

# President's Progress Report

Welcome to spring 2017

February 2017 spring edition

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## President's Welcome Message

I am happy to welcome you back for the February 2017 spring semester. I trust all of you had an enjoyable holiday break.

Los Angeles City College has some exciting news to report regarding the progress and successes of our campus.

Senior Staff each has submitted their departmental progress reports which is laid out in this President's Progress Report newsletter.

The college has received grants and donations in the pursuit of student success, and we're excited.

Our music department was donated \$10.1 million dollars by the Herbert Alpert Foundation in November 2016. The gift is the largest ever given to a community college in Southern California. The gift provides music majors at LACC tuition-free attendance, additional private lessons and further financial aid to enable them to succeed in their community college experience.

LACC also received a \$6 million dollar **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)/**HSI** (Hispanic Serving Institutions) grant, which LACC's Foundation will provide \$1 million dollars over the next 5 years to match the scholarship components in the grant.

This multidisciplinary effort among LACC's STEM /HSI disciplines and student services

departments will provide Latinos and low-income students with the support and preparation they need to transfer and graduate with degrees in STEM./HSI .

Los Angeles City College / LACCD is working with city local officials and educational institutions (i.e. LAUSD, the Mayor's Office and the LA Chamber of Commerce-including the LA Compact) to ensure that education is provided to those unrepresented in our communities. **LA College Promise** funding will create a full college experience without full college debt to students. The funding will be available fall 2017.

Although, construction continues on campus, several buildings as well as grounds improvements have been completed (i.e. Holmes Hall and the new Student Services building, new landscaping along Vermont, the Braille Trail posts, electrical-marquee signage on Vermont, new iron fencing and new directional signage on campus).

We are proud of how the campus is looking and hope students are just as proud. We are working hard to improve conditions and make LACC a safe haven while students complete their education.

Let me be the first to welcome you back to LACC and I wish you a successful semester.

**GO City GO!**



Renee D. Martinez  
President

## Administrative Services Progress Report

### STATE BUDGET UPDATE

On January 10th, the Governor released his proposed budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

While community colleges throughout the state enjoyed the past four years of funding increases to support items such as growth, student success activities, and scheduled maintenance for facilities, the budget proposed for next year does not support any major increases in these activities.

The theme of this year's budget is one of restraint, and preparation for future volatility in state revenues. This is predicated on the fact that California, which has one of the most progressive tax structures in the nation, relies on the top 1% of taxpayers for its revenues.

This creates extreme revenue volatility, and while the state lowered its revenue forecast for the 2016-17 year, current revenue is coming in \$5.8 billion lower than the projected estimates.

As a result of this, the Governor's budget reflects increases in state reserves in order to address this uncertainty of state revenue.

Pursuant to the provisions of Proposition 2 (i.e. the State Budget Stabilization Account), the Governor is increasing the rainy day fund by \$1.156 billion.

This would take the account to approximately \$7.869 billion, or, 63% of the constitutional target.

The Governor is also proposing to add \$1.554 billion to the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties.

Combined, the state would have approximately \$9.4 billion to address any economic shortfalls in 2017-18.

The Governor's Budget however, does propose the following significant adjustments for the community colleges:

- \$94.1 million to support cost of living increases (1.48%).
- \$79.3 million to fund a growth target of 1.3%; down from 2% in 2016-17.
- \$23.6 million to support a base apportionment increase.
- \$3.8 million to offset a projected decrease in student enrollment fees.
- \$150 million in one-time funding to support the Guided Pathways program; a grant program designed to assist colleges with student success efforts.



**Dr. John al-Amin**  
Vice President of Administrative  
Services

- \$43.7 million in one-time funding for instructional equipment and deferred maintenance; this is significantly down from \$184.6 million that was provided in 2016-17; and,
- \$20 million in one-time funding to support innovation grants.

