

# Palo Verde Community College District

## Comprehensive Educational Planning Project

### August 2024 Update

The Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) project for Palo Verde Community College District continued throughout the summer. This overarching plan will be data-informed and will include a wide-ranging set of strategic goals and objectives that will guide the College for the next eight years.

The consulting professionals continued their work on Step 1 of the process – *Prepare and Discover*. This included developing a variety of internal and external scan data and working with the College leadership team to prepare for the college and community focus group sessions.

The consulting team also began Step 2 of the process – *Analyze, Interpret, and Reflect in* preparation for the August CEP Task Force meeting. During this kick-off meeting, the Task Force reviewed part one of the internal scan data including student headcounts, enrollment, course trends, and student demographics and characteristics.

Over the next several months, the consultants will present additional internal scan data along with external scan data that the Task Force members will analyze and interpret related to local community needs. The external scan section provides an analysis of the College's local service area, including community characteristics, K-12 enrollment trends, labor market trends, and emerging opportunities that will help Palo Verde College support the needs of its students and community.

A draft of the Comprehensive Educational Plan will be completed in March, 2025. College review and Board of Trustees approval will be conducted between April and July, 2025. The new plan will then be ready for collegewide implementation in August, 2025.

The following list of activities took place during August.

#### August Project Activities

- Clint Cowden discussed the purpose of the Comprehensive Education Plan during Flex week activities.
- August 28-29, Dr. Bennett held several focus groups with internal stakeholders at the college to hear ideas and perspectives from a wide array of faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. Participants shared their views regarding the highest priority needs for the college over the next eight years. (Note: student focus groups will be included in a future set of internal focus group sessions.)
- August 29, Dr. Bennett led the CEP Task Force kick-off session and Nga Pham presented "Internal Data-Part One" to the Task Force followed by a robust group discussion. The CEP Task Force Co-chairs are Clint Cowden and Sarah Frid.
- Diana Navarro continued to post monthly updates on the CEP webpage.

During the months of September through November, the consulting team will continue to analyze a variety of data reports, facilitate additional internal and external focus groups, and present a variety of internal and external data to the CEP Task Force. All presentations will be posted on the CEP webpage.

The four stages of the project, and their respective timelines, are outlined below.

### **Project Steps and Timeline**

The project's four steps and timeline are as follows:

- Step 1 – Prepare and Discover (May – Nov 2024)
- Step 2 – Analyze, Interpret, and Reflect (Aug 2024 – Feb 2025)
- Step 3 – Innovate, Aspire, and Set Goals (Feb – Mar 2025)
- Step 4 – College Review and Board Approval (Apr – July 2025)

Each month, a brief update will be posted to the CEP webpage to keep everyone apprised of the project's activities and progress. A project overview, monthly CEP Task Force agendas, and other documents from the project can also be found there. The September Update will be posted in early October.