



# President's Update

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## EXECUTIVE TEAM REORG

With the start of the new year, I have reorganized the structure of my Executive Team by immediately implementing the FCMAT recommendation to stay with three vice presidents.

As a result, the existing vacancy of the Vice President for Student Services will not be filled. Instead, I have expanded the duties of Todd Finnell into a reorganized position as Vice President for Student Services, Technology, and Research. In his new capacity, he will continue to oversee Institutional Technology and will add Institutional Research, Media Services as well as Student Services to his administrative responsibilities.

Todd's education and experience ideally suits him to take on these new responsibilities. He has served

in education as faculty, counselor, and administrator in both K-12 and higher education. Todd earned his B.S. in Criminal Justice Administration from San Diego State University and his M.A. in Counseling from University of Redlands. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in Education Leadership and holds California credentials in Multiple Subject Teaching, Pupil Personnel Services and Professional Administrative Services.

Todd brings a wealth of experience to this new role, having managed numerous federal, state, and local programs over his career. His leadership abilities, experience, and commitment to our faculty, staff, and students will have a very positive impact on the long-term future of our college and the communities we serve.



Representing IVC at meetings with legislators in Sacramento January 28 were Dean Sergio Lopez, IVC President Victor Jaime, Trustee Karla Sigmond, Board President Jerry Hart and Student Representatives Sarah Lopez and ASG President Lisa Tylenda.

legislators to discuss the needs of our Community Colleges.

With the passage of Proposition 30 there is a much brighter budget picture but there are still challenges ahead. The attached link to the League's Budget Points <http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/Budget2013TalkPts.pdf> will give you an idea of how things stand now.

## STATE BUDGET: Positive News

I just returned from the California Community College League Legislative Conference and the tone there was a marked difference from the past several years.

I want to thank ASG President Lisa Tylenda and ASG Senator Sarah Lopez for taking the time to join us at this important event.

With our colleagues from the San Diego and Imperial County Community College Association, we met collectively or individually with seven



ASG President Lisa Tylenda gives Assemblyman Ben Hueso input from students during the Community College League Legislative Conference

## BOARD VACANCY FILLED



Board president Jerry Hart, IVC President Victor Jaime and new Trustee Juanita Salas shortly after the appointment was made.

Congratulations to our newest Trustee, Juanita Salas, who was appointed January 23 to fill the vacant Area 5 seat.

Trustee Area 5 encompasses parts of El Centro east of Eighth Street, a large rural area east of El Centro as well as parts of Heber north of Heber Road and west of Dogwood Road.

The seat was vacated by the resignation of Norma Sierra Galindo, who stepped down December 7 when she took office as a board member at the Imperial Irrigation District.

[Read More About Juanita...](#)

## AROUND CAMPUS

- The Accreditation Self-Study has been delivered to the Commission for review. Thank you to everyone who participated in this monumental task.
- State Fire Marshalls were here on January 15 for Fire Academy Accreditation visit. We received a Preliminary Recommendation for Accreditation after submittal of an action plan for ongoing fiscal resources for wild land fire and turnouts.
- The first week of the semester, we authorized \$1.29 million in vouchers for 2,826 students.
- Will be piloting an online advising program for students (e-mail and live chat).
- The Foundation has distributed \$30,325 for Spring semester scholarships (a record!). In all, 75 Students will receive a Spring semester scholarship with the average scholarship being \$400.



## *Congratulations to Dr. Martha Garcia!*

After a long and challenging journey at SDSU, she has achieved her goal of earning a doctorate in

**Educational Leadership: Community College/Post Secondary.**

We are very proud of your accomplishment!

[Read More About Dr. Garcia...](#)