

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
January 25, 2018

Dear Colleagues,

During the last board meeting, we had a very robust conversation about our food vendors on campus. I was appreciative of how the conversation evolved and how the Board arrived at its final decision. It was an inclusive discussion and most importantly, the conversation was conducted with a high level of professionalism by all involved. Below please find a summary of the direction provided by our Board.

1. The Cerritos College Board of Trustees decided not to award the contract to the selected food vendor and to re-open the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.
2. The decision was made after listening to constituents and careful consideration of the received feedback.
3. Before an RFP for food services is released, the Board directed the administration to create a user group that includes representatives from all constituent groups to assist in drafting an RFP that reflects the needs and opinions of our campus community.
4. The Board would like to see the new RFP before it is released to provide feedback and ensure we are all on the same page.
5. A comprehensive survey will be developed and sent to all constituent groups to gather as much information as possible to draft the new RFP.
6. The contract and RFP will require vendors and the district to meet quarterly to ensure the quality of the services meets our standards and expectations. This would allow the college to reduce the number of RFPs, monitor the quality of the services, and enable the vendors to correct any issues in a timely manner to ensure customer satisfaction. Quarterly meetings with existing vendors have already been scheduled for the remainder of the year.
7. The current food vendors are scheduled to be on campus until the end of the spring semester (i.e., May 2019); the agreement with SUBWAY has an end date of June 30, 2019 and includes two one-year renewal options.
8. The Board approved to extend the contracts with our current food vendors through the end of the spring semester (i.e., May 2019).
9. A new RFP will be issued fall 2018 and new contracts will be recommended for award based on the results of proposals received, and evaluated according to the college's solicitation process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President/Superintendent