



## A Message from Dr. Bennett

I can't believe it's March already! This semester is off to a busy start. We worked on several grant proposals, started our spring full-time faculty hiring process, and celebrated Black History Month with several outstanding events. We continued to work on program plans, focus on a variety of data-analysis projects, and meet with our educational and community partners. We also held a successful college-wide retreat where we reviewed our mission, vision, and values. The recommendations from that activity were forwarded to College Council. College Council members are reviewing the alternatives and their recommendation will go out for constituent review later this month. We will also be providing a variety of professional development activities and Emergency Response Training sessions over the next couple months. Watch for details via email or check with your department leaders. Thank you so much for keeping your focus on students and improving student success. Enjoy spring!

### Accreditation Mid-Term Update

*By: Monica Chahal & Jennifer Simonson*

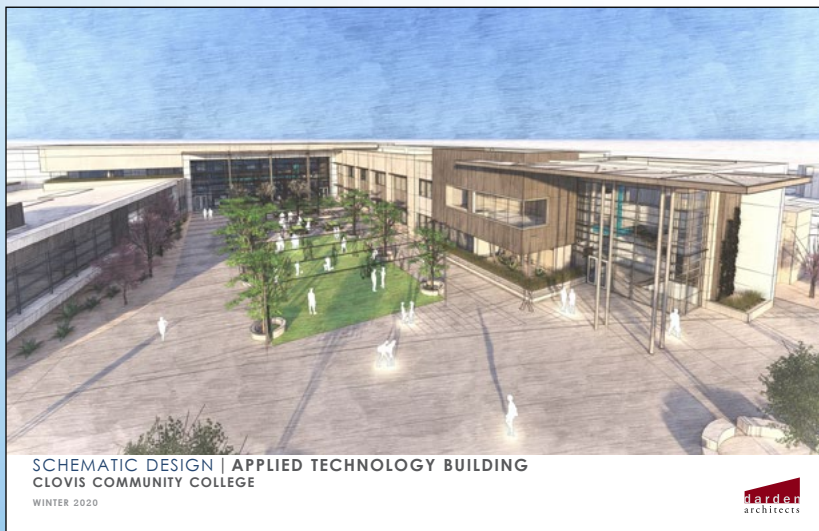
At its January meeting, the ACCJC acted to reaffirm Clovis Community College's accreditation for the remainder of our accreditation cycle on the basis of our Follow-Up Report. That's great news! Now, we can focus our attention on completing our first Midterm Report, which is due March 15, 2022. In our Midterm Report, ACCJC asks that we address the following:

- Actionable Improvement Plans in our 2018 ISER
- Response to Team Recommendations
- Data Trend Analysis (on specific data elements)
- Report on the Outcomes of the Quality Focus Essay Projects

The Accreditation Steering Committee has been tracking the progress on the activities for each of these requirements, and the College is on track for a successful Report. More focused work on the Midterm Report, including collecting evidence and drafting narrative, will begin in Fall 2020.

### Facilities

*By: Lorrie Hopper*



On Wednesday, February 12, a Facilities Town Hall was held to give faculty, staff and students the opportunity to see plans for the exterior of our new 66,000 square foot Career Technical Education Building. Darden Architects has been meeting with faculty, staff and administrators since October 2019 to determine locations of classrooms, labs, offices and student spaces. The interest in windows and natural lighting was communicated with the architects in these meetings and can be seen in the exterior views in the link below. The landscaping is not finalized, but the general design of the building has been confirmed. [View the drawings.](#)

## Outcomes & Assessment Update

*By: John Forbes & Tracy Stuntz*

The Outcomes and Assessment committee has been preparing a report addressing our college efforts to meet the ILOs. This report is supported by SLO mapping in eLumen, and we are close to 75% of all SLOs being mapped to ILOs. Additionally, the report uses student data from our graduation surveys, and the CCSSE survey. Future reports will focus on individual ILOs. We have migrated to eLumen for SLOs. Faculty coordinators are responsible for entering data into eLumen and submitting the reflection. Training is available for faculty coordinators.

