



President's Bulletin

To: BCC Faculty, Staff, and Administration
From: Rowena Tomaneng, President

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Affirming Our Commitments and Creating New Partnerships

Newly Tenured Faculty

This spring semester presents us with the opportunity to announce six newly tenured faculty. We look forward to their ongoing contributions to the college's student equity and student success efforts. Congratulations to the following faculty:

Heather Dodge, Librarian; Samuel Gillette, Chemistry; Justin Hoffman, Multimedia; Thomas Kies, Anthropology; Gabriel Martinez, Counselor; and Adan Olmedo, English.

• Vacant Positions

I am pleased to report that we have made progress on vacant positions since fall semester. The college has posted job announcements and commenced search committees to fill our positions. These include:

Coordinator / Transfer & Career Center
Admissions and Records Technician
Student Services Personnel Specialist / Assessment and Orientation
Staff Assistant / Student Services Dean's Office
Network Support Specialist
Instructional Assistant / Chemistry
Transitions Program Manager / Career Technical Education

Faculty positions have also been posted in General Counseling and EOPS. Additionally, we have posted the Dean of College Research and Planning (BCC and Laney, grant funded).

• Reorganization of Student Services

Administrative changes are planned in the college's Student Services department. Vice President of Student Services, Jason Cifra, has developed a reorganization proposal that has been reviewed with our shared governance committees. To align with the district's and BCC's efforts to grow and sustain enrollment, Student Services will be hiring a Dean of Enrollment Services, grant funded, to replace the Interim Dean of Counseling and DSPS position. The reorganization also shifts the reporting lines in Student Services: Office of Campus Life, Counseling Department, Student Success and Support Programs, and Student Equity will report directly to the VPSS. Additionally, because of recent policy shifts on the federal level we are relocating the Undocumented Community Resources Center from the 2000 Center Street site to the second floor of BCC's main building.

• Campus Safety

This spring, the college will be working on policy and procedures to promote the safety and well-being of our students who have been or might be impacted. The college has solicited the Public Safety Training Institute to conduct a School Violence and Active Shooter Training on Friday, April 7, 2017, from 9am-1pm in Conference Room 451A/B. Additionally, Student Services is offering Safe Zone Training to support our LGBTQ community. The Safe Zone training is scheduled for April 20, 2017, 1pm-4pm in Conference Room 451 A/B. This training will be facilitated by Jessika Murphy who is the Coordinator for the Diversity and Inclusion Student Center at CSU East Bay.



Given the current political climate, I think it is necessary to reiterate the district's and BCC's commitment to students who are impacted by recent changes in immigration policy. The Peralta Board, in a December resolution, made clear its unwavering support for students vulnerable to recently adopted federal policies. I have attached our Board Resolution at the end of the Bulletin for your review. This spring, the college will be working on policy and procedures to promote the safety and well-being of our students who have been or might be impacted.

- **Community Collaborations**

Collaboration is a key element of our continued success at BCC. This academic year, the President's Office, Instruction, and Student Services have developed strong partnerships to increase future enrollment and student success. Thank you to the Administrators, faculty, and staff who have been supporting this work. While we have many partnerships, I would like to highlight a few of the opportunities in which we have been involved:

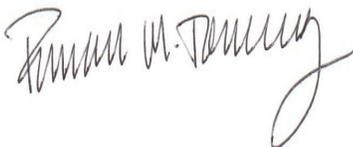
Recently, BCC hosted the first annual "College & Career Awareness Summit." This was a week long event that showcased the City of Berkeley's "2020 Vision and Beyond," an ongoing community-wide commitment to successfully bridge the achievement and opportunity gap for low-income and students of color. The week of college and career activities for students ranging from pre-school through college is a testament to Berkeley's continued collaborative effort with BCC and other community partners dedicated to ensuring our often underserved students are provided the necessary means and opportunities to succeed, and that all students are equally prepared.

Funded by the James Irvine Foundation, "Bridging the Gap Eastbay" focuses on improving K-16 Math Pathways and is a partnership between Berkeley Unified School District, Oakland Unified School District, Peralta Colleges, and CSU. The overall goal is to increase the number of low-income young people in California who complete high school on time and earn a postsecondary credential by age 25.

BCC has partnered with two programs that serve formerly incarcerated students. UC Berkeley's Underground Scholars Program was founded and is driven by formerly incarcerated UC Berkeley students from all racial/cultural/ethnic backgrounds enrolled at the university. The program offers services to approximately 150 "informal" members, some of which include BCC students. "Strength from the Roots" Bay Area is another innovative program that BCC is in partnership with and focuses on formerly incarcerated individuals, Native Americans, Undocumented/DREAMers, and other students enrolled at Peralta Community College District (PCCD), participants of the Berkeley Underground Scholars program; and other community members of Oakland/Alameda County. The pilot program will deploy storytelling, music, visual arts, and cultural practices as civic engagement tools as a means of changing the narrative about those formerly incarcerated, undocumented individuals, and their potential in the higher education system and as skilled and talented leaders in their communities.

I am proud of the collaborative work we have been able to foster with colleagues and our local and regional community partners. I look forward to continuing our work to transform students' lives through the dynamic changes and professional development happening at BCC and our community engagement.

In community spirit,



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