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Dear Monarchs,

Good morning! I know everyone is busy getting ready for the fall semester with many also working on Summer classes or even finishing up Spring semester classes. I have a few updates for you, including some good news on the budget.

- **Budget update.** Tax receipts at the state level are coming in a little higher than expected. This is good news in that we do not expect to see additional cuts from the state immediately. I should add a caution that next year probably won't look as good. Nonetheless, for the short-term, the outlook is relatively positive.
- **Spring 2020 classes.** In-person instruction for classes that could not be completed in the spring continues. While it is complex given the pandemic, the first week went well. This also was helpful in testing some processes in preparation for fall classes that cannot be delivered online and have to meet in person.
- **Fall 2020 essential infrastructure classes.** These classes that are part of our Stage 3 plans are now in the schedule and students are able to register for them, except of course those that have special registration processes, such as Nursing.
- **Enrollments for Fall.** Enrollments are light. Recall that we changed the start of registration significantly, making comparisons difficult. Nonetheless, headcount is currently 88 percent compared to same time last year. Enrollments are 86 percent compared to same time as last year. We remain about 2 to 5 percent higher than the district numbers, and are higher than the week prior by 2 or 3 percent. We have several efforts focused on increasing enrollments, including mass emails and texts to students who have not yet enrolled, emails to former dual enrolled students, emails to students not enrolled full-time, a new open Zoom session in the Welcome Center, launching Fresh Desk and Fresh Caller, Spectrum ads, and managing wait lists. My thanks to everyone working on these efforts, answering student questions, and maintaining access.
- **Valley cloth facial coverings.** The order has been placed. We don't have an ETA yet, but I expect that the facial coverings will arrive in about a month.
- **Additional technology needs.** We continue to assess technology needs people have. Please let your supervisor know if there is any technology you need to be effective.
- **Student Chromebooks and other CARES support.** Last week, the District found out that the Chromebook order was being delayed until October. This is obviously too late to benefit our students at the beginning of the semester, so they are working on Plan B. By the end of the week, we will need to implement a new plan for providing support for students, including Chromebooks, and open the application process.
- **Walk-on assistant coaches for Fall sports.** The District is working on an option to keep walk-on assistant coaches for the Fall semester engaged. I hope to have more information about this by next week.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts! These are difficult times. Many people continue to shoulder a heavy load during this pandemic, with more demands on us than ever, in an environment with historic levels of health concerns. Nonetheless, you remain committed to ensuring our students have access and progress to completion, all while working to eliminating inequities and ensuring Valley becomes an anti-racist campus. Know that I'm appreciative of all your efforts and as always, please let me know how I can support you.

Stay safe and be well,

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