Questions from Brunch with Beck

Natasha

We have seen campuses across the nation welcome undocumented youth including the CSU. Other campuses are taking an extra step to make those students welcome by becoming sanctuary campuses. Is CI open to making campus a sanctuary campus?

Chancellor White worked with the Chancellor of both the UC and CC systems to create an open letter to our government officials about where they stand. (This email was sent to all students) CI is not asking any students immigration status. This campus does have to follow federal law of course. The diversity that this campus has makes us stronger and as a community, we are committed to being safe and inclusive of everyone.

Suesue

How has your transition been to CI?

Everyone has been extremely welcoming. CI has their own family, and it has been a special experience to be able to join that family. This community is committed to continuing to strengthen as a whole. As for myself and my family, we are settling in quite nicely.

Deja Simon

As you have gone and done a tour of the different centers on campus, what will be your priority and plan of attack?

There is a special foundation that the university has and people are very engaged in the success of this university for the future. Our faculty and staff are building on that foundations for future generations and that is really incredible. Our foundation is right and we will get to the next chapter by helping students graduate and centers on campus getting a boost. We will all get to the next chapter together.

Abigail Beckert

What is the plan on sports?

CI has had conversations over the years on building athletics. Finances is a big part of expanding athletics. Students interested and devoted to growing our athletic program should help to grow the current sports that we have. As we start the planning process and growth of our university, we will discuss the future of athletics.

What are you going to do to make sure our tuition and parking permits will not raise?

Tuition is set by the Board of Trustees which oversee all 23 CSU campuses, President’s don’t weigh into that. No one wants tuition to increase. We need everyone’s help (especially students). Ask legislatures to support higher education. Students should lobby to fund higher education in the way we need to be funded and work with Student Government in lobbying efforts. Keep in mind that higher education has a public benefit for the entire community, not just for the private individual who receives the education. [Contact Student Government to learn more at SGASI@csuci.edu or come to the weekly meetings in the Coville Conference room in the Student Union from 9am-11am]

Lizette

Are you going to look into behind the scenes for sciences and labs. Are you going to try to meet with everyone to ensure the success of sciences?

I have been on a tour to see all of our labs and the strength that this campus has in the STEM fields. We need to put our limited resources into the programs that we currently have and then expand from there.

Kiana Sailor

With your career path have you taught students?

Yes, I am an experimental phycologist and have been a faculty member before where I taught classes with anywhere between 12-500 students. I loved my career path and enjoyed being a professor and being able to teach. I hope to have time to guest lecture in different classes on campus.

In order to keep graduation path at 4 years, where can CI be better at helping students to graduate?

This is a very important and complicated question; my goal is to ensure that students graduate. Any students who want to and are able to graduate in 4 years should have that ability and I believe in that. Because of that, we need to ensure that the resources are there for them, so they can accomplish that goal. If students would like to graduate in 6 years, then we also need to make that possible for them.

How can we make resources that are at CI more readily available for students that need them?

We will look at the different student data and try to understand how students navigate through the system. We will have different answers compared to other universities because they are more established and larger. We have many resources available at CI and hope to make them clearer so students can use them.

Noelle

I heard 3000 extra students coming next semester. Where are they going to park?

There will not be 3000 extra students. However, this brings up another point. Our campus has a hard time communicating with students because we started as a small campus. Our community acts like a family and we want to preserve that. We are now a mid-size university and informal conversation does not work. We need to think about how we can strengthen lines of commination between faculty, administrators and students. The best way I have learned to communicate with students is social media. The amount of students that will be enrolled will be available to students, as it is always released and available to the public.

Kiera Sailor

What do you think of gender and ethnic students programs?

I believe that there is power and strength in interdisciplinary approaches on campus and that it is important for the growth of our campus. We are currently working on an academic plan and there will be future conversations about what we decide.

Patricia (Patty)

The university is currently looking for new provost. How will we find one that represents us as a university? A lot of our students are people of color and how will we find someone that represents us?

