

COLLEGE COUNCIL

MEETING INFORMATION			
TITLE	College Council		
DATE	April 17, 2026	TIME	9am – 10:30am
LOCATION	EGF 301, TRF 461F	RECORDER	Topanga Brown
CHAIRS	Shari Olson, Adam Paulson		
PARTICIPANTS	Members: Kirsten Michalke, Maura Nelson, Brian Larson, Abdul Chamma, Ron Dvergsten, Shannon Nelson, Heather Koland, Amanda Johnson, Alyssa Montgomery, Erin Bulger, Trisha Stromsodt, Stacy Hon, and Topanga Brown		

I = Info, D = Discussion, A = Action

MINUTES		
TYPE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION TAKEN
I	Check-In	
I/D	FY 28 System Office Funding Considerations - Shari (handout) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 system office proposals to move allocation funds System Green Sheet with Allocation information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of 4 system office proposals for FY28 funding considerations were presented, moving allocation from 2-year colleges to universities. FY 26-27 Contract negotiations have been finalized and include salary health care increases. College presidents expressed concerns and are pushing back on the current system office proposals Based on feedback from college presidents, university presidents, and state-wide union representatives, new proposals will be brought forward to the Board of Trustees for consideration in June 2026.
I/D	Committee Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Advancing Equity – Kirsten Well-Being Work Group – Becca/Topanga 	Advancing Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The March 31 International Food Student Club event was reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funded through the Welcoming Grant Attendance exceeded 100 participants Included cultural performances, food, trivia, and participant feedback Cultural flags will be coming down in near future. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The equity map remains under development. Possible Fall 2026 In Service Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BIT ticket process Early Alert system Behavior chart implementation A group will meet over the summer to discuss Well-Being Work Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Massage chair pricing estimates were received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A local employee offered additional repair support. A chair selection is needed before WBWG college and student senate funds are allocated.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April Step Challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 80 participants • Weekly prize drawings underway • Tiered prizes will be distributed after completion • Walk & Talk Wednesday participation remains low. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No participation in TRF; 2–4 participants in EGF
I/D	Open Agenda:	<p>PTK Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shari met with both PTK groups. <p>EGF PTK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six students attended the Baltimore conference. • Interest in opening the college proposal system to student input. • Initial proposal would focus on expanding evening campus activities in EGF. • Discussion held regarding adding one student from each campus to councils to strengthen student voice. <p>TRF PTK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three PTK students with project proposals. • Focus areas include career aligned strengths, a community college podcast series, and post-online learning transitions. • Adam Paulson volunteered to assist with podcast development. <p>Council Membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was our final meeting of the current cycle. • Shari requested that union leadership for AFSCME, MAPE and MSCF solicit member interest April-May; so, we can work in the summer to create email groups and calendar appointments. • Members may continue serving. • Action: Union Leadership, Amanda Johnson and Adam Paulson will issue a call for volunteers. We will also need MAPE volunteers. • See College-wide Shared Governance – Council Model link. https://www.northlandcollege.edu/employees/councils-committees/ <p>Campus Expos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Expos at both locations were successful. • High engagement noted among students. • Events were organized, well attended, and professionally executed. • Recommendation made to nominate the Expo for a Bellwether Award https://www.alamo.edu/bellwether-college-consortium/bellwether-awards/Guidelines/ <p>Farm Management Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent data findings were reviewed. • Tariffs and geopolitical factors continue to impact production and exports. • Soy exports to Asia have become cost prohibitive. • Approximately 40% of farms experienced financial losses last year. <p>High Flex Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised regarding the possible elimination of high flex instruction. • Fully in person or fully online delivery models are more costly. • Some employers allow students to attend business classes via Zoom during work hours. • High flex improves flexibility and attendance but may place programs at risk if discontinued. • Action: Shari Olson will schedule a meeting with Joseph A. and John F. to further discuss high flex.
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NEXT MEETING		

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