Cabrillo to shutter satellite campus

Administrators cite low enrollment

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SCOTTs VALLEY » Cabrillo College announced it would not renew its lease at its Scotts Valley satellite location because of low enrollment, opting to focus on a hybrid model of mostly online classes and in-person testing.

“The vision was that it would be a satellite site and that we could offer several classes,” said Kathie Welch, vice president of instruction for Cabrillo. “We tried to make it as comprehensive as we could with classes. At the time, enrollment was up across the entire Cabrillo College.”

At its peak, the Scotts Valley satellite campus on Whispering Pines Drive saw 892 students enrolled in the fall of 2008, a year after the campus opened. In the fall of 2010, the campus saw 250 students. This semester, there will be two hybrid online classes offered in the Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley area, with orientation and testing done in-person. For the in-person portions, Cabrillo officials plan to rent rooms from the city of Scotts Valley as needed.

“Having the ability to rent space by the hour is much more flexible for us as we make this transition and phase in an approach to what we can offer there,” she said.

Though there is only one online English and one online math class planned for the fall 2015, additional classes could be added if there is a need, Welch said.

Cabrillo officials are also talking with officials at San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District about hosting a class at the high school.

CABRILLO COLLEGE SURVEY

Cabrillo College officials are surveying San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley students about location wants and needs. To take the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBMJQWT.