





# The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

DATE: March 16-17, 2015

SUBJECT: El Camino College Compton Center Update		Item Number: 4.1	
		Attachment: No	
CATEGORY:	Executive	TYPE OF BOARD CONSIDERATION:	
Recommended By:	 Erik Skinner, Deputy Chancellor	Consent/Routine	
		First Reading	
Approved for Consideration:	 Brice W. Harris, Chancellor	Action	
		Information	X

**ISSUE:** Since Compton Community College’s loss of accreditation in 2006, community college educational services have been provided to the Compton area by the El Camino College Compton Center. At this meeting, Chief Executive Officer Keith Curry, Special Trustee Tom Henry, and Barbara Perez, Vice President, Compton Center will discuss the current status of the El Camino College Compton Center.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2006, severe mismanagement led to the fiscal collapse and loss of accreditation of Compton Community College. To assist in stabilizing the situation, the State of California provided Compton Community College District with an emergency loan totaling \$30 million through AB 318 (Dymally). The State Chancellor appointed a Special Trustee to assume the duties and authority of the local board of trustees. At the same time, a partnership agreement was crafted with nearby El Camino College to maintain the community’s access to community college education at El Camino College Compton Center, located at the former site of Compton College. Since 2006, the State Chancellor has assigned a series of six Special Trustees to help manage the legal entity of the Compton Community College District (CCCD). Over that time, the Center has made considerable progress including improving management practices, hiring Dr. Keith Curry, and strengthening its community relations.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This item is recommended for Board information and discussion.

**ANALYSIS:** The panel will present an update on the current status of the Center, including its efforts to provide educational access to the community as it works towards reaccreditation as a separate college. The panel will address recent developments, including:

- In January, 2015, El Camino College President Tom Fallo and Special Trustee Tom Henry submitted an Accreditation Eligibility Application for El Camino College Compton Center. This application begins the process of establishing a separate college at the site of the current center.
- On November 4, 2014, voters residing within the Compton Community College District passed Measure C, a \$100,000,000 bond measure that authorizing funding for needed repairs, upgrades, and new construction projects to the District's facilities. Under Proposition 39, the bond required a 55% supermajority for approval. Measure C was passed by an overwhelming 78.39%.
- Under Dr. Curry's leadership, the Center opened a major new building, the Library-Student Success Center. The grand opening ceremony was held April 15, 2014. The Library-Student Success Center is well used by students and employees.