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## Institutional Research Update

*By: Alex Adams*

The Office of Institutional Research has been busy working on a wide variety of research and planning projects including, but not limited to, providing data and support for the UP Plans, providing data and assistance for the TRIO SSS and STEM and the Title V grant proposals, evaluating the outcomes for math and English due to AB-705 changes, developing and fielding surveys on a variety of topics, and many ad hoc requests.

This semester, we continue to focus on completing the Quality Focus Essay Action Project #1 – Strengthening the Use of Data in Decision Making. The project includes four primary goals:

1. Expand internal and external data available in an easy-to-use and understand format.
2. Inform faculty, staff, and administrators about where to access existing data.
3. Provide professional development for College constituents to better understand the data.
4. Promote the use of data to make improvements.

Additionally, we are moving forward with the research activities from the recently approved IEPI PRT grant and will be receiving our Survey of Entering Student Engagement data soon. Finally, we are excited to work with the recently approved Institutional Effectiveness Advisory group to continue to promote a culture of evidence and inquiry. We were very happy with the level of engagement with the data activities on opening day and at the college retreat and are enthusiastic to continue these conversations in the advisory meetings.

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## Budget Update

*By: Lorrie Hopper*

The Governor released his proposed budget on January 10. Included in the proposal was new on-going funding of \$11 million for Food Pantries and \$10 million for Immigrant Legal Services through DSS. State Center Community College District's portion is estimated to be about \$275,000 for Food Pantries and about \$250,000 for Immigrant Legal Services. There is also new one-time funding included for a Statewide Fellowship Pilot Program in the amount of \$15 million for community colleges. SCCCD's portion will be about \$375. The purpose of the program is to improve faculty diversity at community colleges through recruitment and mentorship.

The Student Centered Funding Formula for 2020-21 is proposed to stay the same:

70% Base Allocation (FTES)

20% Supplemental Allocation (Pell, California Promise Grant, AB540 Students)

10% Student Success Allocation (Associate Degrees for Transfer, Local Degrees and Certificates)

Funding rates in 2019-20 will be adjusted for COLA. Cost of Living Adjustment for 2020-21 is currently 2.29%

In mid-May the Governor will release the May Revise which will include the latest economic forecasts.

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**Check out the Clovis Community College Hub for meeting agendas & minutes (you may need to log in).**

## City of Fresno FAX free bus ridership program update

*By: Stephanie Babb*

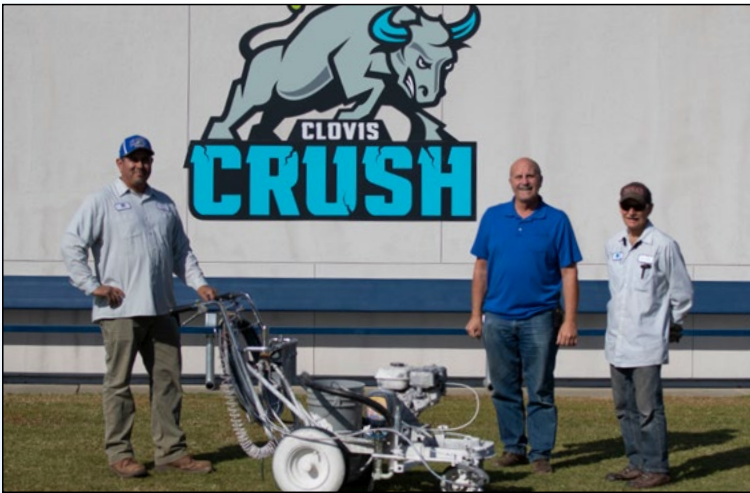
Over the past month, you may have read media articles about the City of the Fresno FAX free bus ridership program with State Center Community College District. This program allows all SCCC students to ride the FAX buses for free with their current ASB card. The program started as a pilot program scheduled to end in May of 2020. However, the District is working with the City of Fresno to hopefully find alternative funding to continue this important program. I will share updates as I receive them.

