District Meet and Greet
“The art and science of asking questions is the source of all knowledge.” – Thomas Berger.

On Wednesday, July 29, all District Employees were invited to attend a meet and greet with Letitia Clark and myself for an opportunity to casually ask questions, express concerns and present ideas about the District. I was inspired by the meaningful dialogue that derived from those that joined us. I plan to schedule similar events throughout the year, both at the District as well as the college campuses to support an open forum for discussions. As I move forward as Interim Chancellor, I will rely on the input of our administration, faculty and students to ensure that inclusive, transparent and comprehensive steps are taken towards achieving our goals. Thank you to Trustee Grant and Trustee Hornbuckle for attending the event. It was great to have you there.

Pictured: Gene Farrell, Letitia Clark, Trustee Mary Hornbuckle, Trustee David Grant, Dr. Andy Dunn

Chancellor’s Schedule
Week of August 3
Monday – Friday
In the Office

Board Meeting Reminders
August 5, 2015
Regular Meeting/Study Session

August 19, 2015
Regular Meeting

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 visit the following link: http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/news/Pages/default.aspx.
Golden West College Tour

On Tuesday, July 28, I had the pleasure of meeting several members of the Golden West College (GWC) administration and faculty during a warm welcome reception. A personally guided tour of the campus was led by President Wes Bryan and Vice President Janet Houlihan to provide me with an overview of the projects, programs and developments happening at GWC. Some of the highlights of the tour were the progress of the Huntington Beach Boys and Girls Club on campus, the strength of the Criminal Justice Center and the School of Nursing, as well as the many structural improvements being made due to Measure M. Thank you to President Wes Bryan and the entire Golden West College team for making my visit so memorable. I intend to visit often and I’m looking forward to the Chefs for Scholarships event on September 20th.

Updates and Announcements

Chancellor’s Office Annual Statewide Budget Workshop
On Thursday, July 30, Vice Chancellor Andy Dunn attended the Chancellor’s Office Annual Statewide Budget Workshop for 2015-16 in San Bernardino, CA. The workshop presented an opportunity to learn about the finalized State Budget and how it will impact our planning process as a district. Information received from this workshop will be helpful in our efforts to address course management, faculty hiring and student success. Dr. Dunn may have information to present from the workshop during the board meeting on August 5.

America’s College Promise Act
On July 8, both the House and Senate education committees introduced bills to codify President Barack Obama’s free community college proposal. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the CCCD, a letter (attached) was sent to both the House and Senate on July 21, in support of the America’s College Promise Act. If enacted, these bills could remove financial barriers for students to receive a post-secondary education, impact student’s earning ability and positively affect local communities. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for your leadership in supporting this legislation.

Party ‘til the Cows Come Home for OCC Scholarships
I hope to see you at the August 7 event hosted by Orange Coast College to benefit the OCC scholarship fund. Enjoy western music, authentic bbq, square dancing and more. Yee haw!

Sincerely,

Gene Farrell, Interim Chancellor
July 21, 2015

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
United States Senate
717 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott
United States House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for America’s College Promise Act of 2015

Dear Honorable Baldwin and Honorable Scott:

On behalf of Coast Community College District (CCCD), I am writing to support the America’s College Promise Act of 2015 and express our gratitude for the introduction of this legislation in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. CCCD serves more than 63,000 students throughout its three main colleges in Southern California and welcomes Congress’ efforts to ensure high quality community college education to all students. This is a significant step towards achieving greater access and success to community college and higher education.

CCCD operates Coastline Community College, Golden West College, and Orange Coast College, and plays a significant role in fueling the state and local economy, leverages taxpayer dollars, generates a return on investment, and increases students’ earning potential. CCCD employs 3,762 individuals, including faculty and staff, and enhances the regional economy by over $400 million annually. Coast Community College District also accounts for nearly $2.3 billion in combined economic activity, higher earnings, increased spending, and public benefits generating a significant surplus which directly benefits state and local programs.

We believe education remains a cost-effective investment in our citizenry and economy, and the America’s College Promise Act will encourage more students to participate in higher education and personally succeed as well as benefit their communities’ economy and workforce. If enacted, this legislation would remove financial barriers for students to receive a post-secondary education; impacting student’s earning ability and positively affecting local communities.

We applaud your efforts in bringing this legislation forward. We hope that Coast Community College District can be a resource to you as you continue to champion higher education issues and work towards enacting America’s College Promise Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Prinsky, Ph.D.
Board President