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Dear Colleagues, thank you for all of your work this week to welcome students back to campus and get the fall semester off to a great start! As promised, here are some updates about what's happening.....(read to the end to be sure to get the latest on Accreditation)

In-Service

We received many positive comments about the In-Service program and it was a pleasure to welcome Chancellor Henry Yong. In particular, people said it was very interesting and informative to hear the faculty talk about program review and learn more about various disciplines and EOPS. Thank you and well done!

Flex SLO sessions

It was delightful to stop in during the Flex sessions and see the many faculty engaged in discussions about SLO data and the links between Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) and Program Student Learning Outcomes. A tremendous amount of work has been accomplished in SLO development and assessment and the transition to eLumen, and a lot has been learned along the way. Kudos to Raelene Juarez, Diana Sunday, Joey Partridge, Danielle Brouillette, and Brian Sanders for their support of the faculty work in this huge undertaking. Now that Raelene has moved into the interim Dean position, I want to give a shout-out to Joe Manlove who has agreed to step in as SLO Coordinator this semester, to keep the momentum going and provide leadership in taking SLO assessment to the next level. THANKS, Joe!

Welcome Week

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending the New Student Welcome event. Despite the heat, Michael Igoe, Doralyn Foletti, and their team (including Student Ambassadors) did a wonderful job in orienting students to the campus in a very fun way. Tamara Oxford and Laureen Campana also provided a nice introduction to the new Student Health & Wellness Center and its services. Not to miss an opportunity, CTE Dean Klaus Tenbergen, was there recruiting students to the Apprenticeship programs. Fun was had by all.

Most of you know that I usually start my day very early (I get up at 4 a.m.). When I arrived on campus on Monday before 7 a.m., I saw Anneka already setting up for the Welcome Week kickoff. It was great to see the air-filled red and black Columbia College "greeters" waving to all as we arrived at the Manzanita archway. Anneka and her planning team, as well as Facilities and IT staff did a wonderful job with the variety

of activities throughout the week. Thank you to the many staff and faculty volunteers who helped make it happen. Kudos to you all!

IT Transitions

The search for a new Vice Chancellor of IT is once again underway. During the transition of staff there has been some changes in the reporting structure, so I invited the IT managers to join a recent Admin staff meeting to discuss how we can help them with the flow of work. It was a very productive meeting and you will see the more frequent presence of Jeff Swank, Patrick Pimentel Sr., and Josh Hash at Columbia College. Also, look out for emails from them with details about communicating your work needs and roles and responsibilities (e.g. who to go to for what). That being said we will see less of Margo Guzman, who is assigned to oversee the Help Desk services. I appreciate the support of the full IT team and their efforts to have more direct involvement in our campus.

Tennis Courts

Did you know that we have a new practice wall at the tennis courts? Under the tireless advocacy and leadership of Jeff Fitzwater, it happened! Over a year ago, Jeff began his quest to design, build and install a practice wall. While he encountered some bureaucratic barriers and other impediments, Jeff persisted and with encouragement and support from Brandon Price, Amy Nilson, Dave Keener, and others to come up with a suitable design solution and funding, he was triumphant over the summer. So Jeff....you took this project on so quietly and so humbly and the project was completed without the fanfare it deserved. JEFF FITZWATER, YOU ROCK!!!!

Accreditation

Yesterday, we had a pre-visit by our Team Chair Dr. Keith Curry and his team assistant Amber Gillis. As most people are, they were quite taken by the beauty of our college. They toured the campus, discussed logistics, met with Brian and me about the ISER and evidence, and met with College Council to provide an overview of the visit.

The actual meeting schedule will be a work in progress over the next few weeks, as Keith and Amber work out details with the team members. However, we did establish days and times for the open forums: 9 a.m.-10 a.m., Tuesday, October 3rd; 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct 4th, in Dogwood. The team exit report will be held on Thursday, Oct 5th at 1 p.m. in Dogwood. We are ready and we look forward to the team's arrival.....just 5 weeks from now!

Thank you all for making Columbia College a great place to learn. I wish you all safe and relaxing Labor Day weekend.

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