

NORCO COLLEGE *REGULAR UPDATE*

December 4, 2017

Hello, Mustangs!

Below is the newest Norco College Regular Update, aligned to the college's seven Strategic Planning Goals. And in case you missed the first one, all Regular Update issues will be archived on the President's webpage: <http://www.norcollege.edu/about/president/Pages/Regular-Update.aspx>

Happy reading!

- Strategic Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement and Success
 - Completion Initiative and Guided Pathways
 - We're beginning to talk about reorganization around schools, with ideas developing through faculty leadership.
 - Meetings are scheduled with UCR for improving transfer.
 - EduNav, a digital educational planning tool for students to monitor their progress of study, is in process of working out IT details for the implementation phase.
 - All are encouraged to attend the upcoming Competition Initiative 2.0 Summit on Friday, February 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Veterans Education/Promise Program
 - Dr. Reece met with [the American Council on Education](#) (ACE) and discussed the potential for a partnership to build on the military articulation database they already have in place. Details of how to put the partnerships together are being reviewed.
 - Stater Bros. donated \$5,000 and is considering a larger contribution.
- Strategic Goal 2: Improve the Quality of Student Life
 - Athletics Plan
 - On December 19, Mark Hartley and Dr. Reece are meeting to talk about the future of athletics at Norco College. Your ideas are welcome; contact Mark Hartley or Dr. Reece or attend the meeting 12/19 at 10:30 a.m. in ST 107.
 - Creating Student Spaces
 - The Dream Team met the week of November 20; amphitheater shade structure recommendations will go in to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) which will solicit bids for the design and Division of the State Architect (DSA) phase of the project.
 - The college is meeting with an architect regarding a "village space" concept to provide a "home" to groups such as LGBTQ, Puente, Umoja, PTK, Honors, Dreamers, and others.
 - A Multimedia and Arts Center users group is going to be pulled together to talk about design updates.
- Strategic Goal 3: Increase Student Access

- Distance Education
 - **Hey, Look!**→ The Distance Education Committee is looking for a faculty co-chair to help lead this committee's important work. There is 0.2 reassigned time for this role. If you're interested, contact Peggy Campo.
 - The college is continuing the transition to Canvas LMS. For help or training for the transition, contact Sean Ulbert in the PDC (Lib 101) or at sean.ulbert@rccd.edu.
- High School Partnership Program
 - Currently in process is a CCAP (College and Career Access Pathways) MOU with Alford USD for dual enrollment.
 - A planning grant is being written for submission in December or January to the College Futures Foundation. This grant will offset some costs associated with dual enrollment and developing a larger grant proposal to the Irvine Foundation, Gates Foundation, and College Futures Foundation in fall 2018.
 - The college is in the conceptual stage of earlier enrollment. Moving up the registration date before summer will allow high school students to register for Norco College classes while they are still in school. This is one reason the curriculum submission deadline was moved to September.
- Strategic Goal 4: Create Effective Community Partnerships
 - Community Education
 - Community Education has moved from the district level to the college level.
 - Norco College is working on launching Community Education classes in spring 2018. Any faculty interested in teaching a community education/fee-based class should contact Debra Mustain, Dean of Community Partnerships and Workforce Development, at debra.mustain@norcocollege.edu.
 - Next Phase Program
 - A director for this program is being hired on an 18-month contract using one-time money approved by ISPC and COTW.
 - CTE options for CRC are being reviewed.
 - The program continues to move toward the first cohort in fall 2018.
 - Photonics Research Center
 - Dr. Reece is preparing for the first meeting with Rep. Ken Calvert's staff in early December.
 - The proposed photonics project continues to be discussed across campus. Dr. Reece has requested an official vote on photonics in NAS, ISPC, and COTW in spring 2018 on whether to move forward.
- Strategic Goal 5: Strengthen Student Learning
 - SLO Assessment
 - Dr. Lee is recommending that all possible course SLOs be assessed by spring 2018.
 - Deans of instruction are offering weekly help for faculty on a drop-in or appointment basis, Thursday mornings 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the PDC (Lib 101). CTE faculty can let Dr. Fleming know, and others can contact Dr. Parks.
- Strategic Goal 6: Demonstrate Effective Planning Processes
 - Accreditation Preparation
 - The Accreditation 2020 Steering Committee held its first meeting November 17. Look for more ISER (institutional self-evaluation report) discussion and presence in spring 2018.
 - Budgeting

- Early in spring 2018, a budget/planning workshop will be offered as a college-wide conversation.
 - Facilities Master Plan (Buildings/Space + Landscaping)
 - Before winter 2018, a facilities charrette is planned, which will consider possibilities to inform the Facilities Master Plan.
 - Marketing Plan
 - The Marketing Committee is working on revisions to the style guide.
 - Scheduled Maintenance Planning
 - Library roof replacement probably will occur after 2018 graduation.
 - By December 1, the college will submit its five-year scheduled maintenance plan to the District.
 - Strategic Planning
 - ISPC strategic planning retreat is scheduled for December 8.
 - Traffic
 - The initial report from the traffic consultant has been received and is being shared with CNUUSD, who are our partners on the Third Street mitigation plan. The college is planning some immediate improvements to Third Street for spring 2018.
 - Look for a Norco College sign on Hamner in spring 2018.
- Strategic Goal 7: Strengthen our Commitment to our Employees
 - Personnel
 - A new faculty and staff directory is available under the Employees link on the Norco College website: <http://norcocollege.edu/employees/Pages/Directory.aspx> To help our students recognize us as part of a community, the default for the site is to include a photo for each person listed. If you want to change your photo or remove it, contact Lenny Riley, Instructional Technology Specialist, at leonard.riley@norcocollege.edu.
 - For safety preparation, the college is addressing building and floor captain roles.
 - Smoking Cessation Plan
 - Smoking cessation plan for employees will be implemented in spring 2018.