Renegade Roundup

First Week of Fall 2016  August 28, 2016

Renegade Colleagues:

A little more than one week ago, we gathered at the indoor theater for Opening Day and this past week, we welcomed our students back to our “campus on the hill” for a whole new year. The sense of energy and enthusiasm across campus is contagious and students are everywhere; in every hall, every walkway, on every bench, the grass, in the courtyards; the welcome center; everywhere – it’s a brilliant sight to see.

I said in my blog last weekend that our campus comes alive when the students are present – after all, they are the center and inspiration for all we do. The pulse of Bakersfield College is strong as seen by the numbers in our enrollments. To follow my blog, please sign up at https://bcpresidentblog.com/.

**Need your feedback on Opening Day:**

The Opening Day team would like your feedback. Please take a moment to complete this either now, or no later than **Tuesday, September 6th** at https://goo.gl/forms/5r7af4Qae4Oi29D13.

**Enrollment is up for the third year in a row!**

It is a good time to be at BC! Student enrollment has grown 3% which means more students will be on campus. On Monday, August 22nd, we started with a headcount of 19,900 but I was told mid-week by Sue Vaughn that our numbers broke an all-time high. I’m waiting with anticipation for next week’s numbers.

Karen Snow’s August 22nd report indicates that our current FTES is 3.4% (222 FTES) above the same time last fall. The district-wide FTES is up 2.4% with a target of growth set at 3.0%. BC’s productivity index needs to improve. Our target is between 17.0 to 17.5 FTES/FTEF and we are at 15.7. I am told that this will settle after the next week.
Welcoming our students to a new year.
Along with enrollments, the level of dedication and commitment from faculty and staff is at an all-time high. It’s incredible to see the work we do as a BC community, not only with our hands, but with our hearts too.
To help every student start and stay on the path of college success, students were greeted at the Renegade Welcome tents and given free student planners. This handy resource is a priceless tool with everything from the campus map, to the student handbook, inspirational messages from administration, and planner basics like calendar and note pages.
Student Life has organized these welcome tents and carts that have been stationed all over campus to provide assistance to students on the first Monday and Tuesday. An informational table will be available in Renegades Crossings from 10am-2pm every day for the first two weeks.

Outreach and School Relations extended their open hours this past week to assist students with their schedule needs, answer any and all questions, offer campus tours, and help each Renegade with navigating their first week at BC.

As the year progresses, let’s encourage students to remember the vitality and drive they had on day one and most of all to stay focused! These planners are sure to help!

**Center for Student Success!**
One big change this semester is that we have renamed the Student Services (SS) building. It will now be called the Center for Student Success (CSS).

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### Fall Enrollment and Current FTES Update

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¹Point-in-Time comparison based on Fall First Day of the Term.
Campus Considerations with Increasing Number of Renegades

It wasn't hard to notice the increase in traffic and cars around campus and in our surrounding neighborhoods. To better manage the heavy traffic conditions, our Public Safety department set up barricades to guide traffic into only making right-hand turns when leaving campus via the Haley street exit. Director of Public Safety, Chris Counts, sent an email to staff earlier in the week to announce this barricade may be up for one more week. While it might be a short term inconvenience for some, it has made a significant difference in helping vehicles exit quicker and safer. Thank you to Chris Counts and the entire public safety team for your watchful eyes in keeping us and our students safe.

It's important to note, the student parking lot between the tennis courts and west of the pool will be closed until December 2017 during construction of the new Maintenance & Operations (M&O) building. With the M&O building being built over the old tennis courts (M&O parking lot), the staff parking on the west side of campus will be very tight. All construction areas will be marked. Please be alert and safe, and stay out of areas blocked off with caution tape.

But the noticeable traffic wasn't only in the streets, Chef Eric Sabella and his team in the Panorama Grill and food services also noticed an increase in students wanting to grab a bite to eat. The hot food line varied in times between 4 minutes and 19 seconds up to 7 minutes and 49 seconds, while grab and go lines were between 2 minutes and 56 seconds to almost 4.5 minutes. Chef Eric has begun investigating food carts, more wrapped items that can be picked up quickly, additional cashiers, and adding GOODNESS INSIDE vending machines for healthier options, and other campus locations where there could be a store to sell packaged goods.

