



A Message from Dr. Bennett

We are halfway through our semester and it's starting to feel like Fall! I love the crisp air in the mornings, the changing colors of the leaves, and the annual tradition of Pumpkin Spice lattes! I'm also looking forward to my second annual early-morning excursion to watch the beautiful hot air balloons kick off ClovisFest. If you haven't seen them, it is truly amazing to watch the colorful balloons take off against the morning sky.

Our second annual Fall Planning Retreat was a great success. I would like to thank everyone who attended; the input and feedback we collect at these retreats is important for our college planning.

I'm sure you've seen...our new website is here – and it looks great!! A huge thank you to Nina Roby, and the district team, for their diligence, patience, and expertise in creating this new look and structure that will help us improve our college-wide communication.

During the first week of October, I chaired an accreditation visit team to College of the Desert. Emilie Gerety, Robbie Kunkel, and Cheryl Sullivan (VPAS as FCC), joined me as team members. Participating on a team visit is a lot of work, but it is important that we support our higher-education peer review process. In addition, it provides valuable experience that will help us prepare for our upcoming accreditation visit in March.

Lastly, our fall semester enrollment numbers are in, and we grew another **10%**! Thank you to everyone for the work you do to support these students! Happy Fall!!

Fall Planning Retreat Recap

On September 15th, we held our 2nd Annual Fall Planning Retreat, attended by nearly 75 faculty, staff, students, and administrators. We affirmed our mission and values and discussed the role we play as individuals in meeting our mission. After that discussion, we reviewed our Integrated Planning model which is rooted in the mission and ensures that our various college plans and resource allocation also align together and with our mission. Our final activity was to begin work on one of our Quality Focus Essay Projects. This stems for our Accreditation ISER and focuses on strengthening our use of data in our planning and decision-making processes. The feedback provided will help form our next steps.



Save the Date
Veteran's Resource Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Thursday, November 9, at 3:00 p.m.

Accreditation Update

Our work on our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) continues! This Friday, October 6th, the draft will be presented to College Council and then sent through our constituent review process. While the narrative is being approved, the accreditation workgroup will be busy collecting evidence. If you receive an email request for evidence, please respond as quickly and with as much accurate information as possible. Your assistance with this important project is appreciated.

Program Review Update

As was reported in last month's newsletter, a Program Review ad hoc convened with the assistance of an outside consultant. The group discussed the pros and cons of the current process and brainstormed ways to improve it. The group will meet again this month to review of first draft of the updated Program Review process.

Integrated Plan Update

Our new Integrated Plan was approved by all constituent groups and College Council. It will be presented at the Board of Trustee's October meeting for the first read. This plan was developed by members of the Student Success and Equity Committee, with input from many people. The new, integrated plan combines the goals of the Student Success and Support Plan, the Student Equity Plan, and the Basic Skills Plan. It will help our college focus on the specific activities that our data and best practices show will support our students' success, including: expanding tutorial services and embedded tutoring, enhancing high school and community partnerships, and expanding activities that support student engagement. Our goals are to address achievement gaps, improve course completion rates, and to improve overall student completion rates.

Accessibility Update

As a college, we are dedicated to providing opportunities for all of our students. There have been recent updates to accessibility laws that require us to review our website and internal communications to ensure they are meeting accessibility standards. Although an adjustment to some current processes, the work is truly important to meeting our mission. As such, the college welcomed Gaier Dietrich of the State Chancellor's Office High Tech Institute to host three days of accessibility training during the month of September. She covered what was changing in regards to accessibility laws as well as some basics on making documents accessible. She also hosted two longer workshops, one regarding documents and the other forms. We have also begun development on a Web Accessibility Plan to help move our work forward. More trainings will be provided. For individual help or advice, contact Emilie Gerety (documents) or Nina Roby (website).

Scholarship Night

Clovis Community College's annual Scholarship event was another successful evening. Thank you to Rebecca Kinslow, the Scholarship Advisory group, and everyone who helped organize the event. Approximately 55 CCC students received more than \$35,000 in scholarship awards. Watching the students received their scholarships, and listening to their personal stories and goals was heartwarming. It is a true reminder of how we are helping our students achieve their dreams...one student at a time!



