

President's Report – February 16, 2022

College Council Feb 11

We had 415 late start classes last semester — largest crop of late start classes ever.

Arlitha Harmon will be leaving the KCCD Chief Financial Officer position in early March. VP Finance+Admin Mike Giacomini will be the interim CFO and Cerro Coso VP Finance+Admin Lisa Couch will be helping Porterville as well (VC Harmon had been doing KCCD and Porterville)

Campus COVID check-in times moving to 7 am to 1 pm

Great majority of people don't use the QR code room scanning once they get onto campus. They only use it at the check-in stations. In order for contract tracing to work, we need people to do their part by letting us know which rooms they've been in by scanning the QR code. Other colleges in the state who use the app have had much better usage of the QR code scanning.

There are a LARGE number of private foundation grants available for us to get the funds we need for classroom/program projects. VP Innovation and Development Bill Moseley's office has several experienced grant writers (we heard from Oliver Rosales and Steve Waller). Waller noted the gov't site [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) has all off the federal grants available to colleges/universities. However, word of warning: if you want to find out about a grant, choose the "**Subscribe**" button NOT the "Apply" button. If you click the Apply button you would very likely block anyone else from KCCD from being able to access the grant information and application.

We had a presentation on the persistence rates with particular attention on the Fall to Fall persistence that have significantly decreased once COVID hit. Students who don't persist can't earn associate degrees or transfer on to get Bachelor's with the boost in their annual incomes that come from such degrees (economic mobility). The African American student fall-to-fall persistence is significantly lower than that for Asian, Hispanic/Latinx, and White students. What can we do to improve persistence rates?

We had the presentation on the Military Articulation Platform (MAP) Credit for Prior Learning that the Senate had on Feb 2.

In March, the ACCJC MidTerm Report (accreditation) team will be sharing their first draft with the Senate. Need to have final draft to the Board of Trustees by the June BOT meeting.

Be sure to ask your College Council rep about what happened at the twice-monthly meetings and give them feedback/concerns from your department. College Council is the primary way faculty can give information/feedback/concerns to the College President.

Districtwide Budget Committee

We reviewed the presentation about the new District Budget Allocation Model (BAM) for unrestricted funds. One thing we still have not settled is the fixed percent of the SCFF revenues that will be allocated to the District Office.

DWBC recommends that FY2020-21 unallocated carryover revenue be allocated to the colleges based on the current FTES budget allocation model (the old BAM, until the new SCFF-based BAM is adopted).

KCCD Mask Mandate

The statewide mask mandate is lifting for **vaccinated** people today. Masks will still be required statewide for:

- Public transit
- Indoors in K-12 schools
- Emergency shelters
- Healthcare setting
- State and local correctional facilities and detention centers
- Homeless shelters
- Long-term care setting and adult & senior care facilities.

Unvaccinated people are required to mask in all indoor public settings (though it is unenforceable since no one is checking vaccination status). Local governments may continue their own indoor masking requirements, and these requirements may be stricter than the state's requirements.

The statewide K-12 school masking mandate may go away Feb 28. The mandates at colleges/universities in CA are all over the map. KCCD is keeping the mask mandate for the time being.