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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I have written to you on many previous occasions but this is the first time while serving as Interim-President. I want to begin by saying that I am both personally and professionally honored by the opportunity of serving you, our college, and our community in this new capacity.

Together we have built a college that is second to none and together we will continue to respond to the opportunities and challenges ahead in our ongoing efforts to build a college of distinction. This may be a transitional year for us, but it will certainly not distract us from pursuing, developing and achieving the exceptional programs and services that have made Cuyamaca College the fastest growing college in the region.

For 2008-09 we are committed to maintaining the momentum in growing enrollments as well as completing the college facility transformation. In the past year alone we have celebrated two record-breaking semesters of total enrollment and are poised to continue that success during the coming year. Also this year we will hold the Ground Breaking for our fourth new facility, the Business/Computer Information Sciences building, on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will make the time to participate in this (at least for now) final Ground Breaking event! To complete our college's transformation, we are also about to begin the expansion of the Learning Resource Center.

Leadership is collaborative at Cuyamaca College, and I am pleased to recognize newly elected faculty, staff and student officers. We welcome to the Academic Senate both returning and newly elected officers: Michael Wangler, President; Nancy Jennings, Vice President; Cindy Morrin, Officer at-large; Jan Ford, Past President; Courtney Hammond, Curriculum Liaison; and Paul Carmona, Professional Development Liaison.

We welcome our Classified Senate Representatives: Debi Miller, President; Rocky Rose, Past President; Paula Tillery, Secretary; and Julio Soto, Treasurer. The new Senators for Cuyamaca College are Patricia Bailey, Diane Kew, and Sharron Hamlett.

As well, we welcome our new ASCC Officers: Bobby Carino, President; Angel Yousif, Executive Vice President; Monique Benitez, Evening Vice President; Frank Al-Shamas, Treasurer; Chuck Taylor III, Student Trustee; and Autumm Recktenwald, Secretary.

Regarding the position for Vice President for Instruction, I want to inform you that we are on a fast-track to fill that position. The announcement closes on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and I hope to have the position filled by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

This may be a transitional year but there is much to do. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to ensure the continued success of our college.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cristina Chiriboga  
Interim President