

Palo Verde Community College District

Comprehensive Educational Planning Project

May 2024 Update

The Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) Project for Palo Verde Community College District kicked off this month. Higher Education Consultants, Dr. Lori Bennett and Ms. Nga Pham, were engaged by the College to facilitate the Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) development process and prepare the final draft of the new eight-year Comprehensive Educational Plan for collegewide review.

Clint Cowden, Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, and Sarah Frid, Business Management Instructor and Academic Senate President, will serve as co-chairs of the ad hoc Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) Task Force. Clint will act as the liaison to the consultants for the project. Diana Navarro, Administrative Assistant to the VP of Instruction and Student Services, will serve as the logistics coordinator and provide resource support for the CEP Task Force. The CEP development process is part of the College integrated planning process.

During May, the consultants began working on the first stage of the project – Step One: Prepare and Discover. The four stages of the project, and their respective timelines, are outlined below. Project steps 1, 2, and 3 will continue over the next several months and a draft of the Comprehensive Educational Plan will be completed in March, 2025. Step 4: College Review and Board Approval will be conducted between April and July, 2025. The new plan will then be ready for collegewide implementation in August, 2025.

May Project Activities

During a campus site-visit on May 14-15 by Dr. Bennett and via Zoom by Nga Pham, the consultants:

- presented an overview of the project to the Board of Trustees,
- presented an overview of the project to the Academic Senate, and
- held introductory meetings with Dr. Miller, Clint Cowden, and Diana Navarro.

Due to an emergency campus closure on May 15th, the presentation to College Council was rescheduled and conducted via Zoom on May 21st.

Also, during May:

- Dr. Miller, Clint Cowden, Sarah Frid, and Carrie Mullion developed the ad hoc CEP Task Force membership and received acceptances from all those contacted. Sarah also selected the Task Force meeting day (with input from the Task Force members).
- Diana Navarro began organizing the CEP Task Force meetings.
- Alma Correa and Nga Pham worked together to begin developing data dashboards that will be used as part of the discovery phase.

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 one-page update like this one will be posted to the College website to keep everyone apprised of the project's activities and progress. A brief Project Overview and other documents from the project can also be found there. The next Monthly Update will be a combined June/July summary that will be posted in early August.