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Dear Colleagues,

I am deeply saddened by the devastating fire that has consumed several thousand homes and many lives across the State. In addition to the damage caused by fire to Butte and Ventura Community College Districts, the shooting at the bar at Thousand Oaks claimed lives of multiple students of Ventura Community College. To my knowledge, two current and one former Ventura CCD students lost their lives in the Thousand Oaks shooting. As of Sunday, 138 faculty and staff members at Butte College have confirmed or presume the loss of their homes. In these difficult times, we need to stand together and support each other to the extent possible. Butte College have set up two GoFundMe accounts – one to help students and the other to help faculty/staff. Please share these links far and wide and contribute to these funds if you are in a position to do so:

<https://www.gofundme.com/butte-college-student-relief-fund>

<https://www.gofundme.com/butte-college-facultystaff-relief>

The Foundation for California Community Colleges has linked to local college giving opportunities and created a state-wide relief fund that can be accessed at <https://foundationccc.org/What-We-Do/System-Support-and-Services/California-Wildfire-Relief>. Funds raised will help community college students replace critical supplies like laptops, cell phones, books, backpacks and other essential materials in order to continue their education. Staff and faculty who have lost their homes will also be eligible for relief funds. Funds will be distributed through local community college foundations.

There has been a number of events taking place around the campus that I have had the privilege to attend. Lady Jumpers finished the Volleyball session with 9 wins, the most single session wins in the history of the College. Congratulations Coach Hoyt and the team. Basketball session was off to a flying start when our boys beat College of the Marin in the opening game. If you have not had a chance to see our student athletes in action, I would encourage you to do so in future.

Two shows of Columbia College Jazz Series featuring Barbara Morrison and Big Band were held at Dogwood Theater on November 3 and 4. This is nineteenth straight year that Barbara Morrison, a well-known Jazz artist from Hollywood participated in our festival. Music professor Dr. Rod Harris has provided leadership to the Big Band that attracts local talents to our Music program, engages the community, and provides a platform for our students to share the stage with established artists from the field. If you have not had a chance to attend one of the programs, I strongly recommend you to attend one in the future. You will be delighted with the professionalism and quality of performance. Thank you, Dr. Harris.

What started with a request to show a film on campus has morphed into the possibility of a film series. There was a request to show the film RGB on campus. The film was shown at local high schools and drew a large audience. The Associated Students took the lead to organize showing of the film under the guidance from student advisors and specifically, Doralyn Foletti. Based on the feedback and success of the film showing, there is a plan to show films of interest to young adults that encourage engagement and participation in social issues and improve social awareness going forward. Thank you Professor Erin Neagle and AS President Shalom Fletcher for taking the lead.

Finally, the elections for the Board of Trustees were held on November 6. Three new board members will be seated in the December meeting. We welcome new Trustees Margie Bulkin, Nancy Hinton, and Antonio Aguilar. Trustee DeMartini was reelected to the Board. Thank you Trustees Martin, Viss, and Hallinan for your leadership to Yosemite Community College District.

Thank you.

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