



President's Communiqué

FROM THE DESK OF THUY THI NGUYEN

Reputation is our Test

Two more weeks of fall quarter, and our students are going into study-week this week. Where do students study on campus? There are the obvious places such as the library. Curious if there are other areas that are not so obvious. Email me as I would love to make a visit.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the ongoing discussions regarding enrollment and budget reductions over the last few months. I know these conversations can be difficult, and I appreciate all of your input and feedback.

The district hosted a Town Hall meeting at the Sunnyvale Center last week. This Tuesday, the district will host a similar town hall at the two colleges:

District Budget Town Hall at Foothill College

Tuesday, December 5th

Hearthside Lounge

1 pm – 2 pm

At these town halls, we will hear about the budget from a district perspective and get more information to move our own conversations forward. I had proposed to PaRC, and with PaRC's agreement, we will put our own talks on hold until after these town halls and revisit the subject in January when we will do a deeper dive on year 2 reductions. Right now, the team is focused on enrollment for winter. In the meantime, please feel free to submit comments using the form on our [website](#).



On my way out of the Sunnyvale Center budget town hall, I exchanged greetings with a young female student who was in this Emergency Medical Responder class. Note the sign above the door. Our reputation is what we pronounce and practice as our values. They are the values that we will remember as we engage in our budget reduction discussions. That will be our test.

As of now, enrollment for winter quarter is very soft for both colleges. I know our college is working hard to get the FTES and productivity up – keeping in mind E^2 . Cabinet and I, with the perceptiveness of our VPI **Kristy Lisle**, have been evaluating the effectiveness of strategies deployed this past summer and fall. Already, we have identified pockets of opportunities and the Deans and Marketing are working to implement. I am impressed by the rigor of analysis, can-do spirit, and quick action of our management team!

There is so much to be grateful for (despite the budget news), and it is this holiday season that we should take time to reach out to each other as colleagues, friends — our Foothill family.

Join me at our college holiday party. The organizing team promises to put together a really fun one. I can't wait to see who can uncrown Athletic Director **Mike Teijeiro**, last year's ugly sweater winner. I've been shopping for one, and just can't quite find one uglier.



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