

Chancellor's Chat

May 13, 2014

Chancellor's contract extended four years

I am happy to report that the Board of Trustees voted to extend the Chancellor's contract for an additional four year term from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2018. This stability is important for our district as we move forward with the important work that we do.

I look forward to leading our great community college district into the future and speaking to you on fall opening day.

Welcome John Grow as District Director of Facilities Planning and Construction

John C. Grow, the new Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, brings an extensive, relevant, local background to his appointment. He was the principal of John C. Grow Project and Design Management Services in Upland for almost four years, after serving as Director of Construction Services with RC Construction Services in Rialto for three years and Director of Facilities and Construction with Chino Valley Unified School District for three years. He has also served as Project Architect with HMC Group in Ontario and Berry Construction in Upland, and has been involved in construction projects at high schools, colleges and universities, primarily throughout the Inland Empire. He has earned LEED Accreditation and served as President of the Inland California Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture (AIA), among other honors. A resident of Upland, John holds a B.S. in architecture from Cal Poly Pomona. His predecessor, Scott Stark, is now Vice President for Administrative Services at San Bernardino Valley College.

Governor releases May Revised budget with decreased funding for "access" and "COLA"

The Governor released his May Budget Revision this morning. Based on the quick analysis of the State Chancellor's Office staff, I wanted to provide you with the following update.

While the Governor acknowledged that there was strong revenue growth in the 13-14 fiscal year, he does not see the current year increase carrying over into the 14-15 fiscal year.

Further, the upward movement of the Proposition 98 guarantee for education in the 13-14 year, when combined with a modest revenue increase in the 14-15 projection actually *decreases* the minimum guarantee in the budget year relative to the January estimate.

Despite the decrease in the 14-15 guarantee, the Governor's proposal does provide pockets of increased programmatic support by shifting some of the buy down of deferrals from the budget year to the current year.

Some of the key highlights are as follows:

- \$50M is added to the Economic and Workforce Development Program (EWD) on a one-time basis "to improve student success in career technical education." The funds are intended to develop, enhance, and expand CTE programs that build upon existing regional capacity to better meet regional market demands.
- \$42.4M is added to offset decreases in local property tax and fee revenue estimates for the 14-15 year.
- \$6M for increased technology infrastructure (\$1.4M one-time, \$4.6M ongoing) to upgrade bandwidth and replace technology equipment at local campuses

This is the part that hurts us:

Adjustments to Access Funding and COLA

- A decrease of \$14.8M to reflect a change from 3 percent to 2.75 percent in funds for new access for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Additionally, the Governor will push back the implementation of a revised growth formula until the 2015-16 fiscal year.
- A decrease of \$1.2M to reflect a drop in the COLA from 0.86 percent to 0.85 percent

Adjustment to the January maintenance and instructional equipment proposal -

- A decrease from \$175M to \$148M
- All funds will go toward deferred maintenance in the revised proposal, rather than a 50/50 split with instructional equipment.
- A local match will *not* be required in 2014-15.

- A decrease of \$1.5M for Proposition 39 projects/workforce development, due to reduced revenues attributable to the California Clean Energy Jobs Act

The May Revise will also propose increasing the funding rate for Career Development and College Preparation courses to the rate for credit courses *commencing with the 2015-16 year*.

- Deferral pay down adjustments -
- A decrease of \$55.5M in the prior year
- An increase of \$133.6M in the current year
- A decrease of \$78.1M in the budget year

While there are adjustment of payments among the three fiscal years, the net result is still a complete pay down of system deferrals as of the 14-15 fiscal year.

The Governor will emphasize the need for fiscal restraint in spite of the many calls for greater spending and restoration of general fund programs that were negatively impacted during the Great Recession.

To this end, the Governor will be pushing passage within the Legislature of a ballot initiative to be placed before voters this fall that will modify a proposed Rainy Day Fund that will smooth out the state's boom and bust budget cycles (fueled primarily by capital gains returns) and require the state to pay down liabilities. Further, it is anticipated that the Governor will work on a solution regarding CalSTRS obligations, though it is not clear at this time what he will propose.

Next steps will include a response by the Legislative Analyst's Office, review by the budget committees of each house, and a legislative conference committee to iron out differences between the two houses. It is expected that the budget will be approved and signed by the Governor prior to July 1, 2014.

Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Services recruitment yields no candidate

I am disappointed to report that no finalists are being interviewed for the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Services position. I have asked the Human Resources department to go back out immediately for a new recruitment. We will increase the salary by the 8.16% which is the compounded 4% + 4% approved by the Board at the last Board meeting for managers. We will increase our personal networking activities and try new recruitment vehicles with the hope of building a pool.

I will ask the screening committee to continue its work into the month of June and July so we can hopefully find a candidate.

Tim Oliver, the current Interim Vice Chancellor is set to return to retirement on June 30, 2014. That has not changed as of yet although we are talking about options to get up through this second recruitment process.

Update on AB86, Adult School Legislation

As you may know, SBCCD is the fiscal agent for the AB86 planning grant funds. This process will result in a regional analysis and plan for the role of the adult school in our communities and how we can build improved partnerships, transitions, and educational experiences.