Additionally, the proposed budget made the following reductions:

- A decrease of \$56.6 million to reflect unused growth provided in 2015-16
- A decrease of \$147.7 million as a result of increased property tax revenues

The budget also provides funding for online education activities (\$10 million), one-time funding for the development of an integrated library system (\$6 million), and funding for energy efficiency projects (\$3 million). No funding increases were proposed for Student Success and Support Programs, Equity, Basic Skills, or the Strong Workforce program.

Even with the passage of Proposition 55; which was the extension of the Proposition 30 income taxes, with state revenues below projections, this now requires an adjustment in the budgetary expectations for the next fiscal year.

While this is only the proposed budget, and there are things that could occur between now and June, the current outlook puts us in a position where we can expect prudence and caution pending a downward change in the current economic climate.

We will keep you abreast of any changes to the current fiscal outlook and I wish you all a productive semester.

*Dr. John al-Amin*  
Vice President, of Administrative Services  
Los Angeles City College

## Academic Affairs Progress Report



**Dr. Daniel Walden**  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Greetings Faculty!

Welcome to the spring 2017 semester! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are ready to begin a new semester. So many good things are happening at Los Angeles City College that I barely know where to begin.

Many new projects have occurred and that should improve our image in the community and morale among faculty, staff, and students. In addition, as I reported last fall, graduation and certificate completion rates are up significantly.

Even though we are still declining in enrollments, I believe some other very good things are happening to help turn this around.

For example, we recently restructured enrollment management with a new Enrollment Management Committee (EMC) with new membership and tri-chaired by Drs. Wanner, Smith, and me.

One of the tasks the EMC will take on this spring is to develop and begin implementing a Strategic Enrollment Management Plan that will articulate not only the process to build the best schedule, but also how to improve retention, marketing, branding, and recruiting.

Additionally, our new Public Relations Manager will be chairing our newly formed Marketing Team that is made up of ten of our most knowledgeable and talented campus members with expertise and valuable input in the areas of marketing, branding, and public relations. This team's task this spring is to develop and begin implementing a strategic (long range) marketing plan for the college.

Most importantly, I want to encourage intentional and collaborative discussions to include faculty, staff, and administrators to look at strategic ways to make our campus the number one choice for students in our service areas when deciding which college to attend.

These discussions could lead the college to make the tactical decisions necessary to reflect what Los Angeles City College will look like in the future.

Finally, regardless of our current enrollment and budget challenges, the future of Los Angeles City College is bright and exciting.

I look forward to being a part of this new future and enjoying the results of our efforts.

Best of all, I look forward to seeing how excited and successful our students become in this bright new future.

Let's get to work and enjoy the journey!

*Dr. Dan Walden,  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Los Angeles City College*

## Student Services Progress Report

Welcome to Los Angeles City College!

We are very excited about the opening of our new three story Student Services Building. This 73,000 square ft. building was designed to be a One-Stop Center for all student services on campus.

Yes! All student support services are located in the new building including the business office and the student health center. Students will be able to enter the building and go to the welcome center to receive assistance with financial aid questions, take a LACC student ID picture and complete their on-line orientation in multiple languages.

Students will also have the opportunity to seek help and book appointments at our staffed information desk in the lobby on the first floor. Students with general questions or who need to schedule an appointment with one of our 30 departments in the building are being directed to the information desk to check-in.

Additionally the student service functions are augmented by a large tutorial center and computer lab to encourage learning communities and develop student centered access to all support services.

During the Fall 2016 semester, the office of Outreach and Recruitment provided services for high school students in their matriculation process through 97 weekly, bi weekly, and monthly high school visits.

Five Student Ambassadors and sixteen Outreach Coaches participated in 22 college and community fairs, and assisted with three cash for college events to promote enrollment at Los Angeles City College.

The team also facilitated information booths and Welcome Week activities throughout the first two weeks of the semester, and conducted 45 campus tours. Outreach and Recruitment also hosted the annual High School Principal's breakfast where 42 school principals and administrators gathered to learn about LACC.

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Currently, Outreach and Recruitment has planned a plethora of events for the Spring 2017 semester.

