Cabrillo moves 2 classes to daytime hours

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SCOTTS VALLEY — Courses offered through Cabrillo College at its Scotts Valley satellite campus have been held in the evenings in recent years, but for the spring semester, two will be shifted to daytime hours.

The spring semester starts Feb. 11, and two math courses, Elementary Statistics and Intermediate Algebra, will be held 9:30-11:55 a.m. at the Whispering Pines location. The change is aimed at making it easier for students in Scotts Valley and the San Lorenzo Valley to enroll in classes that they previously could take only in the evenings, spokeswoman Kristin Fabos said.

The five other offerings — criminal justice, English, Spanish and medical assistant courses — will be held 6-9:05 p.m.

When the spring semester started last year, fewer than 200 students were enrolled at the site, whose offerings have declined in recent years because of state budget cuts.

Still, the Board of Trustees agreed to renew the lease through 2015, saying it is important for the college to maintain a presence in Scotts Valley. Cabrillo continues to search for partners to lease the empty classrooms during the day.

But with November’s passage of Proposition 30, officials hope more classes will be added there in the near future. The measure raises taxes 3 percent on annual incomes of $250,000 or more for the next seven years and the state sales tax a quarter-cent for the next four years. Its passage prevented $3.2 million in midyear cuts at Cabrillo. Last month, the Board of Trustees approved adding 42 courses for the spring semester, as well as five new faculty members.

“I think eventually, now that Proposition 30 passed and we’re able to add more classes back in, we’ll be able to add more classes in Scotts Valley as well,” Fabos said.

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