Welcome to the first in a series of bi-weekly updates to the campus community to inform everyone about the many issues that affect our college. I encourage you to post these updates in your offices and classrooms to share with students and individuals interested in Los Angeles City College. These updates are posted on the President’s Page. Visit the Faculty & Staff section of the campus website at [www.LACityCollege.edu](http://www.LACityCollege.edu).

**Thank You!**

Thanks to faculty and staff for getting the Fall semester off to a successful start. Enrollment is strong. Students were provided with great service in those first days. Already, we have held our first transfer and career fairs of the academic year as well as a club fair. Constitution Day was particularly well attended and provided valuable new information and reminders to students about our Nation’s constitution and its impact historically and today.

**Conference Information**

**Communities of Practice: Moving Toward Equity in Student Outcomes** is a half-day workshop sponsored by the Center for Urban Education. It will be held on October 16, from 8:30am -12:00pm, at the Hyatt Regency, Long Beach.

The goal of the meeting is to teach how university-based teams can examine institutional data to identify areas of inequitable student success. Workshop attendees will learn how to use the principles, tools, and processes of organizational learning to define and solve problems of inequity in educational outcomes.

For additional workshop details and registration information visit: [http://www.usc.edu/dept/education/CUE/CUE_Workshop_Advertisement.pdf](http://www.usc.edu/dept/education/CUE/CUE_Workshop_Advertisement.pdf)

**California Summit: Empower Change** The American Democracy Institute (ADI) cordially invites the students and faculty of the Los Angeles Community College District to register for the American Democracy Institute’s California Summit: Empower Change on November 3, 2007 at the UCLA Royce Hall. This is a FREE event, but all participants must register in advance at [http://www.empowerchange.org/page/s/californiasummit](http://www.empowerchange.org/page/s/californiasummit) to get a ticket.

ADI is a new national non-partisan 501 © (3) organization. For more information visit [http://www.americandemocracyinstitute.org/](http://www.americandemocracyinstitute.org/)

The Summit will feature:

- A dynamic keynote presentation in the morning of high profile and inspiring speakers;
- A lunchtime Festival featuring food, music, chance for young people to network with peers and representatives and leaders from diverse set of national and local organizations, and browse volunteer, internship, and employment opportunities available through the participating organizations;
- Afternoon workshops that highlight important issues and provide skill-building and further networking opportunities; and
- An exciting evening party featuring live performers co-hosted by Going.com for these young people to have fun, meet new people and network.

We also have a contest to select three young people to share the stage with our keynote speakers to give speeches at the plenary session before the entire audience.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Volleyball & Cross Country:
Congratulations! to the Lady Cubs for their outstanding work in Volleyball and Cross Country.

For full schedule, see http://Athletics.LACityCollege.edu

Volleyball:
- Oct 10 vs Mt SAC @ LACC 7:30PM
- Oct 12 vs Cerritos @ Cerritos 7:30PM
- Oct 17 vs Pasadena @ LACC 7:30PM
- Oct 19 vs Long Beach @ LB 6:00PM

Cross Country:
- Oct 12 @ Mt SAC 10:00 AM

The California Summit: Empower Change has been formally endorsed by many other respected non-partisan organizations, as-of-this-writing, including: ACLU of Southern California, California Common Cause, California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund, California Student Equity Coalition, California Student Sustainability Coalition, Defenders of Wildlife, League of Women Voters of California, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, New America Foundation, Power 106/Movin’ 93.9FM, Roosevelt Institution, and Transformative Action Institute. There are several other organizations that we are awaiting decisions on, and we are greatly interested in the endorsement of the Los Angeles Community College Board.

The Institute for Higher Education Leadership & Policy
Has released a new report Beyond the Open Door: Increasing Student Success in the California Community Colleges. This report provides detailed analyses of factors related to student success, connects those factors to state and institutional policies, and offers recommendations for policy reforms. It includes a qualitative analysis of the CCC assessment and placement process. A copy of the report can be found at the following link:
http://www.csus.edu/ihe/PDFs/R_Beyond_Open_Door_08-07.pdf

Charles R. Drew University School of Nursing Named After Assemblyman Mervyn M. Dymally
During a special intermission of the recent Jazz Concert at Drew, Dr. Susan Kelly, president of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, announced the naming of the Nursing School – the new name is Mervyn M. Dymally School of Nursing at Charles R. Drew University.

Despite the adjournment of the 2007-08 regular session, many major issues facing California still remain unresolved. Some have suggested that the prolonged delay in approving the State Budget distracted from the Legislature’s work. Others have speculated that term-limit politics and a negative reaction to the Governor’s post-partisan message also contributed to the lackluster legislative session. Still others blame it on the lackluster economy.

Listed below is a summary of key community college bills that have passed both houses, are enrolled, and await the Governor’s signature or veto.

