

## **President's Report**

July 19, 2019

I would like nothing more than to be able to say that it has been an uneventful summer so far. Unfortunately, though not atypically, stuff is happening.

### **ACCJC**

In November 2018, the ACCJC sent letters to all four colleges requesting a five-year plan by December. The plan was submitted by the district, which also sent the ACCJC an update in May. On June 28, the colleges received [another letter from the ACCJC](#), this time requesting that a "follow-up special report" be submitted by December 2. President Gilkerson shared the letter with everyone by President Gilkerson the day it was received.

In the meantime, VPI Besikof and Accreditation Coordinator Weidenbach are busy preparing for Laney's Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) kickoff event right before the August flex days.

### **FCMAT**

After six months of interviews and analysis, the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team submitted a [scathing 105-page report](#), also on June 28. Everyone should at least read the executive summary. One of the findings highlighted in the report is the lack of effective communication at the district level. One might point out that the report itself has been kept under wraps by Interim Chancellor White for the last three weeks.

### **Board of Trustees**

At the June 25 meeting, the District Academic Senate voiced its concerns about the 115<sup>th</sup> "online" college opening a center in downtown Oakland and offering programs that compete with the four colleges. Trustees were equally outraged.

The board's July 9 retreat was cancelled. No official reason was given. FCMAT report?

The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, July 23. The agenda includes several Chancellor reports (FCMAT, ACCJC and CBT updates); a \$291,400 contract for CBT's "Phase II proposal"; the return of Annette Dambrosio (at \$132,000) to provide accreditation support services; a \$25,850 contract to complete the electrical repair work at the Student Center.

### **Spring 2020 Cuts**

VPIs at the four colleges have been instructed by VC Brown to reduce their Spring 2020 class offerings by 12.5% and abide by the 17.5 productivity target. (Roughly speaking, this means that the average section enrollment should be 35.) This kind of unilateral strategy has worked well in our district in the recent past, so we are doing it again... [Insert definition of insanity commonly attributed to Albert Einstein.]

### **Odds and Ends**

The Laney Classified Senate has elected Alejandro Acosta as its new president. I hear that the ASLC also has a new president. I look forward to more cooperation among the three senates in 2019-20.

The summer session ends next Thursday. After my grades are turned in, I will be disappearing for at least eight days. You can email me if you want, but I won't be responding. :P