



# President's Bulletin

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

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## Transformations for Student Success

I want to update everyone on several important issues which have engaged our college community this fall. All affect our ability to effectively serve our students and our community.

### • **New BCC Staff, Administrators, and Vacant Positions**

Here are updates on several staff changes that have occurred this fall. We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Tiffany Taylor, Interim Director of Student Activities and Campus Life, and Ms. Jennifer Ajinga, BCC's Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES) Program Manager. We also will conduct interviews for these vacant positions at the college: Vice President of Student Services, Public Information Officer, EOPS Counselor, Admissions and Records Technician, Staff Assistants for DSP&S and EOPS, Student Personnel Services Specialist of Assessment, Network Support Specialist, and the Career/Transfer Center Coordinator.



### • **Peralta, BCC, and their Roles in the California Promise Initiative**

The California Promise Initiative involves local school districts, the California State University system, business leaders, private donors, and the state's community colleges. Promise programs provide resources to pay tuition and related costs for students who might not otherwise be able to go to college.

The Peralta Promise/Oakland Promise was launched Fall 2016 with 17 Oakland Unified School District high school graduates in BCC's pilot cohort. The Berkeley Promise will launch in Spring 2017 with 25 Berkeley Unified School District high school graduates in a BCC's pilot cohort. The Berkeley Community Fund, one of our community partners, has generously committed scholarships for 25 students, and Mayor Tom Bates recently pledged a \$20,000 donation to the Berkeley Promise.

### • **Chancellor's Forum Engages Peralta Colleges in Community Conversations**

More than 50 staff, faculty, administrators, and students attended a Tue., Oct. 11 BCC forum sponsored by Chancellor Jewel Laguerre. Chancellor Laguerre and the college community and several District administrators engaged in an open dialogue regarding issues and opportunities at PCCD. The Chancellor presented his vision for District and college progress, which included:

- Ensure a solid financial base for Peralta
- Add Different Sources of Revenue and Become More Independent from Sacramento
- Build a Reserve the Future While Maintaining the District's General Fund
- Enhance and Strengthen Our Academic Mission in All Areas (e.g., General Education and CTE)
- Provide Better Services for Our Students
- Augment Access to Colleges, Student Success and Funding
- Be Responsible for the Educational Needs of the Community
- Advocate for More Resources Through Government

The Chancellor also provided details on how new District administrators would contribute to carrying out this vision by working collaboratively with the colleges. You can visit <http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/president/town-halls/> to download the Chancellor's Oct. 11 BCC Town Hall PowerPoint presentation.

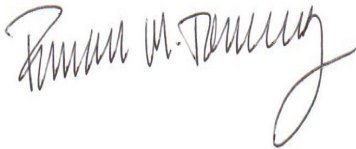
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- **BCC Facilities Town Hall on Modernization of New 2118 Milvia St. Building**

A Fri., Oct. 14 meeting brought together BCC staff, faculty, and administrators to hear updated information, ask questions, and provide comments and feedback on renovations for the college's 2118 Milvia St. site. The district Capital Projects Team was led by Vice Chancellor Ron Little and new Director Laura McCarty, and Meredith Marschak of Noll & Tam Architects. The group provided a detailed presentation on Peralta's Bond "re-calibration." It covered increased construction costs; involvement of BCC's Executive Cabinet, shared governance committees and the Building User Group (BUG); building architectural renderings; projected budget updates for the facility's modernization (a \$13.6 million cost); and a new time line for a Spring 2019 project completion. Visit [http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/facilities\\_comm/](http://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/facilities_comm/) (located in the left hand column on BCC's Facilities Committee Web Page) to download a PowerPoint PDF summary which outlines the main points of the Fri., Oct. 14 presentation.

As always, thank you for your work and support. I look forward to our continued collaboration so that we can fulfill our mission to transform students' lives. Remember that you can always contact me to discuss your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,



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President