Dear Colleagues –

As you know, the Sun Tran bus strike is continuing with only limited bus routes in operation. This will no doubt impact our PCC students’ ability to get to campus. As a result, our executive team has made the decision to extend the Add period for 16-week, 1st 8-week, and 1st 5-week classes until September 8th.

Essentially, this means that On Time Registration will be suspended for these terms, and students will be able to register for these courses up until 11:59 p.m. on September 8th.

At All College Day we talked about our renewed commitment to student success. As you saw from the stories highlighted in my presentation, it’s all about relationships. The bus strike presents a difficult situation for many of our students, and we all — faculty, staff, and administrators — need to be prepared to work with students individually to help them get through this. Patience, caring, and helpfulness will go a long way toward ensuring our students can get to class and be successful.

I know that some campuses are working at a grassroots level to institute measures such as classroom carpools and strategies to reduce travel time. It’s great to see our folks working together to come up with tools that can assist students without ready means of transportation. If you have other ideas, please pass them along to campus leadership.

Thank you for pitching in during this challenging time. We hope that the situation will be resolved soon.

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