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El Camino College Compton Center Selected to Participate in BRIC Initiative to Boost Outcomes and Student Success

El Camino College Compton Center was recently chosen as one of fifteen California higher education institutions to receive technical assistance during the 2010-2011 academic year from the Bridging Information Research & Culture (BRIC) initiative's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). The selection process was highly competitive; nearly fifty institutions applied to participate in the program.

The primary goal is to improve student success by helping educational organizations use their own data, and enhanced analysis, as evidence for decision making, as well as a means to formulate strategies to address changing student needs.

Over the next year, a team of experienced researchers, faculty, and student services professionals will work with El Camino College Compton Center to identify strategies and opportunities for integrating data into practice, implement meaningful and rigorous collection of information, and increase collaboration between faculty, staff, researchers, and administrators in putting these findings to work for the betterment of El Camino College Compton Center.

The budget crisis and reduced funding for higher education in California has forced institutions to make hard decisions about where to invest their resources. This pressure is compounded by requests to increase the rate at which students transfer to four-year colleges, attain associate degrees, or achieve career-enhancing certificates. One way that they can meet this challenge is to strengthen their ability to gather and analyze information about what works and what doesn't, and to use this analysis as the basis for planning at the classroom, program, and institution level. The BRIC initiative will provide support to strengthen their capacities to collaboratively analyze and act on information, most notably by providing tailored coaching to the fifteen participating educational organizations.

BRIC is a project of the RP Group—a nonprofit that provides leadership in research, planning, and assessment in the California Community College System—and is funded by the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation. For more information, visit www.rpgroup.org/projects/BRIC.html.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.