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Dear Monarchs,

Last week, the Chancellor presented the LACCD Framework for Racial Equity and Social Justice to the Board of Trustees. Please see the attached document for the full text. It was signed by all of cabinet intentionally demonstrating senior management's commitment to antiracism. I also want to call attention to the statement that the framework is intended to complement the important work being done at the colleges. Here at Valley, I know that the LAVC Antiracism Planning Workgroup is well underway with developing specific plans to help guide us forward. I want to express my appreciation for everyone's work on these important efforts!

I also have several updates related to enrollments and COVID-19 that I want to share with you:

- **Summer Enrollments.** Summer enrollments remained very strong, with headcount up 13 percent compared to last year and enrollments up 18 percent! We don't have definitive enrollment data for the fall yet, especially given the change in registration dates this year. That said, the number of applications is strong and approaching the goal of 5,646 that was set.
- **EOC Guidance.** The District Emergency Operations Center (EOC) finalized the recovery policy for [Hard-to-Convert classes](#). To access the guidance, please go to the [LAVC Coronavirus update page](#). The District EOC is also developing a Safety Advisory for the check-in process at campuses, which largely reflects guidance from the County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), California Department of Health, and Center for Disease Control and Prevention. We expect new guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) from LACDPH to be released any day. Once they are, we will finalize and post the new guidance. The District EOC also is working on new Safety Officer responsibilities and a contract tracing protocol for use district-wide.
- **Plans for Spring 2020 Classes Completing.** Our ICC submitted plans for the return of spring classes, now down to about 6. You might recall that this was initially developed by the ICC workgroup and WEC. The plans are being reviewed in the EOC. Currently, for Valley, there have been no concerns or questions.
- **Stage 3 Plans.** This week, we will submit Stage 3 recovery plans for summer and fall classes to the EOC. This will include a very limited number of classes that cannot be offered online. The Stage 3 plan is largely the same as the prior version. I should note that we still do not have a date for when any in-person classes for fall will be added to the schedule. That said, I'm hopeful that a decision will be made in the next couple weeks so students will be able to register.
- **International Students.** Last week, there was a change in guidance indicating that international students cannot take classes completely online and remain in the United States. While we expect to be nearly completely online in the Fall, we will join the other eight colleges in the District to indicate that the college will be in a hybrid format, meaning offering both online and some in-person classes. This has the effect of allowing our international students to remain in the United States and continue the studies at Valley. There is still quite a bit of work to be done to ensure our plans help keep people safe while also meeting these requirements.
- **Health Symptom Check Online Form.** The District has completed programming an online form for health screening for anyone coming to campus to complete prior to their arrival. It hasn't

been activated quite yet but will be part of the new check-in procedures. I have tried it out and it is really easy and quick.

- **Signage and PPE.** The District EOC also is working on signage and PPE for all nine colleges. In regards to the PPE, we expect to receive a very large shipment through the District from the state Office of Emergency Services.
- **Logo Cloth Facial Coverings.** We are in the process of ordering cloth facial coverings with the Valley College logo. We intend to provide one to every employee and student. This is part of a larger order through the District. Many thanks to Luiza for working on the design and Alex Bruno for working through details with the vendor. We expect to receive them in early August.
- **Reporting Actual Time in SAP for Student Employees.** Please report actual time in SAP for student employees effective 7/1/20.
- **Chromebooks for Fall 2020.** As part of the second half of the CARES Act, we have ordered 1,850 additional Chromebooks for students. While some of these likely will be part of a loan program, the vast majority are expected to be given to students. These are in addition to Chromebooks being provided through the Promise program. We expect to develop procedures for applying for the Chromebooks in the next couple weeks.
- **CARES Act.** The remaining of the first half of the CARES Act was awarded and distributed to students last week. We have a workgroup that is developing plans for the second half. As noted in the previous item, some of the money will be used for additional Chromebooks. The remaining money will be used for items that will directly support students and institutional expenses. As soon as we have details on the second half of the CARES Act, we will send it out to you.

As always, I want to close by thanking you for your ongoing efforts in support of our students! While I know many of you are as busy as ever serving students and the college community, hopefully you are able to take some time off soon for rest and relaxation!

Stay safe and be well!!!

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