an update from student services

CHANGES YOU NEED TO KNOW

STUDENT SERVICES RELOCATING - CLOSED MARCH 5 -11
Admissions, Financial Aid, Counseling, Assessment, DSPS, the Business Office and most other student services will be closed the week of March 5. These offices will be relocating to the new Student Services Building (SSB), located between the library and parking lot 5. SSB is also the home to the new food court.

NOTE: The Bookstore will remain in the D Buildings area until March 30, 2012.

TUITION FEE INCREASE
Effective Summer 2012, tuition will increase by $10 to $46 per unit.

FINANCIAL AID REMINDERS
March 2 is the priority deadline for Cal Grant applications. A copy of your Federal Tax Return is no longer acceptable documentation for the FAFSA. You will need an IRS Transcript. Pell Grant recipients may only receive Pell Grant funds for a maximum of 12 semesters in pursuit of an Associate or Bachelors degree. Learn more - www.WLAC.edu/Events/Westweek/Flyers/WWMagazine2012.pdf

REPEATING & DROPPING CLASSES – NEW RULES
REPEATING A CLASS: Currently, a student at any LACCD college may attempt to pass a class up to 7 times. Up to 4 “W”s (withdrawals) and up to 3 “D” and/or “F” grades have been permitted. Effective summer 2012, the rule changes. A student may only attempt to pass the same class 3 times. Whether you receive a “W,” “D,” or “F,” it will count as an attempt. Students who unsuccessfully attempt a class 3 times but still want another opportunity to pass the class will have to enroll in the class at a non-LACCD campus.

DROPPING A CLASS: The new class repeatability makes it especially important to know the “no penalty drop date.” Drop a class by this date and it will not count as an attempt. Also, you will not owe a fee for the class. The new “no penalty drop date” will be the end of the second week of classes.

TRANSFER DEGREE GUARANTEE
West Los Angeles College now offers three new “transfer degrees” which streamline a student’s path toward attaining a bachelor’s degree and guarantee students admission to one of the 23 California State University (CSU) campuses. These new degrees in Math, Administration of Justice, and Psychology have a clear, prescribed path of courses required at both West and the CSU campuses. This ensures that a student can complete a bachelor’s degree with 120 units and without having to take additional lower division courses at the university.

For more information about these items, visit the new Student Services Center in SSB after March 12, 2012.