

El Camino College Compton Center

News From the Provost/CEO
Dr. Doris P. Givens

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The best thing for being sad," replied Merlyn..."is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails."
- T. H. White, *The Once and Future King*

My days as Provost at the El Camino College Compton Center have been filled with meetings. There have been scheduled and unscheduled meetings with faculty, staff, students, organized and unorganized groups, the State Chancellor, the Chair of the Accrediting Commission, committees at the Center and at El Camino College, the Special Trustee, the Board, administrators, attorneys, elected officials, community folks, and many others who have stopped by to drop something off, say hello or lodge a complaint. Prior to my first day, I could not have imagined how busy this assignment would keep me. After two months, I am finally beginning to settle into a routine and my once chaotic calendar is becoming manageable. And, thanks to my assistant, the standing weekly, bi-weekly and monthly meetings have miraculously appeared on my Outlook calendar...along with, "walk around campus." See you around!

This newsletter will be published every two weeks throughout the Academic year. It is intended to keep our campus community informed about the activities and events occurring across campus. I encourage you to post these letters in your offices and classrooms to share with students and other individuals interested in activities and happenings at the El Camino College Compton Center. All Friday Letters will be posted under "Current News" on the official campus Web site at www.compton.edu.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2006 in the Board Room.

All regularly scheduled board meetings will begin at 12:00 noon for anyone wishing to address the Board on Closed Session agenda items. The Open Session will resume at 4 p.m.

Look for this and all future board meeting agendas on the Compton Center Web site.

New Addition to Compton Family

Mr. John Ayala, MLS, MPA, is the new Interim Director of the Library and Learning Resource Center. Please join me in welcoming him and Dr. Mary Callahan. Both of are experienced community college administrators. Dr. Callahan will join Dr. Tom (T.J.) Jackson as the Interim Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Jackson will relocate his office in the Voc Tech Building and Dr. Callahan will be housed in Room C-32. Their duties will be shared as indicated in the Center's Organizational Chart. When you hear a different voice answering

the telephone in the Provost's Office, it will be Vanessa Hatcherson who is temporarily replacing Colleen Edwards.

Admissions and Records Updates

All issues related to Compton Community College District Admissions and Records (e.g. previous transcripts and other official records) are being handled in the Administration Building. For more information on the add period or official records, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, ext. 2023.

High School Outreach

Expanded outreach efforts to high school students in neighboring communities are available for high school counselors and administrators. Specialized programs, workshops and presentations include:

- 🕒 **Campus tours, program tours**
- 🕒 **Career Fairs and College Days**
- 🕒 **Concurrent Enrollment Workshops**
- 🕒 **Counselor/Outreach Get-togethers for Q&A**
- 🕒 **Financial Aid Workshops**
- 🕒 **Parent Night presentations**
- 🕒 **Special Resource Center** – for students with disabilities

Class Schedules Coming Soon!

Coming Soon: Web site and hard copies of the Winter and Spring class schedule.

FCMAT Comprehensive Assessment

Through November, there will be several groups of providers from the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) on our campus to conduct the comprehensive assessment mandated in AB 318. The following providers will be involved in the various areas:

ACCJC Standard I: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness

- FCMAT Standards in Community Relations: California School Board Association (lead: Ben Bartos)
- FCMAT Standards in Academic Achievement: California Curriculum Management System (lead: Bill Streshly)

ACCJC Standard II: Student Learning Programs and Services

- FCMAT Standards in Academic Achievement: California Curriculum Management System (lead: Bill Streshly)

ACCJC Standard III: Resources (Human, Physical, Technology, Financial)

- FCMAT Standards in Personnel Management: Ewing Consulting Services (lead: Bill Ewing)
- FCMAT Standards in Financial Management (including Technology): FCMAT (lead: Anthony Bridges)
- FCMAT Standards in Facilities Management: School Services of California (lead: Ron Bennett)

ACCJC Standards IV: Leadership and Governance

- FCMAT Standards in Community Relations: California School Boards Association (lead: Ben Bartos)

Compton Center Website Updates

The Compton Center Web site, www.compton.edu, is up and running. Updates and revisions are continuing. Web site visitors will be directed to the El Camino College Web site for appropriate services. During this period of updating and revising, you may be contacted to provide additional information for your department or program Web page.

Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S)

El Camino College Compton Center is committed to serving students with disabilities, and providing them with an equal educational opportunity. Students are encouraged to utilize our services for full access and integration into all aspects of college life. Students with disabilities may be eligible for any number of our support services.

If you know someone who may qualify for these services, or for more information on the DSP&S Program, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, ext. 2023.

CalWORKS Updates

Students are invited to monthly CalWORKS forums, scheduled for 1 p.m. on the 10th of each month in the Allied Health Auditorium. Topics cover important student information such as: job development, navigating the higher education system, "dress for success," and resume building, among others. Guest speakers are also featured. The next CalWORKS Student Forum is set for Nov. 10. For more information, please contact Ext. 2072.

Language/Writing Lab Hours

The Language/Writing Lab is open for all students from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. Tutors are available for ESL, English, Spanish and writing assignments.

Learning Resource Center Grand Opening

SAVE THE DATE! – Grand Opening of the new Learning Resource Center, Friday, January 12, 2007.

Textbook Information

Textbooks may be purchased with or without vouchers at Off Campus Textbooks, 675 University Drive, Carson, CA 90745. (310) 329-2788.

Athletic Events

Our Tartar football team had a huge win last Saturday against East Los Angeles City College. The final score was 41-7, bringing the team's overall record to 3-4. We have another football game at LA Southwest College this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Men's soccer tied on October 24 against Cerritos, with a score of 2-2. Our soccer team will take on Long Beach on Oct. 31 and Mt. San Antonio College at 3 p.m. on Oct 27 at our home field, so come cheer on our Tartars!

Coming Soon – Basketball! Watch for the first basketball game of the season November 9 against El Camino College at ECC. Go Tartars!

ASB Council News

Our ASB Council's next scheduled meeting is at 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 in the board room to discuss upcoming projects and events. Contact the ASB to get involved in a variety of campus activities. Ext. 2802 or 2805.

Homecoming is almost here and events leading up to the big game have already been planned. Contestants for the Homecoming Court will be involved in the "Personality Presentation" at noon Oct. 25 and then the "Talent Presentation" follows at noon Oct. 31. Both activities will be staged in the student lounge. Come on by and check out the festivities!

Important Dates for Fall from the Transfer Center

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 – Dominguez Hills Day (Onsite Admission)

April 2007 Black College Tour

Historically Black College campus tour – April 2007. Total tour cost: \$1,500. Initial \$500 deposit due immediately. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment arrangements, fundraisers and sponsorships may be available. Please contact Mrs. Foster at hbcucollegetour2007@yahoo.com or 562-428-6768 after 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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