These events include 14 "City Pathways," where high school students are bussed to LACC to learn about its programs and services; a week-long "City Days" program; and a week-long "City Madness" program. All of these programs will assist incoming students with completing the SSSP matriculation steps.

In addition, LACC Outreach and Recruitment will host 60 high school counselors from local high schools during two "Counselor to College" summit days in January 2017.



Dr. Regina Smith  
VP of Student Services

The Office of Outreach and Recruitment will be partnering with the Los Angeles Community College District, and Los Angeles Unified School District high schools to facilitate the implementation of the "Los Angeles College Promise," which streamlines the high school to college transition for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The Office of Student Services would like to welcome all of our students to LACC.

**GO City GO!**

*Dr. Regina Smith  
Vice President Student Services  
Los Angeles City College*

## Los Angeles City College Receives STEM Grant

Los Angeles City College has been awarded a \$6 million five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and Articulation Program.

This multidisciplinary effort among LACC's STEM disciplines and student services departments will provide Latino and low-income students with the support and preparation they need to transfer and graduate with degrees in STEM.

Key services will include math preparation and support, tutoring and supplemental instruction, dedicated counseling, faculty and peer mentoring, and early undergraduate research experiences.

In order to build the college's capacity to provide continued support for students beyond the grant period, a portion of the grant funds will be used to establish an endowment.

LACC will also partner with our feeder high schools and California State University Los Angeles to develop streamlined pathways for students to transfer to baccalaureate programs in STEM.

Congratulations to Dean Felicia-Maria Duenas and the LACC grant writing team: Dr. Jayesh Bhakta, Mike Farrell, Jaime Arevallo, Dr. Thelma Day, Dr. Anna Badalyan, Sean Phommasaysy and Dr. Kian Kaviani who worked hard on making it possible for the college to receive this grant.

LACC is always working hard to provide opportunities to promote student success.

**GO City GO!**

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## Herbert Alpert Foundation Donates \$1.5 million to LACC Music Department

Los Angeles City College Foundation has received a \$10.1 million gift from The Herb Alpert Foundation, creating endowment that forever transforms the music department and the lives of the talented students who study music at Los Angeles City College (LACC). The gift is the largest ever given to a community college in Southern California.

The Herb Alpert Foundation, a non-profit, private foundation established in the 1980's, makes significant annual contributions to a range of programs in the Arts and in Compassion and Well-Being. Its funding is directed toward projects in which Herb and Lani Alpert and Foundation; President Rona Sebastian play an active role. (Please note: the Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals.)

The grant will help hundreds of music major students to fulfill their college education and career goals.

"LACC empowers students from the diverse communities it serves to achieve their educational and career goals by providing learner-centered pathways to success through transfer, career and technical education and foundational skills programs," said Renee D. Martinez, President of LACC.

The gift provides music majors at LACC tuition-free attendance, additional private lessons and further financial aid to enable them to succeed in their community college experience.

This support extends to all music majors, whether enrolled in the two-year certificate programs or in the applied music major program that prepares students for pursuing a 4-year music degree.

Los Angeles City College is thankful to the Herb and Lani Alpert Foundation for its generous donation.



2017 Los Angeles City College Commencement/  
Graduation  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017  
5 p.m.  
Greek Theater

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## **Spring Semester Welcome Week**

**February 6-16, 2017**

**LACC New Student Services Building is here to help.**

**Services provided:**

**LACC Student I.D.s  
Student One-Stop Center  
FAFSA/Registration Completion**

**Stop in and visit the Welcome Center from**

**9am-6:30pm Monday- Thursday**

**9:30am-2:30pm- Friday**

**Saturday and Sunday-CLOSED (except "special dates")**

**Special Dates: On February 11 & 25 9am-1pm (SATURDAYS ONLY)**

**LACC Student Services building will provide the following :**

Admissions/Records  
Business Office  
Counseling Department  
Financial Aid (**February 25, 2017 only**)  
Student I.D. (cub cards)

**Please stop in for your one-stop needs!**