**AB 194 (Committee on Budget): Budget Act of 2007**
Among other budget related items, AB 194 would amend and supplement the Budget Act of 2007 by appropriating $33.1 million for Basic Skills, the amount that was vetoed in the Budget Act. AB 194 requires the Chancellor’s Office to work with the Department of Finance and the Legislative Analyst to develop annual accountability measures for this program. Status: Governor’s Desk

**AB 314 (Soto: D-Pomona): CalWORKs: Welfare-to-Work Activities**
This bill would authorize monitored study time to be included as a welfare-to-work activity. Monitored study time includes time related to approved hours spent in the classroom, laboratory, or other educational activities. Status: Governor’s Desk

**AB 483 (Salas, D-Chula Vista): Community Colleges: Contracting Study—Economic and Workforce Development Program Evaluation**
This bill would authorize the Board of Governors to conduct a study on contracting limits, and would eliminate an unnecessary evaluation report of the Economic and Workforce Development Program required by current statute. Status: Vetoed

**AB 598 (Committee on Education): Career-Technical Education**
This bill would authorize a community college or apprentice training instructor to teach a career-technical education course in a subject that is not a core academic subject on a high school campus; authorize a high school pupil to take an apprenticeship, job training, or community college career-technical education course after regular school hours for credit; and authorize a school district to bring in professionals as guest lecturers for career-technical education courses. Status: Governor’s Desk
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**AB 668 (Portantino, D-Pasadena) Student Financial Aid**
This bill enacts the California Community College Student Federal and State Financial Aid Opportunity Act and requires the California Community College Chancellor's Office to help colleges increase participation in financial aid programs by developing information for students to make them aware of financial aid options. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 900 (Solorio, D-Santa Ana) Prison Construction**
This bill authorizes prison construction bonds, and includes the Chancellor’s Office as a participant on a panel to help find ways to reduce recidivism by increasing rehabilitation opportunities. Status: Signed by Governor, Chapter 7 statues of 2007.

**AB 1168 (Jones, D-Sacramento) Social Security Numbers**
This bill would declare legislative intent that all local agencies redact all digits of any social security number contained in records before disclosing them to the public. It also would require the Office of Privacy Protection in the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish a task force of 15 members to conduct a review of the use by all public and private colleges and universities of social security numbers in order to recommend practices to minimize the collection, use, storage, and retention of social security numbers. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 1368 (Mullin, D-San Francisco) Capital Facilities Bonds**
This bill would authorize each district to issue notes in anticipation of the sale of bonds that mature within a period not to exceed five years, rather than one year. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 1548 (Solorio, D-Santa Ana) College Textbooks**
This bill establishes the College Textbook Transparency Act, which requires publishers and bookstores to disclose specified information. AB 1548 also requires faculty and other employees to follow specified practices in the adoption and purchase of textbooks. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 1559 (Berryhill, R-Modesto) Community College Registered Nursing Programs**
If a college’s nursing program is impacted, AB 1559 specifies criteria of the multicriteria screening process to evaluate applicants for admission to nursing programs that a community college may use to reduce attrition. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 18 (Perata, D-Oakland) Public Works: Labor Compliance**
This bill would add the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006 as a source of funds for a public works project that would require an awarding body to initiate and enforce, or contract with a third party to enforce, a labor compliance program. Status: Governor's Desk

**AB 45 (Perata, D-Oakland) Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education**
This bill extends limited state oversight of private postsecondary schools from February 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 139 (Scott, D-Pasadena) Nursing Education**
This bill is "clean-up" legislation following SB 1309 (Chapter 837/2006) that supports associate degree nursing programs. This bill authorizes the use of multicriteria screening measures to reduce attrition. This bill also would allow districts to employ part-time clinical nursing faculty teaching 60% or more of the hours of a full-time instructor for up to four semesters or six quarters within any three consecutive academic years between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2014, and require these districts to provide data to the System Office regarding the number of faculty members hired under this section and the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty for these districts in each of the three academic years prior to the operation of this section, and for each academic year for which faculty are hired under this subdivision. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 166 (Negrete McLeod, D-Chino) Emergency Preparedness: Community College Districts**
This bill requires the Chancellor’s Office to work in consultation with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Homeland Security, to develop emergency preparedness standards and guidelines to assist community college districts. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 272 (Runner, R-Antelope Valley) Armed Forces Service—Priority Enrollment**
This bill requires community colleges to grant priority for registration for enrollment to members of the Armed Forces of the United States for any academic term attended within two years of leaving active duty. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 614 (Simitian, D-Palo Alto) Design-Build Contracts**
This bill expands authority for using design-build contracts to all community colleges for contracts that exceed $2.5 million to January 1, 2014 (instead of the $10 million floor in current statute). Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 832 (Corbett, D-San Leandro) College Textbooks**
This bill creates the College Textbook Affordability Act, and requires textbook publishers to make available to prospective purchasers specified information, including a list of all substantive differences or changes made between the current edition and the most recent previous edition of the textbook for each new edition of a product. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 854 (Ridley-Thomas, D-Los Angeles) Student Voter Registration**
This bill requires every community college and California State University campus to enable students to elect to receive voter registration forms when registering for classes if the college operates an automated class registration system. Status: Governor's Desk

**SB 964 (Romero, D-Los Angeles) Open Meetings: Brown Act**
This bill would prohibit a majority of members of a legislative body (including a community college board of trustees) from using a series of communications of any kind, directly or through intermediaries, to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of that board. Status: Governor's Desk

You can view these bills online at www.leginfo.ca.gov.

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