an exemption will check in at MBBM and will have to test 2x per week. R. Wright opened up a Q&A session.

Q&A:

Q: Can members get a written summary of the entry screening and testing process on campus?

A: R. Wright will create a summary for distribution.

Q: Is the pool test as accurate as the rapid test?

A: R. Wright explained the difference between liquid and dry collection and noted that the difference in accuracy is negligible.

Q: What are the hours for rapid testing at MBBM?

A: Hours are 7a-4p; however, samples are not tested until after 8:00a. Hours may change for winter and spring to accommodate more individuals coming to campus.

Q: Some Johnson & Johnson (single dose) vaccinated individuals are being rejected after uploading their proof of vaccination.

A: After receiving the single dose J&J vaccine, individuals must wait the 14-day waiting period before receiving the blue pass.

Q: When your team reviews the photo of the vaccination card, do they compare the information in that card with a database to make sure it is legit?

A: There does not exist a database to verify the vaccination cards. Cards that look fake or doctored will be rejected.

Anyone with questions or issues, email R. Wright at [ecc@worldbacktowork.com](mailto:ecc@worldbacktowork.com). It was suggested to invite R. Wright (WBTW) to speak to other groups on campus and/or hold a campus wide forum.

C. AFT Update: J. Baranski provided an update:

The Board approved the tentative agreement to recover the COLA from 2020. Effective December 1, all employees can expect a 7.2% increase. It was recommended to check your paystub to verify you received the increase. It was noted that the increase will be reflected in your second paystub in December. The Federation is preparing for contract negotiations and will be sending out a survey to all faculty to identify what needs to be prioritized and identifying what areas of the contract need clarification. Any questions, email J. Baranski at [jbaranski@elcamino.edu](mailto:jbaranski@elcamino.edu).

- D. ECCE Update: R. Dietz provided an update:  
ECCE will begin looking at contract negotiations for 2023. Any questions, email R. Dietz at [rdietz@elcamino.edu](mailto:rdietz@elcamino.edu) or [eccelocal6142@gmail.com](mailto:eccelocal6142@gmail.com).
- E. Facilities Update: J. Gutierrez provided an update:  
J. Gutierrez introduced Khloe Campos, the new bond project manager. He displayed onscreen a presentation on the Facilities Bond Program and gave an overview of the building projects, which included renderings of the new and future buildings. A question was asked regarding the status on the HVAC air upgrade. J. Gutierrez responded that the project is moving along and will be completed during the evening hours as soon as possible. He will provide a list of the ten buildings slated for the HVAC upgrade. A copy of the presentation will be sent to members following the meeting.
- F. PBC Report: No report.
- G. ASO Report: Audrie Devera, ASO Director of Student Services, provided an update:  
ASO will be having a Senate meeting on 11/18 from 1-2p. This week, senators are having their office hours for the first time on Discord, accessible through the ECC Student Life Discord server. ASO is testing this option to see if they would like to fully incorporate Discord senator office hours, in addition to office hours being held on Zoom. ASO hopes with the amount of student activity already present in Discord, that this will make more students aware of senator office hours.  
  
ASO accepts applications on a rolling basis throughout the entire academic year. Open Senator positions are currently available in Mathematics, Fine Arts, Business, and Industry and technology.  
  
On 11/18, ICC will be having their 5th Trivia Thursday from 6-7p on Zoom. Please invite students to come and play with a chance to win music speakers.  
The Zoom ID is: 943 9492 4582  
  
The Warrior Pantry will be open on 11/18 and 11/23 but closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. On 11/18, the Pantry will be picking up over 200 boxes of food donated from South High from 2:30-4:00p. If anyone is available to help load boxes, please reach out to Kim Cameron or G. Toya as soon as possible.
- H. Academic Senate Report: D. McClelland provided an update:  
11/16 Meeting: Senate approved the resolution recognizing the traditional homeland of the Gabrielino-Tongva people and El Camino College; a first reading took place on a proposed Land Acknowledgement Syllabus Statement; Senate approved the proposed changes to the Faculty FLEX FAQs; reading on the proposed equity revisions on BP/APs; Presentations on Early College and online degrees; and a first reading of the 2021-22 Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption Assessment. D. McClelland reported an issue regarding Student Services using grades in Canvas to advise students when to drop a course. R. Miyashiro responded that he will meet with her and D. Patel to discuss and resolve the issue. The last Senate meeting for the calendar year will take place on 12/7; the Outstanding Part Time Faculty Award will be presented to Sarah Leinen at 1:30p.

- I. Guided Pathways Update: T. Bailey provided an update:  
Faculty that are interested in teaching as part of a cohort should submit the request with their application. The Equity Impact Toolkit will be featured on Professional Development Day, as well as at the Winter Summit on 2/9. The Success Teams are working on revisions to the program pathway maps, which are expected to be completed in early spring. Guided Pathways is moving forward with the identification of gateway/key courses that show a disparity among disproportionately impacted students so that supports can be adopted and implemented. Meeting on 12/3 at 10a with faculty and counselors to discuss protocols for using ECC Connect.
- J. Facilities Master Plan Update:  
D. Graham provided a third update to the Facilities Master Plan. A copy of the updated plan was emailed with the agenda packet.
- K. TUSD Early College:  
I. Zugic shared onscreen a presentation regarding the Early College Program, which was presented to Academic Senate on 11/16. The program is a partnership between ECC and TUSD (Torrance Unified School District) and provides students the opportunity to earn an associate degree or up to two years of college credit during high school at no cost. The goal of Early College is to provide support and access to disadvantaged and underrepresented TUSD students, enabling them to concurrently complete high school and college course work. The benefits are that Early College students are significantly more likely to enroll in college and earn a college degree. Students will be enrolled in North High School and ECC for four years (9-12 grade) and will complete high school graduation requirements along with ECC GE courses from the IGETC curriculum. This plan is designed primarily for students who intend to transfer to a UC or who are undecided between UC or CSU. Tuition, fees, textbooks, and transportation will all be covered by TUSD. TUSD will start recruiting 30-35 students to begin the pilot program starting in fall 2022. A copy of the presentation was included with the agenda packet.

### 3. OTHER

#### Announcements:

- A. M. Lemons: Reminder to check ECC website for missing information due to the transition from the old to the new website. Contact M. Lemons if you need help.
- B. C. Martin: Encouraged faculty and staff to submit proposals for Spring PD Day. Some activities will take place on campus: Pancake breakfast, lunch and tenure reception.
- C. K. Martinez: Announced that the links for students who are seeking a medical or religious exemption from the vaccines are now live:  
[https://elcamino.formstack.com/workflows/covid\\_medical\\_exemption\\_request](https://elcamino.formstack.com/workflows/covid_medical_exemption_request)  
[https://elcamino.formstack.com/workflows/religious\\_exemption\\_request](https://elcamino.formstack.com/workflows/religious_exemption_request)  
More information can also be found at: <https://www.elcamino.edu/warriorstrong/vaccine-requirement.aspx>

### 4. NEXT MEETING - Council of Deans – December 2, 2021; 10:00-11:30 a.m.; ZOOM