



College of the Siskiyous

The Campus Connection

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Superintendent / President

"What you seek is seeking you." -- Rumi, 13th Century Poet

August is here! Signs are appearing everywhere announcing "Back to School." And even though it has been years since I went "back to school" as an enrolled student, I still think of August as when you get new pencils and pens, buy school clothes, go see the doctor, and set out again on the next year's journey of seeking knowledge. Is what I seek to learn seeking to be learned?!

The activity on campus is returning. Our summer NOLS students are leaving campus as the Lodge RAs and athletes participating in fall sports are arriving. Siskiyou Promise Scholars are attending orientations, and several facility projects are being completed to be as ready as soon as possible before fall semester begins later this month.

For those unaware, the Yreka Campus suffered lightning damage last month and is still undergoing repairs. We have brought in a temporary HVAC unit for RHSI to help with environmental controls.

The fires surrounding us have sent their smoke to block out the sun, shroud our mountain, and enclose us with an oppressive covering that obscures our view of the horizon. Even while we are glad the fires remain for the time being at arm's length, our thoughts of concern and offers of support are extended to our neighbors (and members of the College family) dealing with injury, displacement, and loss.



Some highlights of the past month include:

- July 17 – I spoke at the Mt. Shasta Rotary, and toured the Karuk Tribe's new Community Center
- July 20 – Served ice cream at the College's Ice Cream Social, and served as a Panel Speaker on Community Resilience for the League of Cities Conference
- July 23 – Participated in SOAR Facilitator interviews for the Siskiyou Occupational Advancement Roadmap (SOAR) community effort
- July 26 – Attended the College's Upward Bound closing ceremonies
- Attended two friend-raising meetings in support of the College Foundation

- Attended two ASM meetings to discuss current topics and issues
- Participated in a doctoral study on the impact of the Community College Presidency on Student Success
- Met with two community members – one regarding Veteran services in Siskiyou County, and the other on the potential role of the College in International Student Education.

Plans for the start of the academic year a few weeks from now are well underway. We are working on plans for an informative and engaging All-College Orientation Day for Thursday, August 23. College offices at both Yreka and Weed campuses will be closed that day until 1:00 p.m. in order to allow all College employees to be in attendance for our morning sessions. I am so looking forward to having all of us gathered together again!

Quote of the Month:

“And suddenly you know: it’s time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.”
 Meister Eckhart, 13th Century Theologian

Public Relations & College Foundation

Keep Spreading the Word...Registration (Reg365) for 2018/2019 Classes is OPEN!!

As we near the start of a new semester, promotion of fall classes begins to ramp up. We are beginning to see athletes arrive on campus; campus beautification projects are nearing completion; and excitement for a new year can be felt all over!

It seems the month of July passed by so quick it’s hard to tell where it began and where it ended. The beginning of the month was especially busy with us celebrating the 4th of July. COS was fortunate to be invited to participate as part of the recognition of the Business of the Year float. COS Foundation Board President, Greg Messer and his wife Chris and their businesses Expershare and Snow Creek Studios, was recognized by the Mt. Shasta community as the 2018 Business of the Year. Greg invited COS to participate in their recognition as we are a huge part of the community and the role we play in preparing our students for the work place.

July is also a busy month for the Foundation. Lots of meetings and planning of upcoming activities for the fall took place. We are very excited to be bringing back our Alumni Association. Plan now to attend a free “barbecue kick off” event to be held August 16, 6 p.m. at the Weed Campus. Many, many letters have been sent to our alumni inviting participation at our upcoming events.

We also sent out our first E-newsletter in July to announce not only the Alumni BBQ, but also announcing the “50 Years of Football” celebration weekend coming up in September. The E-newsletter is a once per month publication which will announce COS activities, events, special reminders, and more.

Visit us at the Fair - COS will have a booth at the Siskiyou Golden Fair, August 8 - 12. This is a great recruitment /marketing opportunity for the College. Thousands of people attend the Siskiyou Golden Fair each year to see what Siskiyou County has to offer, spend time with their family, and support agriculture and the arts (and have fun!). Thank you to everyone who is volunteering their time to help promote the college.

