Welcome Back!
This week marked the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year and the start of my term as Interim Chancellor. I know that each college was active and energized by the return of students. I would like to commend the staff at each of our colleges that undoubtedly worked long hours this week helping students get registered, find classrooms, buy books, obtain a student identification card, and the hundreds of "other duties as assigned" that happened this week.

As your Interim Chancellor, I look forward to meeting you and to seeing each campus. We have much to accomplish in the coming months and I look forward to it. Please know that I have an open door policy and welcome your input.

Action Collab

An Action Collab is a fun and innovative approach for facilitating small groups through a collaborative four-part problem solving session. Trudie Giordano (District, Accounts Payable) facilitated a "train the trainer" session recently where individuals from around the District came together to learn about the Action Collab process. Action Collabs can generate plausible solutions for large and complex problems in a short period of time.

In the first part, a design challenge was chosen and participants were asked to create solutions based on the following questions:

How might we….
- Improve the [registration/admissions/accounting/etc.] process?
- Get more students to eat in the lunchroom?
- Lead the process of articulating what learners will need to know and be able to do?

Board Meeting Reminders
September 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting
September 17, 2014 – Regular Meeting
October 1, 2014 – Regular Meeting

Chancellor’s Schedule
Week of September 1

Monday - Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday – Friday
In the office

College Highlights
To view the Coastline President’s Bulletin, please visit the following link: www.coastline.edu/bulletins

To view the Golden West College News Room, please visit the following link: http://gwcnews.com/

To view Orange Coast College news, please see attached (when available).
Provide project-based learning environments?
Create a prototype for proof of concept, free of constraints; a safe environment; an incubator or lab of sorts to pilot new solutions?
Develop deep (enduring) skills in our students?
Create a structure of greatest flexibility to support innovation?

Action Collab is a great way to bring different perspectives and skill sets together and make great strides on issues facing individual departments, working or learning environments, or the district as a whole. Interested in learning how to facilitate this process? We are scheduling another session for later in the Fall, so watch your email box for further information.

Open Enrollment
We are rapidly approaching the deadline for changes to your benefits plan. Open Enrollment ends on September 5 and must be done online. Several emails have been sent to all of the Coast team, so please be sure to complete your Open Enrollment changes before the September 5 deadline. For more information, contact our Benefits team at ext. 84727.

Sincerely,

Tom