



A Message to the Southwestern College Community

From Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs and Acting Superintendent/President

November 13, 2009

Dear College Community:

The incidents that occurred on October 22, 2009, following the ASO rally have created a great amount of confusion and concern by everyone. The administration has concluded its review of this matter. The College Police Department has nearly completed its investigation with regard to the incidents in question. We recognize that, if these reports are forwarded to the District Attorney, the conflict will continue to take our focus away from the budget problems we face imposed on us by Sacramento and the economy as a whole. Therefore, in consultation with the College Police Department, who conducted themselves remarkably throughout this process, administration has agreed to demonstrate its desire to move forward together and the College Police have agreed to discontinue the investigation.

The unprecedented state disinvestment in the funding of California's community colleges has created difficulties for Southwestern College and other community colleges in San Diego County from carrying out their mission to the people of the region. We all need to recognize that if Sacramento continues to cut education funding, we will be caught in a vise between them and thousands of people who want and need access to our College. We need to come together to address significant concerns about maintaining our services to students and community.

We ask that everyone make their best efforts to ensure that we agree and disagree together with respect and a common desire to do what's best for our current and future students.

Sincerely,

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