In case you missed it, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories that were published by local media:

- Area Youth Hooping it Up at COS Camp
<http://www.siskiyoudaily.com/sports/20180712/area-youth-hooping-it-up-at-cos-camp>
- ECE Admin Classes to Begin at COS
<http://www.siskiyoudaily.com/news/20180802/ece-administration-classes-begin-aug-27-at-cos>

Scholarship Dinner – Save the Date... The 2018 Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held Saturday, September 15 at St. Michael's Hall in Weed. More information about this event will be provided as we get closer to the event. Tickets are now on sale - \$25 per person.

Save the Date – Fifty Years of Football Celebration (September 21-22): The COS Foundation and Athletic Department will host the *"Fifty Years of Football Celebration"* at the Weed Campus on Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22. Friday the event will begin with a welcome in the Theater and memories/highlights by our alumni coaching staff. Saturday events will include a tailgate party, home football game vs. Chabot College, and halftime ceremony. Sign up to attend at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/50-years-of-football-celebration-tickets-47876495888>

Come Join Our Team! –Angel Fisher, Eagles Nest Manager is looking for new volunteers to join the Eagle's Nest team. Volunteers work 3 to 4 hour shifts per week, or more. Volunteers work as cashiers, screen items as they come in, price merchandise, repair items, research antiques. etc.; there is never a dull moment at the Nest. If you know of anyone who may be interested in volunteering have them call 938-4663 or stop by the Eagle's Nest.

August Events

- August 1: Open Registration (Reg365) for 2018/2019 Continues
- August 3 & 4: Summer Musical Theatre Intensive Presents "Broadway Revue", 7PM – Theater (finale performance August 5 at 3PM)
- August 7: COS Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting, 6PM – Yreka Campus RHSI, Room 121
- August 8: CNA Pinning Ceremony, 5PM – Theater
- August 9: Summer Session 2 & 3 Ends
- August 10: Training – Self Evaluations & 360, 11AM (BR)
- August 10: Training – Performance Management, 2PM (BR)
- August 11: Siskiyou Promise (New Student) Workshop, 9AM – ASC Loft
- August 14: EOPS Orientation, 2PM – MC 12

- August 14: Foundation Board Meeting, 5PM (Dinner) & 5:30PM (Meeting) – Yreka Campus RHSI, Room 123
- August 15: Siskiyou Promise (New Student) Workshop, 9AM – ASC Loft
- August 15: EOPS Orientation, 1PM – MC 12
- August 16: EOPS Orientation, 1PM – MC 12
- August 16: COS Alumni Barbecue (Free), 6PM – Weed Campus Quad
- August 17: CSEA Meeting, 2:30PM – ESTC 8-107
- August 23: Staff Orientation Day, 8AM – Theater
- August 26: Siskiyou Promise Welcome Reception, 3PM – Weed Campus Quad
- August 27: Fall Semester Begins
- August 27: Week of Welcome Activities (subject to change)
 - Coffee on the Quad (7:15-9:30AM)
 - Music on the Quad (10AM-2PM)
 - Welcome “Ask Me” Table (10AM-2PM)
 - Inflatable Obstacle Course (11AM-1PM)
 - Hotdog/Burger BBQ (11:30AM-1PM) – First 100 students/while supplies last
 - Cornhole & Volleyball (6:30-8PM)
- August 28: Week of Welcome Activities (subject to change)
 - Music on the Quad (10AM-2PM)
 - Welcome “Ask Me” Table (10AM-2PM)
 - Disc Golf Demo/Contest (TBA, 10AM-2PM)
 - Club Showcase (11AM-1PM)
 - No Host Ice Cream Truck (12-1PM)
- August 29: Week of Welcome Activities (subject to change)
 - Resource Fair (10AM-1PM)
 - Music on the Quad (10AM-2PM)
 - Welcome “Ask Me” Table (10AM-2PM)
 - Scavenger Hunt (12-1PM)
 - Bowling – Discount w/ASB card (7PM-10PM)
- August 30: Week of Welcome Activities (subject to change)
 - Music on the Quad (10AM-2PM)
 - Welcome “Ask Me” Table (10AM-2PM)
 - Open Mic - Poetry, Music, etc. (11AM-12PM)

