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Campus Community,

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday break. This summer seems to be flying by, but I'm optimistic that the pace will ease up in the coming weeks. It's hard to believe we're just six weeks away from the start of the fall 2024 semester!

We are completing the last of the full-time faculty hires for fall 2024 and a couple of interim administrative assignments, including the dean of student learning, dean of counseling and guided pathways, and director of educational partnerships. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the multiple hiring processes. We truly appreciate your flexibility and support.

I am extremely encouraged by the fall 2024 enrollment numbers this week. We will be participating in several outreach and recruitment events. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – July 3, 2024](#), we have a five-year report to the community that is being mailed to all residents. In the coming weeks, we will also be mailing the fall registration reminder postcard to all residents. If you know of any community events that are an opportunity for tabling this summer or fall, please forward the information to Darlene Zarazu, Coordinator, Outreach and College Promise, at dzarazu@compton.edu.

Last week, Governor Gavin Newsom signed the [Budget Act of 2024](#). In total, the 2024-2025 budget reflects state expenditures of approximately \$298 billion, a 4.2% decrease from the 2023-24 enacted budget. The 2024-2025 state budget plan addresses a projected \$45 billion revenue shortfall by building on the \$17 billion 'early action' budget-balancing measures to close the remaining \$28 billion projected budget shortfall.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has prepared the [2024-2025 Joint Analysis of the Enacted Budget](#) in partnership with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California. This detailed and comprehensive tool serves as a common factual resource to aid in further analysis and implementation. For additional budget updates and resources, visit the [California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Budget News Page](#). Over the next couple of weeks, we will review and make adjustments as we prepare the 2024-2025 Compton Community College District Final Budget that will be presented to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their *Tuesday, September 10, 2024*, Board meeting.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an accreditation update, a preview of the new Administrative Regulation 6331– Purchasing Meals, Refreshments and Incidental Business Expenses, a reminder about the July 16, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting, and more.

Summer and Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *today, July 11, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,000 FTES for the **Fall 2024** semester. The fill rate is currently 39%, and the seats filled are 6,566.

Our enrollment numbers for the fall semester are looking promising. Please encourage current students to register and take advantage of the large selection of classes (and before the first round of classes is cut due to low enrollment on *August 21, 2024*).

Fall 2024 Peak Registration Training

Join Admissions & Records on *Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m.* for the Fall 2024 Peak Registration Training that will provide information on how everyone can help students navigate the Steps to Enrollment, including:

- Navigating the *MyCompton* student portal
- Troubleshooting tips
- Accessing student e-mail account
- Search and add/drop and waitlist classes
- Pay fees and access financial aid information
- View educational plan, grades, and unofficial transcripts

[Register in advance](#) for the training. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information to join the virtual training session.

Administrative Regulation 6331 – Purchasing Meals, Refreshments, and Incidental Business Expenses

The [Administrative Regulation 6331– Purchasing Meals, Refreshments and Incidental Business Expenses](#) is on the **July 16, 2024**, Board of Trustees agenda for a first read. Because the purchase of food and refreshments can be viewed as a gift of public funds, the Compton Community College District must be prudent in its management and oversight of this area of spending. Therefore, Administrative Regulation 6331 outlines how the use of District funds can and cannot be used to purchase food and refreshments at District functions.

Compton 2035 Virtual Focus Groups Scheduled for Next Week

Compton College is continuing efforts to develop our next comprehensive master plan, *Compton 2035*. Next week we will hold several online focus groups and listening sessions for faculty, classified professionals, and students. These one-hour sessions are an opportunity to share thoughts, concerns, and aspirations for our college and learn more about where we are in the planning process. All interested in attending are encouraged to check their college email for calendar invites from the Compton 2035 Planning Team.

Accreditation Update

As previously announced, at their meeting on June 5-6, 2024, [the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges \(ACCJC\) acted to reaffirm Compton College’s accreditation](#) for seven years, receiving two commendations and no recommendations. While there are no formal recommendations, Compton College identified improvement plans and a Quality Focused Essay (QFE) in the [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report \(ISER\)](#) submitted in July 2023. Additionally, in analyzing the [Peer Review Team Report \(PRTR\)](#), the Team made statements to support improvement plans and QFE from the ISER and to recommend steps the College can take to improve. A chart has been created to track the Actionable Items and provide regular status updates on completing these actions. Click [here](#) to view the list of actionable items and their status.

2024-2025 California State Budget: Learning-Aligned Employment Program

The California Student Aid Commission recently sent out a notification about the Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP). Based on the [2024-2025 State of California Budget](#), LAEP will not be continued. Although the program did not last as long as we had expected, thousands of students across the state were able to gain invaluable experience that would help them succeed in their career goals. While the cancellation of LAEP is very unfortunate, we remain committed to finding new and innovative ways to support our student's professional growth and financial needs. The Compton College Financial Aid Office is exploring alternative programs and funding opportunities to ensure that our students continue to receive the support they need to thrive both academically and professionally.

Compton CCD Board of Trustees Meeting

The **July 16, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

The President/CEO Cabinet reviewed the Teaching and Learning Professional Development Proposals for 2024-2025, and I have approved the two proposals listed below with modifications. Vice President Dr. Sheri Berger will provide information to the leads regarding the approved proposals and notify the project leads of proposals that have not yet been approved. Once the additional information and questions have been answered, those remaining projects will be reviewed.

	Project	Project Lead	Approved
1.	Math Community of Practice	Gayathri Manikandan	\$13,876
2.	Math Deconstruction	Katherine Marsh and Jose Villalobos	\$3,813

Final Thoughts

We have been monitoring the rising cost of construction and carefully tracking our project budgets. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – December 15, 2023](#), and the [President/CEO Message – May 24, 2024](#), we have been exploring the option of placing a \$150 million facilities bond on the **November 5, 2024** General Election Ballot to support new and renovation facilities projects. On **June 18, 2024**, the Board of Trustees received a presentation on the proposed facilities projects, and the presentation is available [here](#). On **Tuesday, July 16, 2024**, I will recommend the Compton CCD Board of Trustees approve a \$200 million facilities bond measure on the **November 5, 2024** General Election Ballot.

As a reminder, I am already planning my fall 2024 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – August 15, 2024. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**.

Please have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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