Q&A Discussion

1. **Assemblymember Salas, you have always been instrumental in securing funds for our programs here at BC. So naturally, my question is related to budget: If we were tracking funds allocated for a project (i.e. faculty diversification) in the governor's budget, should we expect to see a shift in those allocations due to the economic shift?**
   
a. Salas: So the budget's going to be a moving target for us, because we also extended our tax deadline. We don't know our revenue or what the entire budget is. We are going to allocate all the money that we have. The good thing is that in California we have built up a rainy day fund of $10 billion. This will help us fund everything we fund under the state budget. As we continue to work through that process, looking at revenue coming in, expect that there is going to be base funding for our community colleges and our schools. We will continue to have discussions so that no programs fall through the cracks.

2. **Trustee Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg, is KCCD moving forward with contingency planning in the event of a major budget cut?**
   
a. Gomez-Heitzeberg: One of the best things about the Board of Trustees over the years is that they've been very conservative and thoughtful when it comes to budget. We have reserves that we can allocate as necessary. Community colleges this past year were asked to envision several scenarios around the budget, both for individual colleges and the district. I know that our Finance Committee is going to meet more frequently and are looking at alternatives, to see if we need to do additional work so that we have uninterrupted education.

3. **David Bynum, with the economic impact on the workforce, what courses can BC offer that could benefit your employees? Especially the 120 that were furloughed?**
   
a. Bynum: When it comes to education, start with a career and work backwards. Look for an end goal, something that will excite you and provide for your family. Sonya, I don't know if you have any areas of study that you want to highlight, but when I do look at the catalog, I'm always blown away by the breadth of what you offer.

   b. Christian: In response to the question, I would put it into two buckets. The first is that this can be an opportunity for people to pursue a baccalaureate degree. The second is that we have a lot of entry level programs, so if you're not the college type and you're nervous at the idea of going to college, we have a Back to School program to help you get the tools you need and your career education. This can be an opportunity for those to take advantage of financial aid opportunities to get back into the workforce in a better position.
4. **Assemblymember Salas, your district in Kern County mirrors BC’s rural service area.** As education goes online, are there any plans to support expansion of access to good quality internet in rural communities?
   a. Salas: Absolutely. We have had a rural broadband initiative for years now, and if COVID-19 has taught us anything, it's that the internet and connectivity are so important. We're going to keep pushing and building out those networks to those hard-to-reach areas. We're also going to continue to push for better speeds.

5. **How is the K-12 preparing for Fall 2020?**
   a. Salas: So, the Superintendent and Governor Newsom came out with an announcement on how we progress from here. School is not coming back in the spring, and we're discussing the summer plans. There's not a one-size-fits-all plan. We want to make sure when we're prepping for the fall and things return back to normal, we're looking at the safety and health of our school staff and students. The state has allocated millions in cleaning supplies to get out to our school districts. As we start to see the curve bend, we'll see what the remainder of summer school looks like and even into the fall.

6. **Is BC looking to emphasize Green Jobs Pathways in its efforts to address unemployment through retraining?**
   a. Christian: We have programs related to energy, water programs, those focusing on sustainability. Our programs also incorporate sustainability into many different fields of study.
   b. Answers from the chat window: process technology, environmental science ADT, HVAC, waste management, water treatment, public health.

7. **Can we expect BC to be fully open in the fall?**
   a. President Christian: We’re going to try to make sure, even in the fall semester, not to have large gatherings. We're going to be diligent at preserving our core mission, that of instruction, while looking at ways for some courses to become hybrid classes. Courses that are hard to transition online and require in-person learning will be re-imagined with a focus on health and protocols like social distancing. We will be looking at how to keep the campus from becoming overly busy with people and keep necessary measures like social distancing in place.

**Online/Zoom Recommendations**

1. When logging into Zoom, it is best to log on via a computer and then use the “phone call” option to improve audio connection. Joining audio by phone in addition to joining the video by web will give you the clearest audio and ensure poor internet connections do not interrupt the content. You will be given a phone number to call and a meeting ID (see example below).
2. If you are not the host of the meeting, upon entering Zoom, you may be able to “mute” yourself from the group by clicking the “mute” button on the lower left-hand screen (see below).

3. To participate in the chat room, click on the “chat” tab towards the bottom of the screen and a chat box will appear.

4. A sample message for a syllabus from a professor:
   a. Rules for Communicating with CCB:
      • Please refrain from sending texts past 9pm at night or before 5am in the morning.
      • If your text message is longer than 20 characters (or 8 words) please send an email message. If it is urgent, send me a text message asking that I check my email.
      • Please indicate your class time when you text for exam “Mon 11”.
      • During the week (Mon-Thur) all messages received through email or text will be responded to within 24 hours. During the weekend please allow for up to 72 hours for reply.
      • CCB will respond to all email questions regarding assignments until 7pm on the evening before the assignment is due.
      • Assignments submitted by required deadline will be graded within one week of submission.
      • CCB is available for online office hours via Zoom. See announcements in Canvas for weekly scheduled office hours and links.

5. Recommendation about textbooks:
a. Some publishers are allowing free access for students to online content until the end of the semester. Check with your textbook publisher.

6. Recommendation about recording lectures:
   a. Record your live lectures for the benefit of students who are unable to attend the class, or who would like to review content at a later date.