Dear Campus Colleagues,

**New Interim Dean of Humanities/Social Sciences**
At last night’s Board of Trustees meeting, the Board voted to hire Dr. Bryan Reece as the Interim Dean of Humanities/Social Sciences. Dr. Reece begins work on Monday, July 20, 2009 and will serve as interim dean for the 2009-10 academic year. Though I will miss his strong leadership in the faculty senate, I look forward to working with him in his new role as dean. Please join me in welcoming him to this new position.

**Accreditation Follow-up**
The Accrediting Commission’s letter announcing that Cerritos College has been removed from warning and the visiting team’s report have now been posted to the at the following URL: [http://cms.cerritos.edu/accreditation](http://cms.cerritos.edu/accreditation) The Commission asks that we prepare another progress report by March 15, 2010 on a portion of Recommendation 3: Planning, Resource Allocation, and Evaluation and on whether we have sustained the progress made on Recommendation 8: Leadership: Empowerment, Innovation, Collaboration, and Decision-Making. That report will be followed by another visit of Commission representatives. Planning and Budget will begin to address the first recommendation at today’s meeting and we will continue our work next year to satisfy the Commission’s requirements.

**Presidential Search Update**
The site visit teams are completing their visits today and will be asked to convey their impressions to the Board of Trustees at a special board meeting on August 12, 2009. As currently envisioned, the board meeting will be a closed session meeting in which the Board will meet with the site visit team members and then deliberate about the selection of a new president.

**Sustainability Awards**
Cerritos College received two environmental awards at the 2009 Higher Education Energy Efficiency Partnership Program Best Practices Competition for its infrastructure project (upgrading water, electrical, communication and sewer lines throughout the campus), completed over the past year. The competition was part of the Sustainability Conference at UC Santa Barbara. Congratulations to Robert Riffle, Jerry Jones and their staffs for the superb work that earned these awards.

**Campus Recycling**
On a related note, I have recently learned that Cerritos College does, in fact, recycle. Our most recent annual report to the State Agency Waste Management program revealed that we recycled 32 tons of office paper, 13.5 tons of cardboard, five tons of plastics, 15 tons of scrap metal, 195 tons of xeriscaping and grass, 15 tons of scrap metal, five tons of wood waste and five tons of concrete/asphalt/rubble. We do this recycling through the company that picks up our trash and
then sorts it to determine what is recyclable. This was new and pleasing information to me and I wanted to share it with you.

**Enrollment Update**
We have final enrollment data for 2008-09 and it confirms what we have been seeing all year: many students wanted to and did attend Cerritos College. We ended the year with almost 900 FTES more than we needed to meet our 2008-09 target so we will shift that amount into 2009-10 to get a head start on meeting next year’s enrollment target.

**Budget Update**
We think there may be a state budget passed by tomorrow or early next week. However, these budget agreements have fallen apart at the last minute in the past, so I am only cautiously optimistic. We did receive apportionment monies that were due in June this week so our cash flow challenges are temporarily eased. However, we do expect that the state will defer payments we normally receive in July, August, and September until October, creating new cash flow challenges for us. Through the wise planning of our Business Services staff, we believe we have enough cash on hand to meet payrolls for those three months. We thank all of you for not purchasing a year’s worth of supplies and other items at the beginning of the fiscal year so we can preserve cash to meet payrolls during this time of deferred payments from the state.

I hope you get some vacation time and have an enjoyable rest of the summer.

Sincerely,
Bill Farmer, Acting President
Cerritos College