May 31, 2012

Dear Faculty:

In April 2012 the District submitted a Substantive Change Proposal to offer 13 associate degrees and nine certificate programs at 50% or more via distance or electronic delivery. The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (Commission) met May 10, 2012 to review the proposal and acted to defer the proposal for action by the committee to November 15, 2012 (see attached letter from the Commission). The Commission requested that the Substantive Change Proposal be resubmitted and requested additional information on or before October 15, 2012. The District inquired of the Commission whether classes attached to the degree and certificate programs could be offered in the meantime and was informed that Commission policy requires prior approval.

Consequently, it will be necessary to convert the distance education classes which are scheduled to be offered in fall 2012 to face-to-face classes immediately. Please work with your department chairs to convert the classes. If a class cannot be converted to a face-to-face class for any reason, the class will be cancelled.

Sincerely,

Kathy Berry

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