Our search for the provost is a national search. We will hold open forums and interviews on campus will happen in the spring. This university has fundamental values and anyone who is hired would too need to have those values and be inclusive. Our students are a huge priority to us and because of that we always keep in mind the diversity that this campus holds and the fact that we have a high amount of first generation students. I encourage students to attend the open forums to meet the different candidates. By doing this, it will help us to recruit top candidates.

What if anything is being done to upkeep the CI boating center? (Seal Lion poop)

Ed Lebioda answer: Sea lions are a challenge at the boating center. Harbor patrol are helping with this issue. The warmer waters and bait fish have been bringing in sea lions in that last 3 years. We are looking to design permanent barriers to be built around the dock.

Vanessa: Will students be involved in designing the barriers?

Ed Lebioda: No, maybe, this issue is affecting many people across the pacific coasts.

Surf Club fundraiser announcement Saturday.

Jonathan

What is your expected impact to the university during your presidency?

I look forward to helping CI in the next chapter. The number one thing I want to accomplish is student success. When I look back, what I have accomplished will be a collective group. It will have truly reimagined higher education to make every student successful. Students that are not successful keep me up at night. I enjoy the family spirit that is here at CI. An important question that I ask myself is “How do we grow into something new, without losing who we already are?” It takes everyone to build bridges between various organizations on campus to work together to best serve students. I will continue to work towards collaboration and open dialogue.

What does the President do?

President’s are the face of the university and do a little bit of everything. I help to ensure that the vision and principles that the university has are being met and that the resources are there to make those visions happen. I meet with people from the community and business professionals in order to create a relationship with them which will lead to jobs for students after graduation. I also talk to donors to invest in students futures. In addition, I talk to legislatures in both Sacramento and Washington D.C. to discuss the future of higher education. In my job, not one day is consistent. I spend all of my time with different people.

What are some things you like to do for fun?

I have two boys that are 8 and 10. The things that I most enjoy are when my boys and I play basketball, even though I almost always lose and when I play with our newfindland dog. I also enjoy doing yoga, reading, running; but my favorite thing is playing with my boys.

“Please stop me if you see me on campus! I love to hear about student’s experiences!”

-President Beck

These questions were written by students during the event, but due to time constraints were not answered. President Beck will answer these questions and an updated version of this form will be posted on Student Government’s website. If you have any questions regarding this please email Student Government at SGASI@csuci.edu. Thank you for your patience.

Tampons and pads machines not being filled? **Will get answer form facility services**

What are some of your long term goals as President of CI?

Would you ever come to a zumba class on campus?

How can we advocate for ourselves as students when dealing with a professor who has a bureaucratic personality and is in conflict with us?

In the midst of this deeply painful and emotionally stirring election, there has been a significant amount of pressure and anxiety on campus. Will you help to alleviate this pressure or support students and how? (By the way your email post-election was very touching and we all deeply appreciated it.)

With the land that we were given from the federal government, what are the chances that we could have areas on the outskirts of the campus for learning how to utilize the land as in organic agriculture and experimental housing and community development with architectural and environmental focus? Ie. Tiny homes, small home construction/ design to help architectural and community planning majors.

What about a recreational area set on the outskirts of the property for an RV park for travelers and the community to generate funds for more University on campus parking?

Are there any plans for a swimming pool, a new gym and a community hub for visitors of the surrounding communities?

What other plans will there be for the other buildings that are not in use? When can we expect to use them?

Are you open to allowing more research, writing, and reporting on the history of our University, specifically that of the Camarillo State Mental Hospital, as that, the Hospital, is a large part of our History as CI?

Since food insecurity is a huge issue at our school along with other CSUs, I wanted to know if other issues that go in hand with that, such as lack of menstruation products due to financial issues, would be addressed along with the food pantry? Many other schools have started providing free menstruation products throughout various restrooms on campus and I believe that is a great way of addressing the issue.

What (if anything) is being done to create an engineering program?

Why do people have to pay to park on dirt? Why don’t parking fees go to building parking?

When is parking going to improve?

Why did you choose CI after they found you? What legacy do you hope to leave at CI? What is your number one priority?

There are problems with academic advising, incorrect information and not enough time slots. What is being done to change this?