We have moved the coordination of this project to SBVC Dean of Mathematics, Business and Technology, Henry Hua, and Emma Diaz, who was hired with grant funding to assist with coordination, scheduling, documentation and other duties.

We are known as the Inland Regional consortium and the members are:

- San Bernardino District Office
- San Bernardino Valley College
- Crafton Hills College
- Colton Joint USD
- Redlands USD
- Rialto USD
- San Bernardino City USD
- Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint USD

Invitations to be members were sent to Rim of the World USD and Bear Valley USD but neither have indicated their interest.

Our regional consortium plans are to:

1. Evaluate existing Adult Education programs.
2. Evaluate adult education needs.
3. Plan to integrate programs.
4. Plan to address gaps.
5. Plan to accelerate student progress.
6. Plan to collaborate on professional development activities.
7. Plan to leverage existing regional resources and structures.

AB 86 focuses on five program areas:

- Adult Basic Education (K-12, Basic Skills and GED)
- Classes for immigrants (citizenship, ESL, and workforce preparation)
- Short term technical education
- Programs for adults with disabilities
- Programs for apprenticeships

The first deadline is July 31, 2014. This requires a document outlining items 1, 2 and 4 from above. Dr. Hua is scheduling meetings with each superintendent in the consortium to initiate relationship building and to gather information.

I will continue to share information with you as the process move forward.

District partners on two TAACCCT grant applications; wins only regional Industry-Driven Collaborative Grant

Through the District's Economic Development and Corporate Training (EDCT) Division, we are partners on two major Trade Adjustment Assistance grants.

One is a Southern California effort that is seeking funding for healthcare initiatives led by Rio Hondo with more than ten other colleges including CHC and SBVC.

We are also partnering with Chaffey College to seek funding for Advanced Manufacturing under the same grant program.

These are very competitive grant programs and it will be a few months before we learn about the status of our applications. I will keep you posted.

EDCT has won a grant for almost \$300,000 to develop training opportunities, leading to employment in the area of advanced manufacturing. With partners, Chaffey and Barstow CCDs, the result in program alliance with industry certification under the National Center for Construction Education and Research curriculum guide. This will ensure that participants can receive nationally recognized, stackable and portable certificates.

SBVC a state leader in Associate Degrees for Transfer

As of April 23, 2014, SBVC is number five state-wide in the number of Associate Degrees for transfer approved by the state Chancellor's Office. With a target of 12 programs to be certified by fall 2014, SBVC already has 14 active programs with one additional in development. That is 117% of its target goal.

The programs approved and offered are Administration of Justice, Anthropology, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Early Childhood Education, English, Geology, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. Computer Science is in development.

Brief Notes

Board Study Session - May 29, 2014

We will have a study session on Thursday, May 29th to receive information about the Tentative Budget for 2014-2015. No action will be taken at this meeting.

SBVC Financial Aid Moves to Debit Cards

Commencing with Fall 2014, SBVC students will receive their financial aid funds on debit cards. There will no longer be checks sent to students. This will make the process of receiving and spending money much easier for the students.

Students have been asked to attend one of several information sessions to learn about this program.

SBCCD Wins GFOA Budget Award...Again!

For the third year in a row, SBCCD has been recognized by the Government Finance Officer's Association with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for our 2013-2014 budget book. We will have a formal presentation of our plaque at a future Board meeting.

SBCCD in the News

Recent stories can be found at:

[http://www.sbccd.org/District News and Events](http://www.sbccd.org/District%20News%20and%20Events)

- Chancellor's Column: Graduation -- A Time to Assess Academic Institutional Success
- Crafton Hills College Celebrates 80th Fire Academy Class Graduation
- Mystery Continues: Unidentified Remains Moved to Build SBVC in 1927
- Nanotechnology in San Bernardino
- Services Set for San Bernardino Leader Allen B. Gresham
- CHC President Cheryl Marshall will give program for AAUW Redlands Branch
- San Bernardino Community College District embraces nanotechnology
- San Bernardino Community College District Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- SBVC Alum, Former San Bernardino Police Chief, Water Commissioner B. Warren Cocke Dies
- SBVC Sports Roundup
- Special Advance Screening of The Retrieval at Valley College on May 1st
- Two Crafton Hills College students earn prestigious Summer Scholarships

My Vision

We will:

- be considered the "best" community college in the State.
- build a culture of trust with open and respectful communication.
- increase all partnerships with business and industry, other academic institutions, non-profit agencies so that we can be stronger through combining resources and working together.
- improve student success as measured by the State Chancellor's Office and any additional indicators that we determine are appropriate.
- increase our resource development and bring new grants and fundraising dollars to the colleges.
- continue to develop and implement new academic programs that meet the needs of our community.
- use technology to work smarter and to improve opportunities for student success.
- provide service to students that reflects quality and excellence.
- enhance our safety programs and be responsive to staff concerns about environmental health and safety.

- hold professional development, including wellness, to be an integral part of our commitment to faculty and staff.
- be good stewards of the environment and continue to develop and implement the SBCCD Sustainability Plan and alternative energy programs.

Please let me know how I can help you in the performance of your important work on behalf of our great District.

Sincerely,

Bruce Baron