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Dear Colleagues, I hope you are enjoying the mild spring-like weather. Commiserations to the skiers, snow boarders and other winter sports fans among you! It remains to be seen if Punxsutawney Phil's prediction of 6 more weeks of winter yields the precipitation we still need. In the meantime, please enjoy these updates.....

Accreditation

Per my campus-wide email of January 26th, the ACCJC took action to reaffirm our accreditation for 18 months. We are required to submit a follow-up report by March 2019 and will have a follow-up visit from a peer review team around that time. Some are wondering how is this good news, when the new full accreditation term is 7 years? The short answer is: we have two compliance issues to address but no sanctions were imposed (e.g. warning, probation). This means the deficiencies are narrow in scope and can realistically be resolved within the specified timeline. The Commission grants 18 months for an institution to achieve compliance with the Standards to allow for any additional follow up to be completed within the two-year limit set by U.S. Dept. of Education. (**See the excerpt from the ACCJC notification letter at the end of this update).

As both compliance issues are related to the District, Chancellor Yong is committed to resolving the deficiencies well within that time. To address the first compliance issue (District Recommendation 1), Chancellor Yong has given direction to the appropriate Central Services staff to gather information about the Total Cost of Ownership for physical and technological resources, including examples from other Districts. Constituents from both colleges will be involved in

the development of the YCCD TCO plan, likely under the auspices of District Council. At its regular meeting in January, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to immediately address the second compliance finding (District Recommendation 4), which should mitigate that concern.

As our Accreditation Liaison Officer, Brian Sanders will oversee the writing of the Follow-Up Report for Columbia College and will coordinate our efforts with our MJC colleagues.

President Search

The District has selected the search firm PPL Inc. to assist in the recruitment for the next president of Columbia College. PPL has assigned Robert Griffin, one of its vice-presidents, to provide that service to the YCCD as well as to conduct background checks of the finalists. The position was posted through electronic media last Friday, and will appear in several print media outlets during the next month. I have to admit it feels a bit odd to see your own job announced for hire!

Vice Chancellor Leguria has carefully mapped out a timeline that permits: a 7 week recruitment period, convening of a cross-constituency screening committee, selection of candidates, first round interviews, selection of finalists and campus forums all between now and Finals Week, in order to allow faculty and staff participation in the process. Please make a note that the campus forums will be scheduled the week of April 16-20. Your input will be shared with Chancellor Yong as he interviews each finalist that same week.

50th Anniversary Celebrations

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of Columbia College. Technically, the actual “birthday” is in September, but we have begun a series of “happenings” to herald this half-century milestone. First, we commissioned the design of a 50th commemorative logo. Thank you Jerad Moss and Cari Craven for your keen eye finding examples and incorporating the college logo and colors into the design approved by College Council in December/January. Lapel pins with the 50th logo are on order and the bookstore is busy ordering new merchandise sporting the same design.

Next, we are planning a few commemorations:

- In June we anticipate the installation of a retrospective photo exhibit in the rotunda, courtesy of the Columbia College Foundation, to illustrate the history of the college. Kimberley DeFont is leading this effort.
- Re-dedication of the Manzanita Rotunda in honor of Dr. Harvey “Dusty” Rhodes, founding President of Columbia College. We will remount the

bronze wall plaque that was cast in 2006 to commemorate his historical role with the college and his visionary leadership. The date for this event is to be determined.

- Dedication of the Tamarack patio and renaming of the outdoor space to: The Brady-Wise Family Plaza in of honor Don Brady, Millie Brady-Wise and John Wise and in recognition of the major gift of \$2.2 million from the Wise Family Trust to the college Foundation. The YCCD Board approved this naming opportunity on September 13, 2017, in accordance with Board Policy 6620. The gift from the family also provides a generous allowance for the installation of a Sherman Hays sculpture and a bronze bench for a commemorative seating area adjacent to the plaza and overlooking the San Diego Reservoir. The Columbia College Foundation is planning a dedication ceremony for September 28th, in conjunction with the Wise family members.
- Community Picnic/BBQ – Saturday, September 29th. This event is intended as an open house for the community to come to the campus, join us for lunch, tour the buildings, enjoy the outside spaces, hike the fitness trail, learn more about our offerings and see practical demonstrations of work by our students and faculty. We anticipate including a Ribbon Cutting for the renovated Fitness Trail as part of the festivities.

Also planned is the installation of a Donor Wall to acknowledge our Foundation donors and recognize their ongoing generosity. More details to come.

Many thanks for all you do every day to make Columbia College the special place that it is well-known to be!

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****See Accreditation item above**

Compliance Requirements

The Commission also determined that the College must demonstrate compliance with the following Standards, as addressed in the District Compliance Requirements. This demonstration must be addressed in the required Follow-Up Report.

1. **Standard III.B.4 and III.C.2 (District Recommendation 1):** In order to meet the standard, the District must address the total cost of ownership for physical and technological resources in support of the Colleges' missions, operations, programs, and services.
2. **Standards IV.C.7 and IV.C.12 (District Recommendation 4):** In order to meet the Standards, the Board must fully delegate operational authority to the Chancellor and the College Presidents as specified in Board Policies 2430 and 2430.1, and demonstrate through practice, their policy making role while refraining from interfering with the CEO's authority to operate the District/Colleges.

In accordance with federal regulations, compliance requirements must be addressed and the institution must demonstrate that it aligns with Standards within two years¹.

¹ For more information, refer to the Commission policy on "The Two-Year Rule and Extension for Good Cause" on the ACCJC website at <https://accjc.org/eligibility-requirements-standards-policies/>.