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California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to Hold Student Media Briefing  
March 27 on Priority Registration Changes

❖ Who/What: California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor for Student Services Linda Michalowski will brief community college student newspaper staffs and faculty advisors via a teleconference on the priority registration changes that take effect in the fall 2014 term.

❖ When/Where:
   Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.  
   Toll-free Phone: (888) 481-2877
   Call Title/Password: California Community Colleges Priority Registration Changes
   Reporters/advisors are asked to RSVP to communications@cccco.edu
   Participating reporters/advisors should call in by 10:15 a.m.
   NOTE: Participants are required to share their name, college and publication name. It’s not mandatory to share a phone number but it is helpful if follow-up is needed.

❖ Why: In September 2012, as part of a concerted effort to improve student success, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors approved a regulation to establish system-wide enrollment priorities that will reward students who make progress toward their educational goals. The policy is designed to ensure classes are available for students seeking job training, degree attainment or transfer to a four-year college and to reward students who make progress toward their educational goals.

Under the policy, new students who have completed college orientation, assessment and developed education plans, as well as continuing students in good academic standing who have not exceeded 100 units (not including units in basic English, math or English as a Second Language), will now have enrollment priority over students who do not meet these criteria.

The regulation will take effect in fall 2014, but current students need to be advised of the change this spring term so those on probation will have an opportunity to seek help to improve their academic standing and those nearing the 100-unit cap can carefully plan their remaining courses.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.4 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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