

**Provost/CEO Recommendations to
Address concerns for Homeless El Camino College
Compton Center Students**

Background: Over the past couple of months, homelessness has been the subject of many conversations nationally, in California, and locally. According to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, there were 115,738 homeless individuals in California in 2015, which is the most of any state in the nation. Furthermore, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, the County of Los Angeles estimated 46,874 homeless individuals on any given night, up nearly 6 percent from last year. On June 21, 2016 several El Camino College Compton Center students visited me during my Tuesday, 2:00 p.m. office hours. During the office hours several of the Compton Center Homeless students shared stories about their experience at the Compton Center and asked the administration for help. They wanted to know what the Compton Center/District plan was for providing assistance and resources to help this growing population. On Tuesday, July 5, 2016, I convened a larger meeting which included the Dean of Student Success, staff from the Student Success Division, and the Associated Student Body leadership to discuss the needs of El Camino College Compton Center Homeless Students. During this meeting, I informed the participants this is an issue of concern for me and the institution; we need to develop a plan to address Homeless Students for the future.

Provost/CEO Recommendations: I am recommending the Compton Center/District implement a Homeless Student Initiative to address concerns with Homeless students at the El Camino College Compton Center. The Homeless Student Initiative will address the following:

1. Working with the Student Success Committee, establish a Homeless Student Task Force to proposed recommendations regarding assistance we could provide for Homeless Students for the future. The Homeless Student Task Force will be co-chaired by an El Camino College Compton Center administrator, faculty, and a student. Lead: Keith Curry and Chelvi Subramaniam. Timeline: Provide proposed recommendations to Provost/CEO by December 1, 2016.
2. Support El Camino College Compton Center students who need to utilize the on-campus shower facilities. By the beginning of the fall semester purchase towels and locks for student lockers in the Men's and Women's locker rooms. In addition, hire 4 student workers to work in the Men's (2- Positions) and Women's (2- Positions) locker rooms. These student workers will assist the district with providing support to students who utilize the shower facilities. The showers will be available every morning at 7:30 a.m. Lead: Junior Domingo, Elizabeth Martinez, and Linda Owens. Timeline: Complete by August 26, 2016.

3. Discuss ways to provide support for Homeless Students with the current cafeteria provider and explore options in the new Request for Proposals (RFP) for the cafeteria to provide long-term support for the Homeless Students: Lead: Felipe Lopez, Junior Domingo, and Joshua Jackson (ASB President). Timeline: Complete by September 6, 2016.
4. Develop resources in the Student Development Office for Homeless Students who are looking for meals and temporary housing. Lead: Junior Domingo, Elizabeth Martinez, Christine Aldrich, and Patricia Bonacic. Complete by September 30, 2016.
5. Develop an outreach flyer to inform El Camino College Compton Center Homeless Students Initiative and invite them to visit the Student Development Office for more information. Lead: Junior Domingo, Joyce Duren, Elizabeth Martinez. Timeline: Completed by August 26, 2016.
6. Working with the Foundation for Compton Community College District begin soliciting donations from community members and local business to support the El Camino College Compton Center Homeless Student Initiative. Lead: Keith Curry. Timeline: Ongoing.

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