



## RCC Strategic Planning News and Updates

**EPOC** (Educational Planning and Oversight Committee)

**Charge:** EPOC oversees and directs the general work of the councils, monitors institutional progress toward achieving college goals, and provides recommendations to the college president. It also serves as the Accreditation Steering Committee.  
*Meets the 1st Thursday of the month*

Chairs: Wolde-ab Isaac, administrative co-chair, Kathleen Sell, presiding faculty chair, & Nigel Item, student co-chair

Accreditation Liaison: Susan Mills

### Leadership Councils

*All councils meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month*

**ACTPIS** (Academic & Career Technical Programs and Instructional Support Leadership Council)

Chairs: Kathleen Sell, presiding faculty chair; Tony Rizo, staff co-chair & Maritza Jeronimo, student co-chair

**IE** (Institutional Effectiveness Leadership Council)

Chairs: Wendy McEwen administrative co-chair, Lupe Delgadillo, staff co-chair & Charlie Zacarias, student co-chair

**RDAS** (Resource Development and Administrative Services Leadership Council)

Chairs: Paul O'Connell, presiding faculty chair; Stephen Ashby, staff co-chair & Manny Martinez, student co-chair

**SAS** (Student Access and Support Leadership Council)

Chairs: Elisabeth Thompson-Eagle, presiding faculty chair; FeRita Carter, administrative co-chair; Tony Ortiz, staff co-chair & Grace Peterson, student co-chair

Welcome to the 2016-2017 academic year! While we sorely miss the expertise of so many of our retired faculty, staff and administrators, the work of implementing our college Strategic Plan will be moving forward this year under the leadership of a new faculty co-chair for strategic planning, Kathleen Sell, our Accreditation Liaison, Susan Mills, the chairs of the leadership councils—faculty, staff, student, and a host of new administrators.

### Highlights & Priorities for 2016-2017

In May 2016, the Academic Senate approved both the Strategic Plan and the new Constitution and Bylaws so we start this academic year with these in place and ready to continue the work of implementation. The Strategic Planning Website is being updated to ensure that the most recent documents and memberships are available for everyone to consult.

We also start this fall with three new facilities open for business: Coil School for the Arts, the Charles A. Kane one-stop shop for Student Services, and Culinary Arts building. In addition, RCC welcomes to the college several new faculty—many replacement, but also NEW positions allocated through the strategic planning process last year in line with the college's strategic goals. And we have ten new faculty positions to allocate this year, too.

For this academic year, preparing the midterm accreditation report tops the list along with completing the first full round of the new program review process with Divisions presenting integrated division plans to ACTPIS, RDAS, and SAS by the end of September/ early October for review and discussion with actual prioritization to follow in early November. With implementation underway, it is crucial that the college assess its processes, and the IE-LC is crucial here. In addition, staying on track with the schedule of course and program SLOs is essential to continuous improvement. The work of establishing discipline, department, and divisional targets—and the ongoing to work to monitor, assess, and recalibrate these—will also be ongoing as will the work on fully developing and/or revising all the implementation plans

### Help Needed

The following committees/ councils still have vacancies in some areas: Fine and Performing Arts and CTE faculty for Academic Standards, Faculty Development, PG&SL; FPA faculty member for RDAS; LHSS faculty for IE, Program Review and Academic Standards. Staff members are needed to co-chair IE and to fill voting member positions on RDAS (1), IE (1), and ACTPIS (1). Thank you ASRCC for getting all the student representatives in place! All of our

councils also welcome at large members. We need your voice and expertise! Please contact Mark Sellick or Kathleen Sell (faculty) and Stephen Ashby (staff) if you are able to serve on one of these groups.

Some of the major workgroups for the councils also need representatives: for IE, the Program Review Committee needs faculty from CTE, FPA, and LHSS as well as staff and administrative members from both Business and Administrative Services and Student Services. The Assessment Committee also needs staff and administrative members from both Business and Administrative Services and Student Services.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 23           Equity Retreat focusing on Multiple Measures (MMAAP). This is an all day retreat (8-4) at the Hyatt Palace Hotel.
- Sept. 30           Division presentations to Joint Councils—9-11 Hall of Fame
- October 14        Fall Strategic Planning retreat from 9-12 in the Hall of Fame and will focus on reviewing the draft of the Midterm Accreditation Report.
- Nov. 29           Joint council meeting to prioritize initiatives from Divisions—1-3 Hall of Fame
- The council prioritizations will be forwarded to EPOC and then to the President.

### **Resources**

The draft master RCC committee calendar is available at <http://www.rcc.edu/about/Pages/RCC-Committees.aspx> . If you are part of a group who is not on the calendar yet, please contact Kathleen Sell at [kathleen.sell@rcc.edu](mailto:kathleen.sell@rcc.edu) and Tony Rizo Rizo, [anthony.rizo@rcc.edu](mailto:anthony.rizo@rcc.edu) so we can work to make sure the calendar is accurate and up to date.