

REGULAR UPDATE

June 1, 2018

Hello, Mustangs!

Below is the newest Norco College Regular Update, aligned to the college's seven Strategic Planning Goals. In case you've missed an issue, all Regular Updates are archived on the President's webpage: <http://www.norcocollege.edu/about/president/Pages/Regular-Update.aspx>.

Happy reading!

Strategic Goal 1: Increase Student Achievement and Success

Commencement

- **Congratulations to the Class of 2018!** The College expects a record number of 350 students to participate in receiving degrees and certificates at the 2018

- The College Futures Foundation would like to work with Norco College to develop a software solution to help identify every student on a pathway in order to optimize communication during a student's journey and help the student stay on the path.
- Pathways information has been prepared and printed for use with student advising and distribution to students. The materials provide recommended course pathways for associate's degrees for transfer (ADTs) and areas of emphasis degrees (AOEs) specific to each of the four Schools.
- Two educational advisors are being hired to support the Schools, and finalists' names will be going to the Board of Trustees for approval in June. Educational advisors will be available to support the Schools' onboarding this summer, as most first-time students are welcomed for fall during July and August. Each educational advisor will be aligned with two Schools and will focus on students most at risk. Currently the positions are being funded by "soft" money, Guided Pathways funding and one-time reserve funding; the College will be seeking permanent funding.
- At its May 21 meeting, the Academic Senate unanimously approved a formal change of the name of the School of Social and Behavioral Studies to Social and Behavioral Sciences

Foster Youth Program

- To support foster youth at Norco College, a space for a Foster Youth Resource Center is being explored. Dr. Gustavo Ocegüera, dean of grants and student equity, is taking the lead on this project, which will be supported by funding for Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support (CAFYES), also known as NextUp.
- The College is exploring a possibility for foster youth and veterans housing.

Student Success and Completion

- Dr. Jason Parks and Dr. Marshall Fulbright, deans of instruction, have launched an effort to reach out to students who dropped or failed a class in spring, offering the option to register for the same course in the summer. The deans are sending personalized emails to students with a list of summer class sections for which the students can register.

Summer Advantage

- About 1200 student applications for Summer Advantage have been submitted. Of those, 410 students have finished the onboarding process and have been sent an invitation for the program, which can serve up to 600 students.
- It's exciting news that the College plans to enroll all Summer Advantage students in a one-unit ILA-3 course titled Student Resiliency. As part of the College's commitment to area high schools, ILA-3 is being paid for as a College Promise course. Additionally, the structure of a course provides a way to institutionalize Summer Advantage.

Strategic Goal 2: Improve the Quality of Student Life

Athletics Plan

- The College is meeting with [SilverLakes](#), a sports park and events complex in Norco, to talk about a possible partnership to support both men's and women's soccer.

Bookstore

- Data for book orders held by Barnes and Noble has now been forwarded to Follett Bookstore Company, the new operator of the District student bookstores. Should faculty have questions about summer or fall book orders, email the bookstore manager at afudge@follett.com.

Strategic Goal 3: Increase Student Access

Enhanced Noncredit Courses

Manufacturing Lab, which serves more than eight hundred students each academic year. The new equipment will provide students access to industry-standard equipment and ensure they are prepared to operate current technology and enter the workforce. Special thanks to Launa Wilson at the RCCD Foundation for collaborating and helping facilitate this grant and Dr. Kevin Fleming, dean of instruction for CTE, for making the initial connection.

- [ACE](#) (the Accelerated Certificate and Training Program) will hold its graduation ceremony on June 13, 4:30-6:00 p.m., in CSS-217. This ceremony honors ACE graduates who have recently completed the program as well as those completing in summer 2018.

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Marketing Plan

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Scheduled Maintenance Planning

- The library roof replacement is scheduled for mid-June.
- The heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the CACT building is scheduled for replacement in August.
- The interior lighting retrofit for the IT building is scheduled for August.

Signage

- Groundbreaking for the Norco College marquee sign on the corner of Hamner Avenue and Third Street is expected soon.
- Conceptual planning for wayfinding signage on campus will begin in June, and the full conceptual plan will be presented to college governance councils and committees in fall. The first phase, which is signage necessary to direct students and visitors to the parking lot and building they need, is expected to be in place by fall semester.

Strategic Planning

- A small group of representatives from administration, classified staff, faculty, and the student body met on Friday, May 25, to compose drafts of a revised mission statement based on Institutional Planning Council (ISPC) and Committee of the Whole (COTW) input. The group's drafts will be discussed at the next ISPC meeting on June 6.
- Work on the revised Educational Master Plan and Strategic Plan, and the Facilities Master Plan "refresh," will start during summer, led by Deborah Shepley of Gensler company, a consultant with whom the College has worked before.

Strategic Goal 7: Strengthen our Commitment to our Employees

Educational Resources

- [Educational Advisory Board](#)

Symposium on August 23, and State of the College (during which the president and vice presidents will address attendees, and initiative updates will be presented) on August 24.