

**Provost/CEO Recommendations to
Address concerns declining Compton Center FTES
For the 2016-2017 year**

Background: Over the past couple of years' enrollment at the ECC Compton Center has been declining. For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the Compton Center is projecting funding for 6,060 Full-time Equivalent Students (FTES), which includes borrowing 787 FTES from summer 2017. Due to declining enrollment, the Compton Center entered stabilization funding in the 2014-2015 year. Stabilization is covered in Senate Bill (SB) 361, the legislation that provided for equalization of funding among community colleges. Under SB 361, the application of stability allows for a "hold harmless" in the initial year of decline in FTES.

Existing law provided a year of stabilization funding during which the Compton Center receives at least the same funding for enrollment from the previous year. In 2014-2015, the Compton Center received stability funding at the 2013-2014 FTES level of 6060 FTES. There was no drop in apportionment revenues associated with FTES reduction for that year.

In the subsequent three years following stabilization (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 years), the Compton Center is eligible for FTES restoration. Restoration allows the Compton Center to restore FTES and potentially earn any reductions in apportionments during the three years following the initial year of decline (Education Code Section 84750.5). Restoration of revenue between the year of decline and the year of restoration will be made at the Compton Center marginal growth-funding rate. The marginal funding rates per FTES are revised annually based on Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA). The Compton Center is in year two of FTES restoration and our last year of eligibility for FTES restoration is the 2017-2018 year.

Provost/CEO Recommendations: I am recommending the Compton Center/District implement the following to address concerns with declining enrollment at the El Camino College Compton Center:

1. Continue to implement and evaluate the activities outlined in the 2015-2018 Compton Center Enrollment Management Plan. Lead: Elizabeth Martinez and Barbara Perez. Timeline: Ongoing.
2. If the Compton Center is unable to achieve the 6,060 FTES during the 2016-2017 year which includes borrowing 787 FTES from summer 2017, the Compton Center will not borrow the summer 2017 FTES and would transfer the summer 2017 FTES into the 2017-2018 year. This would result in a projected loss of revenue of approximately \$4 million dollars for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Lead: Keith Curry, Barbara Perez, and Steve Haigler. Timeline: June 30, 2017.

3. The Compton District will revise Board Policy 6250 - Budget Management and Administrative Regulations – 6251 Budget Management to include direction regarding FTES planning (i.e., transferring and borrowing of FTES).

Supported by the Enrollment Management Committee on January 31, 2017