



## A message from Dr. Bennett

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy summer and take some time off. This President's Newsletter is part of a college-wide effort to provide you with timely information and updates on college initiatives. Each month we will share planning and accreditation updates, employee or student highlights, committee and governance group updates, and upcoming events and meetings. I hope you will enjoy reading it!

As we begin another school year, I've been thinking about all the new students who will be attending their very first college class. With three children who have attended college, I know first-hand how exciting and scary this time is – both for students and their families. It's such a hopeful, optimistic time. A chance to re-invent yourself, challenge yourself, and push the boundaries of your comfort level.

As I reflect on this, I am smiling and thinking about all the things – big and small – that we do at Clovis Community College to ensure this is a safe, inviting, and collegial campus for all our students. Every person on this campus, no matter your role or title, plays an important part in creating this special culture of inclusivity and student success. I am delighted to spend another year working together, *Creating Opportunities...One Student at a Time!*

### President's Community Involvement

Part of my role as your president is to represent Clovis Community College within the community, and to help establish strong relationships with our educational and community partners. These meetings help connect Clovis Community College with the community, strengthen our partnerships, and support our CTE programs. (Supports Strategic Goal #4.)

#### Recent Community Meetings:

**Dr. Elisear O'Farrell**, Superintendent, Clovis USD  
**Flo Dunn**, President, California Health Sciences University  
**Michael Silveria**, Director of Human Resources, Kaiser Permanente  
**Miriam Stepanin**, CEO, Valley Public Radio Station

#### Community Involvement/Events:

Clovis Chamber of Commerce Board Member  
City of Clovis Mayor's Breakfast  
Clovis Area Leaders meetings  
Realize Fresno County Campaign  
State of the City of Fresno  
Fresno State's President's Commission on Teacher Education

**Save the Date**

**September 15, 2017 College-wide Planning Retreat**

## What is Accreditation?

Clovis Community College received full accreditation in July 2015, and became the 113th California Community College. Our next accreditation site visit is this spring, March 5 – 8, 2017. Accreditation is a voluntary system of peer review designed to promote overall educational quality and institutional effectiveness and to ensure that each college is fulfilling its institutional mission. The comprehensive accreditation process is intended to encourage self-reflection and improvement through ongoing, integrated planning and evaluation. The team visiting our college in March will be reviewing our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and evaluating our performance relative to standards established by the ACCJC.

## What is an Educational Master Plan?

Our *10-year Educational Master Plan 2017-2027* (EMP) is the College's long-range planning document. It includes a variety of data and input from each college program, constituent groups, and the community. Based on both qualitative and quantitative data analysis, we developed Institutional Goals for the college that align with our mission and vision and the district mission. The EMP lays the foundation for our college *Strategic Plan 2017-2021* and informs the district *Facilities Master Plan*.

Clovis Community College's Institutional Goals are:

1. ACCESS: Expand opportunities and remove access barriers
2. TEACHING & LEARNING: Promote excellence and opportunities
3. SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS: Provide comprehensive services while promoting equity
4. COMMUNITY & PARTNERSHIPS: Strengthen and develop external relationships
5. RESOURCES AND FACILITIES: Expand and enhance the capacity of the
6. INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS: Strive for excellence in planning, governance, and communication

You can find the *Educational Master Plan* on the *College Planning* page on the website.

## The Strategic Plan 2017-2021 is Approved!

The *Strategic Plan 2017-2021* is a four-year plan that aligns with the district mission and focuses on achieving the Institutional Goals outlined in the *Educational Master Plan 2017-2027* (EMP). Similar to the EMP, it was developed through a college-wide collaborative effort, kicked off at our spring planning retreat, and guided by the College Council. The *Strategic Plan* was developed with input from faculty, staff, students, administrators, and community members. The plan received unanimous support from all constituent groups, including the Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Associated Student Government, and College Council. On July 11, 2017, it was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Starting this year, we will work to implement and assess the many activities designed to achieve our goals. Each project has a team of *Champions* who will develop and implement the activities. Outcomes of the Strategic Plan are monitored by College Council.

You can find the *Strategic Plan* on the *College Planning* page on the website.



## Academic Senate

President: Liz Romero  
Vice President: Sallie Turpen  
Past President: Jeff Burdick  
Secretary: Courtnie Choate  
Curriculum Chair: Cynthia Elliott

Academic Senate meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Liz Romero at [elizabeth.romero@cloviscollege.edu](mailto:elizabeth.romero@cloviscollege.edu).

