

Surveys, Surveys, and More Surveys!

District-wide Strategic Plan Review

Since December the college was informed that there was going to be a District-wide Strategic Planning Work Group formed to review the District-wide Strategic Plan. This was covered at College Council along with the dissemination of the District-wide Strategic Plan. The following individuals are representing the college on the District-wide Strategic Planning Work Group: Faculty member Suzi Ama, Classified members Kim Blackwell, and Natalie Dorrell, Management members Heather Ostash, Gale Lebsock, and Jill Board. The group met for the first time Wednesday February 2nd and began reviewing the results from the first survey in which you provided your input on KCCD's Missions, Vision, Values, and Initiatives.

By now you have received the second announcement regarding completing a survey about issues related to the District-wide Strategic Plan. I am encouraging each of you to take the time to fill this survey out. It is seeking your input on our district's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. Strengths and weaknesses represent how we are doing internally; while opportunities and threats shine the light on external factors that may affect us. This second survey will close at 5:00pm on Wednesday, February 9th.

Promoting Institutional Improvement

This spring Cerro Coso Community College is participating in the national ***Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)***, the national ***Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (CCFSSE)***, and we have been selected to participate in a pilot project of the ***Survey of Online Student Engagement (SOSE)***.

All faculty, full time and adjunct, who are teaching credit courses, will receive an email from ***The Center for Community College Student Engagement (CCCSE)*** containing a link to the online survey. The period to complete this survey will be between 2/28 thru 3/21. Responses received will be aggregated and compared with aggregated student responses for institution-wide improvement purposes, so please be completely candid in your responses.

Students enrolled in randomly selected credit courses throughout our service area will be provided the opportunity to fill out the ***CCSSE*** while in class. All students enrolled in online courses will be provided the ***SOSE*** to provide their online responses. These surveys will begin the end of February and run through March however the exact time is yet to be determined.

While I understand these surveys can be time consuming, it is imperative that we provide students and faculty the opportunity to share their educational experience in order for our institution to identify areas of strengths and areas needing improvement.

Check out "Pony Espresso" for your morning and afternoon treat!