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Dear Campus Community,

### **Funding Approved for New Positions**

Last week I announced the decision to add one additional classified and one faculty position pending approval from the college's Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC.) At Wednesday's PBC meeting, the funding for these positions was approved. I am pleased to announce the approval of one tenure track faculty for Biology. Additionally, the College indicated we could hire 1.0 classified staff. We are pleased to report that we will be increasing two staff positions (each currently at .48) to 1.0. Each of these positions was presented during our New Positions Proposal process. The two positions that will be increased to full-time will be the Shipping and Receiving Clerk and the Staff Assistant, Middle College. I want to thank staff for their review and input of the 2017-18 proposed new positions.

### **Senate Budget Committee Holds Hearing on Online College Proposal**

As many of you may know, Governor Jerry Brown is proposing to create a new, fully-online community college district under the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The new California Online Community College (COCC) would create and coordinate online courses and programs targeted toward working adults with a high school diploma but lacking a college degree or certificate. The Department of Finance (DOF) recently came out with trailer bill language, which describes the proposal in more detail.

On Thursday, February 8, 2018, the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review held its first overview hearing on Governor Brown's COCC proposal. The Committee members heard testimony from the Legislative Analyst's Office, the DOF, California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley, Board of Governors President Cecilia Estolano, and local stakeholders.

The Committee was supportive of the goals of the proposal, but questioned the need to have a separate online college when there are already 114 community colleges and the Online Education Initiative (OEI), whose goal is increasing access to high-quality online courses.

Chancellor Oakley passionately defended the proposal by claiming that its focus was on getting stranded workers, 25- to 34-year-old adults without a college degree or certificate, the skills and qualifications they needed to be successful in the 21st century economy. He said while the 114 community colleges and OEI are doing great work for the system, their focus is on traditional

education on a traditional education schedule, whereas this college would focus on workforce development and the unique qualifications that the targeted population needs to be successful.

The Chancellor assured the Committee that the college will go through the same accreditation process and will enter into collective bargaining like all of the other community colleges. He said that while the accreditation process will take some time, he expects the college to create industry value immediately. He emphasized that this college is needed because it is not a traditional academic setting and could not be housed in an existing community college district without infringing upon that district's mission.

The proposal will be scrutinized in more detail when it is heard in the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee on Education on **Thursday, April 12, 2018**. The agenda and Committee analysis from Thursday's hearing can be found [here](#).

### **First Annual Awareness Summit on March 22**

In an effort to address and aid important issues that affect our students (San Mateo County residents), Cañada College is launching its 1st Annual [Awareness Summit](#) themed around Housing, Transportation and Food Insecurity -- all issues that many of our students struggle with on a daily basis. The free event will include a medley of informative panels, keynote speakers, interactive activities and thought sharing. The flyer is attached and you can RSVP [here](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

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