Featured Department - Social Science

The Social Science Department at Clovis Community College includes the disciplines of Anthropology, Geography, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology. The curricula taught in the social sciences is rooted in evidence-based studies making the content more rigorous than some may realize. Each discipline offers a degree for transfer except for Anthropology, which has one in the works. The department faculty work together as a cohesive unit and are proud of the support they provide to each other and to their excellent team of adjunct faculty. When asked what makes their department unique, they all agreed it was the blend of humanities and science that make up the curricula and the diversity of the full-time instructors. They all love their jobs and understand that their division is critical in developing broad-minded, mentally-healthy, good citizens for our community.



(L-R) Scott Phillips, Tamara Royce, Diane Schoenburg, Lee Brown, Jennifer Hanson, Cindy Walker, Shawon Jackson-Ybarra, Jon McPhee

Not pictured: Robin Huigen , Joseph Libby



Associated Student Government

The hydration stations that the 2016-17 ASG worked hard to get for campus, especially the former president Vanessa Suarez, were recently installed in both AC1 and AC2. Throughout the month, ASG put together various events, including Mexican Independence Day and Constitution Day. Additionally, ASG has been very active at the regional level and has 12 members attending a Leadership Conference organized by Region V and SSCCC. ASG is currently organizing numerous activities, including Diversity Day, Breast Cancer Awareness Day, and Harvest Fest, as well as putting together a Strategic Retreat to amend ASG's Constitution and Bylaws.

Academic Senate

The Academic Senate has been working on approving several institution and college documents that require our input. We have been working collegially to craft a possible position statement on dual enrollment as well as focus on several faculty issues that have come up. Remember, our meeting is on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4-5:30 and all are welcome!

Classified Senate

The Classified Senate made \$179 dollars with our Mexican bread sale during Mexican Independence Day celebration event on campus. We are preparing for our semi-annual Taco fundraiser during CCC's Rocktober Fest (so come out and get your load up on tacos) and proceeds go toward the scholarship fund. The "Classified Senate Linda Little Scholarship" was awarded on September 22 for the amount of \$500. Linda Little was the executive assistant to Dr. Lori Bennett President and retired last year and gave a generous donation for the scholarship.



Mr. Epstein from the Board of Governors visits CCC

On September 28, Mr. Tom Epstein, Vice President, Board of Governors, California Community Colleges visited CCC. Mr. Epstein toured classrooms and learned about various programs and services in place to help students reach their educational goals. Thank you ASG President Bryndis Arnarsdottir for joining the tour and sharing student stories about their experiences at CCC.

New SCCCD police officer now stationed at CCC

SCCCD police officer Steven Stankivicz is our new full-time, permanent police officer on campus. Officer Stankivicz works at CCC Tuesdays through Fridays, and another SCCCD police officer is stationed on campus on Mondays.

Officer Stankivicz enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters, ages four and one. When he is not working, he is active in the community promoting the idea of "Fatherhood" and providing support for new fathers throughout Fresno County by utilizing social media and meet-ups.

Officer Stankivicz's safety tips are to always be aware of your surroundings, including the people around you, and don't be afraid to report anything suspicious to the SCCCD police department Dispatch by calling 559-244-6140. Remember, we are all a team here at CCC and need to work together to keep us all safe. Please be sure to say hello to Officer Stankivicz when you see him out and about on campus. His district email address is steven.stankivicz@scccd.edu.



Event Calendar

October 3	Board of Trustees Meeting, Madera Center
October 10	Rocktoberfest
October 11	District Diversity Day
October 17	Lunch with Lori, 12:00pm, AC2-276
October 19	Planning & Budget Town Hall, 3:30pm, AC1-150
November 4	CCC Habitat for Humanity Build Day

Welcome New Employees

Ashlee Hickey – Educational Advisor (09/18)
Susana Weber – Library Services Specialist (09/18)
Irene Delgado – Administrative Aide (09/26)

Support our Crush Soccer teams

Women : 10/5 at 4 p.m., 10/10 at 2 p.m., 10/14 at 2 p.m., 10/20 at 2 p.m., 10/27 at 3 p.m., 11/10 at 3 p.m.

Men: 10/6 at 4 p.m., 10/10 at 4 p.m., 10/17 at 4 p.m., 10/20 at 4 p.m., 10/24 at 3 p.m., 10/27 at 1 p.m., 10/31 at 3 p.m.

For the full schedule, visit www.gocloviscrush.com