As our numbers grow, we continue to innovate better systems and better efficiency. This effort is campus wide and seen in departments such as Financial Aid, Admissions and Records, Tutoring, Counseling, and more.

Please encourage students to carpool, plan extra time for travel, parking and getting to class. Public Safety can be reached 24 hours a day 7 days a week all year by calling 661-395-4554. Please do not hesitate to call if you need an escort to your vehicle, notice someone acting suspicious, or if you just have a question you think we may be able to help you with. Please let students know about these services, encourage them to plan and take advantage of everything we have available.
Let's continue accommodating students in these first few weeks.

**Managing Online Classes, tips and tricks**

“Managing Your Online Class Roster for Success” was an email thread that hit my inbox this week and is well worth a share. **Bill Moseley** shares his timeline of tips and tricks, which by “doing this reduces the amount of W’s and F’s that students end up with, and everyone wins. This also helps reduce financial aid fraud with online students.”

So, here's what Bill's doing this semester in his own words...

**Week 1:**
— All students MUST complete an assignment of some sort to avoid being dropped. This must be done by Friday am. In my case, I require an “Introductions” forum post, and also completion of the online student orientation. I use [www.orientater.com](http://www.orientater.com) because it is free and it allows me to track student completion.
— On Friday of week 1, I will drop anyone who has not participated. I will also click the “Stop Additions to Waitlist” button in Banner. This keeps new students from trickling in.
— I will look at my waitlist, and see what needs to happen to get them in the class after my drops, and whether I think they will get in. I may add more seats if it is a reasonable number.

**Week 2:**
— All students MUST complete the week 2 assignment by Friday. On Friday, I will go through and drop anyone else who is not meeting the participation requirements.
— I will also click stop daily roll as soon as my waitlist is cleared. If I still have students on the WL on Friday, I wait to see if they will get in after drops.
— Once I click the button, I make a snapshot of the roster screen. This is for my own peace of mind later on (in case someone *magically* appears in my roster at some point).

As an addition to these tips, **Gloria Dumler** chimed in by adding “I add assignments due by Tuesday (short quizzes on handouts like the syllabus), and there are assignments today and tomorrow, as well, and I was concerned because I had 8 students who have never even logged in. It occurred to me that they may have never logged into their official BC email addresses, where I sent the information on the course. So I decided to look up their phone numbers in Banner.

I reached three students and left messages for the other five. One girl, sadly, had meant to drop the course because her mother recently had a stroke. The other two students had simply not checked their BC email addresses. Both said they had planned to get started this week, but they weren’t really aware of time deadlines and what they were supposed to do. One kept me on the phone a while just to express his gratitude over and over. :-)

It's dedication, commitment, leadership, and engagement like this that makes it a great time to be at BC!
Your dedication is making a difference in student success!

I’d like to end with some data that Lesley Bonds sent my way last week. It’s rewarding when we see the solid numbers of our hard work making a difference for our students. Every interaction, every smile, encouraging word, and question answered contributes to the success of our students!

Lesley recently pulled the stats from our Achieving the Dream cohort that shows our students who complete matriculation steps are substantially more successful than their peers who do not. Some highlights are:

- Increase or maintenance in students completing every single matriculation step in the past year
- 43% increase in ed plan completion since 2011-12, with a 15% increase in the past year alone (57% in 14-15 to 72% in 2015-16)
- 42% increase in fully matriculated students since 2011-12, with a 14% increase in the past year alone (from 56% in 2014-15 to 70% in 15-16)

To see the full report, visit
https://www.kccd.edu/sites/kccd.edu/files/ir_reports/APR_Non_Instructional_Counseling_BC.pdf

WE ARE BC! And let’s have a great Fall semester!

And together we will build A Better BC.

That’s all for now.

Until next time…..

With Renegade Pride and Collegiality
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