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Please note two edits in BUDGET and FACILITIES sections below...

Dear Colleagues,

We are about to launch the 50th fall semester in the history of Cuesta College. Beginning with a small evening program in September 1964 serving 463 students, we are now providing programs and services to over 9,000 students throughout the district. We have enjoyed a rich history overcoming many challenges and experiencing many successes. I do not believe, however, that there has been any greater challenge facing this college than what we have endured over the last four years. I am extremely proud of the collective resolve of the faculty, staff, administration, and students whose refusal to let Cuesta College fail sets a standard for all colleges throughout California. I want to thank you all for your commitment to excellence on behalf of our students.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to recap some of what has transpired over the summer and what is facing us this fall. Here are the highlights:

BUDGET

- The Board of Trustees approved the tentative budget in June.
- The Board will take action of the Final budget for 2013-2014 at its September 4 meeting.
- We did not meet the enrollment cap for ~~2013-2014~~ 2012-2013 so we will not be eligible for any of the available restoration funding.
- Additional funding will be received for categorical programs: Student Success (formerly Matriculation) and DSPS.
- I will be proposing to the Planning and Budget Committee that we include in the 2014-2015 budget funding for 10 to 15 new full-time faculty positions.

FACILITIES

- The Board of Trustees is in the process of determining whether to pursue a General Obligation Bond for November 2014.
- A North County Campus facilities needs assessment was authorized in June by the Board to be conducted this fall.
- The Board will be awarding a contract for a pre-bond consultant in September to study and determine the likelihood that a bond could be passed in our district in November. The Board will need to decide by May.
- Plans to conduct a South County needs assessment update are underway as well.
- Building 6900 (Veteran's Center and Part-time faculty offices) has been determined to be unable to be repaired (excessive water damage) and will be removed from campus this fall. The Veterans' Center is in the process of being relocated to the Student Services admin area. Faculty offices will be relocated to various permanent buildings in September.
- The EOPS Office and Transfer Center have exchanged locations late this summer.
- The ESL Office has move around the corner next to the new location of EOPS.
- All South County Center classes will be housed in the single facility – 900 Wing of Arroyo Grande High School.

ACCREDITATION

- The draft of the Follow-up report will be posted on the college accreditation website shortly. It is due to be delivered to ACCJC by October 15, 2013.
- I have given ACCJC the following dates for our follow-up team visit: October 28-29, Nov 4-8, and Nov 12-15. It will most likely be a 2-day visit.
- Work continues on the development of the 2014 comprehensive self-study. The draft needs to be completed by the end of the fall semester so the vetting process can occur in the spring. The report is due to ACCJC by June 15, 2014. Thanks to all of you who are working on the various standards, sub-standards, planning agendas, policies, and past recommendations. More volunteers are needed, so please consider contacting Academic Affairs and see where you can be of service.
- Despite what is happening relative to City College of San Francisco, we must remain focused on our work to be compliant, and not get distracted.
- A new version of “Cougar Notes” was distributed at Opening Day. If you did not receive a copy, contact Academic Affairs. It will also be posted on the accreditation website.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

- The progress report for 2012-2013 of the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan has been completed and will be posted on the accreditation website shortly.
- Implementation of the second year of the strategic plan will occur according to the timeline and action steps outlined in the strategic plan.
- In accordance with the Integrated Planning Manual, the development of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan will take place this fall semester. There will be opportunities for many of you to participate in the review of the current Institutional Objectives and Action Steps and the consideration of other initiatives that need to be identified base of current data.
- The “*Participatory Governance: Decision-Making and Committee Handbook*” has been completed and is now posted on the accreditation website. Click on the “Governance” tab.

INTEGRATED PLANNING

- As part of the integrated planning process, we performed an assessment of our planning processes. The result of that process was a list of recommendations made from my office, following consultation with the Academic Senate President, and are included in the “Cougar Notes.” I have also ***attached a copy to this document.*** These will become initiatives for some committees and specific offices to implement during 2013-2014.

OPENING DAY

- Thanks for your attendance at Opening Day. It was a packed agenda, but full of acknowledgements, recognitions, awards, and professional development.
- I will be posting my “Vision statement” on the President’s website for future reference and as a reminder of what we aspire to be as a college.
- I would also like to again congratulate those employees reaching longevity milestones, and those employees who were honored by their peers (see below):
Academic Employee of the year – **Petra Clayton** (German Instructor)
Classified Employee of the year – **Dina Baca-Ebeling** (Foundation)
Management Senate Employee of the year – **Cande Munoz** (Director of Counseling Services)
Teaching Excellence Award – **Don Norton** (Human Development Instructor and Chair of the Human Development/Business Education Division)
- It was also my pleasure to name **Allison Merzon** as the recipient of the Dr. Marie Rosenwasser Leadership Award.
- The program was recorded and will be placed on the college website in case you missed the program or you would like to review it again.

Thank you all for the work you do, the service you provide, and the willingness to help students realize their educational dream.

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