This program is separate from the two shuttles we offer to and from Herndon and River Park to the main campus. These shuttles will continue to be in service next fall and students can ride them free with a current ASB card

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## Featured Department: Maintenance & Grounds

*By Nour Abuelreich, Student*



(L-R): Mario Gonzalez, Glen Foth, and Jerald Glazener

The Grounds and Maintenance department on campus works hard to make the campus safe and visually aesthetic for the students, staff, and visitors. The department is a district wide department consisting of multiple workers who share and divide tasks to get the work done efficiently. All employees are licensed in order to work in this department. Their main goal is to make the campus safe for students, so they care for plants, move weeds out of pathways, level the fields, spray the campus from pests, and keep the sidewalks clear of water and dirt. Their second goal is to make the campus pretty for students. It has been proven that attending a school in a clean and nice environment can help increase a student's performance by 14-16%. The department works closely with custodial, computer services and the athletics department in a team effort to improve the campus and search for new and better

ways to get the job done. The employees in this specific department are very hard workers. They work eight hour shifts of manual labor year-round including weekends and any time of day they're needed to help or fix something. Their first priority is the students and the campus. The employees do their best to get the job done and remain cost-efficient. They are very cautious to avoid overwatering and keep track of soil samples to ensure everything is thriving on campus. The Grounds and Maintenance department is crucial for the day to day operation of the college.

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## Academic Senate Update

*By: Liz Romero*

The academic senate is working with our sister colleges in coming up with a process on equivalency that complies with Title 5 regulations. We are also looking at several AR's and BP's and working on selecting a designee for professor emeritus.

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## Associated Student Government Update

*By: Elijah Banda & Patrick Stumpf*

To start the semester, the ASG stationed booths around campus to help students with directions and questions during the first week of school. On January 31st, we hosted a Student Senate for California Community Colleges Region V meeting, in which multiple colleges from the Central Valley participated. The ASG is also working on some issues that are very important to students at the college and within the district. These include: tackling transportation issues, discussing the Student Representation Fee and Health Fee increases. Lastly, we hosted multiple events this past month. These included "Pizza with the Presidents" with our College President, Dr. Lori Bennett and ASG President, Elijah Banda, and a Valentine's day Club Rush. Both events were very successful and advanced our goal of providing a collegiate environment for our fellow students.



# Classified Senate Update

By: Caryss Johnson

The Clovis Classified Senate is currently planning a variety of professional development activities for this semester. Some of the topics include communication, diversity, leadership, and specialized training for our facilities team. We look forward to sharing more information on these activities very soon!

## New Employees



**Bonnie Boonthavongkham**  
Executive Assistant to the President



**Jacob Alanjian-Rosenberg**  
Office Specialist



**Machele Gonzalvez**  
Accounting Technician

## Calendar of Events

### March

- March 6 Communication Studies Mixer in AC1-187 at 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
- March 10 Kid's Day
- March 13 Last Day to drop a full-term class (letter grade assigned after this date)
- March 16 Short-term classes, second nine week
- March 19 Cesar Chavez Day Speaker (Eduardo Chavez) in AC1-150
- March 26 Oxford Debate in AC1-150 at 7:00 p.m.

### April

- April 6-9 Spring recess (no classes held, campus open)
- April 10 Good Friday observance (no classes held, campus closed)
- April 15 2nd Annual Lu'au near Bookstore/Cafe from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- April 27-29 ASG Elections near Bookstore/Cafe from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- April 30 Employee Service Awards at AC1-150 at 2:00 p.m.

### May

- May 5 Cinco de Mayo Extravaganza near Bookstore/Cafe from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- May 10-15 Power Up Week
- May 18-22 Spring 2020 final exam weeks
- May 22 Commencement Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- May 25 Memorial Day holiday (campus closed)
- May 29 ASG Awards and Inauguration in AC2-276

### Lunches with Lori

- March 17 HC 301
- April 15 AC2-276

### Town Hall Meetings

- May 6 Budget



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