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## CAMPUS MODERNIZATION

Work has continued throughout the summer on the 900 building and its refurbishing should be completed by late Fall. When complete, it will house the Reprographics Center, the Parking Control Offices, the Mailroom, IT offices and the Cisco Lab.



900 building is the future home of the Reprographics Center, Parking Control Offices, Mailroom, IT offices and the Cisco Lab.

As the 900 building nears completion, we are also preparing for the eventual demolition and removal of the 500 building to meet our commitments to the state when we received matching funds for campus construction. Even though the 500 building will not be removed until early



CTE building construction on schedule

2014, it will go "Off Line" this fall as rooms are dismantled. Air Conditioning systems, white boards and other usable parts have been or will be removed and reinstalled as necessary elsewhere on campus. The former classrooms will be used for storage, housing material that will eventually be moved into the 900 building when completed.

Meanwhile, the largest construction project on campus—the two new Career Technical classroom facilities are proceeding as scheduled. We are looking for ribbon cutting ceremonies late next fall and a move in scheduled for the Winter/Spring semester 2014-15.



500 building will be demolished in early 2014 but dismantling is underway now with usable material being removed for reinstallation elsewhere on campus.

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## ACCREDITATION

Although this has been widely publicized, it bears repeating here: We received word in early July that we are one of six community colleges in the state that have been issued a "Warning" as the result of the comprehensive accreditation evaluation conducted on campus last March.

This is officially a 'sanction,' but it is basically what we had hoped for given the fiscal challenges we have faced over the

past several years. It is the lowest sanction that is issued and really does not come as a surprise to any of us.

We remain fully accredited and will continue to work on the fiscal issues that have faced our campus. The fact that a Vice President of the ACCJC was part of our evaluation is unprecedented and truly shows the confidence the commission has on our ability to provide quality education.

As we all know, this could have been much worse. Again, I really want to thank all who have been involved in this process. The full letter from the commission is posted on [our website](#).

Our situation also has been received well by the broader community.

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## AROUND CAMPUS

- We welcome Brian McNeece to his new role of Dean of Arts, Letters and Learning Services.
- Many thanks to Rick Castrapel, who has headed the Summer Robotic Academy from July 17 – August 1.
- There will be several faculty changes for 2013-2014 due to full-time and part-time faculty electing to take opportunities for relocation. Lillian Finnell will be teaching as a Full-Time Temporary faculty member for the discipline of Psychology and Gary Rodgers will be returning as a Full-Time Temporary faculty member for the discipline of Sociology. Both positions will be posted and searches initiated for FT-tenured positions during the fall in hopes of final placement for spring 2014. Both disciplines as well as the discipline of History are actively seeking part-time faculty to fill the remaining unstaffed classes for fall 2014.
- Science, Math, and Engineering is in the hiring process for a Full-Time tenure-track Chemistry faculty member. This position is pivotal to the long-term unmet demand as well as increasing flexibility in meeting the demand for two other science disciplines. With another dedicated chemistry instructor, the faculty with biology and microbiology service areas can increase the offerings in those areas. In addition, the department is seeking additional part-time faculty for the biology and agriculture disciplines.
- Since May, Kevin Marty, has been participating in the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Climate Studies Diversity Project. This project is sponsored by the AMS with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the purpose of attracting under-

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served students to the geosciences – especially the minority students in community colleges. He has been asked to attend a workshop in February 2014 where faculty will present posters or papers detailing their implementation experiences and will listen to presentations by the world's leading earth scientists.

● During the summer, the RN faculty have been working on a comprehensive program curriculum revision and plan to submit for approval late in Fall 2013. While working on the revision, the faculty are considering the mandates of AB 1440 and SB 1295 which are focused streamlining transfer units and BSN acquisition within 1 year.

● Our Community Visioning, which is a critical part of our strategic planning, effort will take place in September and October. Community meetings will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Plans are to begin Sept. 10 with an on campus session during college hour and conclude October 24 in the early evening on campus. In between, there will be 11 individual community meetings, all starting at 6 p.m. We will be recruiting staff for facilitator roles as well as note takers. Ambassadors also will be assisting. Anyone interested in volunteering may call or email **Bill Gay (760) 427-2314** or **bill.gay@imperial.edu**.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **August 8:** Imperial Chamber Mixer. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Location TBD
- **August 11:** In Concert: Matthew Edwards, 4 p.m. First United Methodist Church, El Centro
- **August 14:** Community Health Awareness Event, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. El Centro Regional Medical Center
- **August 15:** Annual El Centro Chamber of Commerce Annual Co-op Mixer 5 p.m. Ryerson Hall, El Centro
- **August 20:** Imperial Chamber Annual Teacher's Luncheon. 11:30 AM to 1 PM Veteran's Memorial Hall
- **September 19:** El Centro Chamber Monthly Mixer, 5 p.m.
- **September 19:** Teacher of the Year Recognition Dinner and Welcome Back, Brawley. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. \$15 for dinner ticket. Brawley Lion's Center. Reservations: Brawley Chamber of Commerce (760) 344-3160
- **September 21:** El Centro Day at the Ballpark (Petco Park). San Diego Padres vs. the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball game. 5:40 p.m. Tickets available at a discounted rate of \$30 and \$35 each, until August 30, 2013 (sooner if sold out). Call City of El Centro (760) 337-4540.

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