*(Picture coming in September)*

## Associated Student Government

President: Bryndis Arnarsdottir  
Vice President: Yasmeen Maklani  
Vice President of External Affairs: Israel Cozar  
Secretary: Emmanuelle Issa  
Student Trustee: Farhan Mohammadi  
Inter-Club Council President: Niko Shamlin

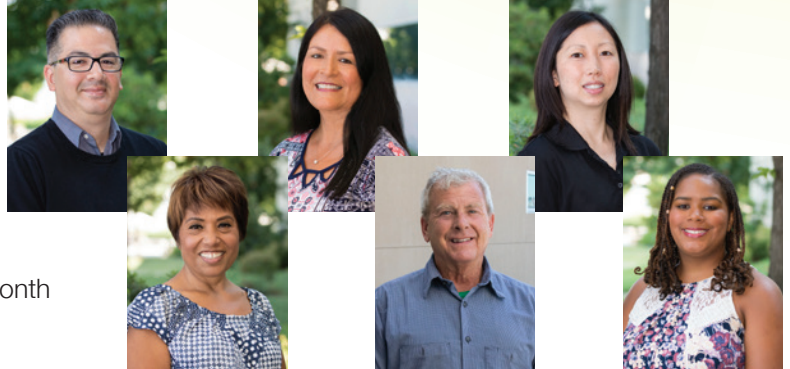
ASG meets every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Patrick Stumpf at [patrick.stumpf@cloviscollege.edu](mailto:patrick.stumpf@cloviscollege.edu)

*(See July issue for picture)*

## Classified Senate

President: Jason Mendez  
Vice President: Cathy Ostos  
Secretary/Treasurer: Kim Duong  
Area Senators:  
Penny Cristan, Dan Hoffman, Caryss Johnson

Classified Senate meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Jason Mendez at [jason.mendez@cloviscollege.edu](mailto:jason.mendez@cloviscollege.edu).



## Governance Handbook

As we continue to grow as a college, our models of decision-making and participatory governance will grow and evolve with us. Now that we are firmly established as an independent college, College Council decided it was time to revisit the structure of our Integrated Planning Handbook. Some important highlights you will notice in the updated draft of the Governance Handbook are:

- Well defined terminology
- Clear committee roles and scopes
- Appointments made by constituent groups
- Differentiation between governance bodies, college committees, college advisories, and administrative councils

A draft of the updated governance handbook will be presented at Opening Day on August 10th and will be vetted through our participatory governance process during fall semester.

*(Supports Strategic Goal #6)*

## Event Calendar

August 10	Duty Day with Group Picture at 8:10 a.m.
August 14	Fall 2017 Classes begin
August 21-25	Molly Week
September 1	Last Day to Drop without a "W" in person (September 4 online)
September 4	Labor Day (no classes, campus closed)
September 15	College-wide Planning Retreat
September 26	Veterans Resource Center Grand Opening (AC2-121)
October 6	Action Plans Due to Vice President Lorrie Hopper



## Featured Department - Library

As tradition would anticipate, the Crush library is relatively quiet and a perfect place to study, but it is also a hub of student activity. This energy is intentional and the staff who work there wouldn't have it any other way. They would be the first to tell you that the modern academic library is dynamic and at the forefront of innovation. Our library has a robust physical book collection as well as a multitude of online resources, both with the ultimate goal of helping our students succeed in college. Librarian Brooke Ramos commented "as technology evolves, we evolve". This evolution has come in many forms including a wide variety of online modules, embedded online services, and even charging stations for electronics. In addition to books in the physical collection, there are life size, three-dimensional science models for student use as well as many other discipline specific resources. A list of new resources is included in the monthly Library Newsletter to make sure instructors know what is available.



(L-R) Brooke Ramos, Cynthia MacDonald, Karen Anderson, Stephanie Farrar, Tari Simpson

The library department also extends their services outside of their physical space. Librarians are available to visit classrooms during the semester to teach general research skills (librarian Cynthia MacDonald refers to them as "research survival skills") or provide more tailored content for a specific subject. Information competency skills are important not only to get through college but through life as well. Library services are available 24 hours a day online so no matter when a student is doing their research or where they are doing it from, assistance is available. Thank you to all of our dedicated librarians and library support staff for their dedication and effort to ensure equitable access and services for all of our students.

## Welcome New Administrators



**Roberta (Robbie) Kunkel**  
Dean of Instruction, Career  
Technical Education



**James Ortez**  
Dean of Instruction, Humanities,  
Social Sciences, and Athletics



**Mathew Levine**  
Director of Financial Aid

## Welcome New Crush Team Members



**Deborah Jensen**  
Accounting Clerk III  
in DSP&S



**Brittany Zenz**  
Department Secretary  
in Counseling



**Janet Daniels**  
Office Assistant III in  
Admissions & Records

## Recent Promotions



**Caryss Johnson**  
Promoted to  
Office Assistant III



**Steve Estes**  
Promoted to  
General Utility Worker

