

Santiago Canyon College does not support the Cost Containment proposal because:

1. The proposal increases our college's team travel budgets, instead of saving dollars.
2. The proposal did not solicit input from the broad spectrum of Orange County college presidents or Athletic Directors, nor did it give adequate time for ADs and coaches to discuss.
3. The COA re-conferencing proposal for the Orange Empire Conference "jumps" over at least three colleges geographically closer to Orange County colleges, thus making no "cost containment" sense.

Here are just a few comments from several different local area ADs:

1. "...the closest College to those of us up in the "North" county is Cerritos College - which would be a much better fit."
2. "...should RCC be moved which is very likely, we should remain an eight team conference."
3. "We did have an informal discussion at a division meeting about re-conferencing but at the time, it was the first they had heard of which colleges were moving."
4. "My only complaint is that it weakens the conference."
5. "Compton College is really an educational center run by El Camino - so there is uncertainty there."
6. "Smaller conferences are more likely to reduce travel costs by reducing the number of mandatory opponents. Cost containment has placed a premium on tournaments in the non-conference segment, and tournaments can be used to maximize scheduling opportunities and Power Ratings for PC berths."

Santiago Canyon College respectfully requests the COA to consider an 8 college conference for Orange County, or select colleges closer to us for re-conferencing in order to really contain costs.

Thank you.

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