

**South Coast Conference
President's Meeting Notes (9/30/20)**

All of the conference schools, with the exception of LA Harbor, were present.

- Dr. Erika Endrijonas (PCC) mentioned that she, along with Jennifer Cardone, with the CCCAA, met with a representative from Governor's Office to provide some insight as to our sports association. The Governor's office had no idea that CCC's were different than the NCAA. They will be revisiting the guidelines for athletics. Mention was made on how cost prohibitive testing is. We do not have medical centers, housing or scholarships.
- Dr. Keith Curry (Compton) mentioned there may be new directions coming out of the CCCAA work group for the November 6th meeting. Testing being a cost item, there may be schools that can opt out of sports participation if needed.
- Dr. Dena Maloney (El Camino) didn't like the opt out as it could be problematic.
- It was asked which campuses are currently testing for COVID-19.
PCC is testing all employees once a month...very expensive. Dr. Maloney (El Camino) asked what the value of testing is. Dr. Endrijonas stated that it is not very valuable, but it gets them in the routine that we need to be doing going forward.
- PCC has all employees (Staff and Managers) on campus for 8 hours per week
- Compton is testing essential workers and CTE students and has partnered with St Joseph's Hospital for 350 tests each week.
- Cerritos did a cost analysis of tests \$100-\$125 per test, 1,000 student athletes. To test per guidelines, 25% each week, it would cost \$5 million for the 6-month season. Obviously, we can't do that.
- CCCAA is speaking with a vendor who is contracted with PAC12, perhaps as a system-wide contract.
- Dr. Albert Roman (ELAC) as Interim President feels he can't confidently say they'll be in a position to offer sports, especially with their populations.
- Dr. Curry mentioned that perhaps LA Schools will develop a Joint Letter going to LACDPH.
- Dr. Endrijonas mentioned the start of the seasons would be when these potential additional costs will hit which is right when colleges get deferrals. She will be needing to appropriate \$35 million to offset her expenses when the deferrals hit.
- Dr. Endrijonas said that the elephant in the room is, "can we even afford to do this?"
- Dr. Curry cited issues with staff and students...will they be safe and will there be travel issues? How do we put them in buses or vans?
- Dr. Lou Ann Bynum (LBCC) discussed their local DPH. Long Beach currently has an uptick above LA County data. She is in favor of conditioning but not competition.
- Commissioner Kollen mentioned that high schools have no testing and a different set of rules
- Dr. Seher Awan (LA Southwest) said she is not comfortable even with only 4 sports, and they would look at the opt out suggestion.
- Examples of USC/UCLA scenario...they can control more scenarios, med center for testing, housing. We are commuter schools and cannot control where student athletes go or what they do.
- CSULA had outbreak of positives and they closed down classes.
- Compton is not allowing anyone on campus without a negative test.
- Dr. Curry will send out an email requesting data on budget scenarios, impact to colleges if not competing (Liability, enrollment). Students may leave to go elsewhere but Compton is okay if they lose athletes. Priority is safety.
- LADPH indicates that we may not see benefits of vaccine for another 12-18 months.
- 3 things we will look at (Cost impact of testing, Liability...what if a positive occurs, LA County approvals).
- Next meeting October 28th at 8 am.