Administrative Services

The summer for Administrative Services has flown by this year with each department working on special projects and getting ready for the Fall Semester. The College finally received a simulation of the new funding model from the Chancellor’s Office around mid- July, which will be shared during Orientation day. We will continue working on completing the “draft” Final Budget over the next few weeks which will be presented, reviewed and approved by Integrated Planning &

Budget and College Council during Orientation Day before moving it forward to the Board of Trustees for final approval in September.

July marked my one year anniversary here at COS and it has been an honor and joy to work alongside everyone at the campus and in the community over the last year. I was able to do some local sightseeing with my mother and she was in awe of the beautiful surrounding area and the campus, reminding me how lucky I am to work and live in such a spectacular setting!!

Bookstore: The Bookstore has most of the textbooks for the fall 2018 semester in stock ready to be purchased or rented. As of the end of July, 75% of the textbooks the Bookstore has in stock are in used condition. The Bookstore is offering a rental option on 45% of the textbooks that are being used for the fall semester. Textbook rentals are a great way to save money on textbooks for the upcoming semester. Just make sure you can return them by their due date, December 14. The Bookstore is also offering digital textbooks for many of the fall semester textbooks. These can be ordered from the Bookstore's website. Come check out many of the new College of the Siskiyous clothing designs for 2018 that are starting to arrive at the Bookstore. Find the perfect style for you to show off your College of the Siskiyous spirit!

Business Services Update:

- **Annual Audit** - This first visit by the District's audit firm, Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez and Leavitt (CDWL), was completed during the week of July 23 and went very well. We were able to provide a significant amount of documentation to CDWL prior to their visit which made their time here very efficient and smooth. CDWL tested all the federal financial aid programs, the District's CCFS-320 attendance report, the Prop 39 energy program and focused on the DSPS categorical program as well as the District's procedures for receipts, purchasing and the District's internal controls. CDWL found a few areas where we can improve and will be having a follow up call with the District in a week or two to review what was identified on this first visit.

Their second visit will be in October when they will be reviewing and testing all areas related to the District's financial records in order to prepare the District's final audit report in time for Board review and approval at the December 2018 Board meeting.

- **2018/2019 Budget** - The 2018/2019 Tentative Budget has been posted into Banner Finance and is available for review and use by budget managers. With the passage of the State budget, the District is now focusing on the preparation of the Final Budget which will be going through the governance process leading up to its presentation to the Board for final approval in September. The Chancellor's Office is providing a Budget Workshop in Sacramento on August 13 which will highlight the key areas of the State's budget, including the changes in funding formula for Community College Districts. Two members of the District will be attending this workshop.

- **Banking Change** - As a follow-up to last month, our first two live direct deposit payrolls with Mechanics Bank on July 10 and July 31 have processed cleanly. Mechanics Bank is a reputable company and we expect the same quality of service from them that we have always received from Scott Valley Bank.

Food Services: Saturday, August 4, the Dining Hall will provide DINNER ONLY from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, August 5, Lodge Students will have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Dining Hall. Looking ahead, Food Services will be open as follows:

- Dining Room: August 5 – 24, Breakfast 7 to 9 a.m., Lunch 12 to 2 p.m., Dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
- The Grill will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday until fall semester begins August 27 when the weekend Grill hours will return to 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Facilities – Project Update: On July 24, control systems at the Yreka campus were severely damaged by lightning strikes. The security, fire, irrigation and HVAC controls systems along with the RHSI A/C (chiller) were damaged. As of the writing of this report, the security systems have been repaired and the fire alarm is scheduled for replacement August 1. The HVAC controls are being repaired and a temporary A/C unit is being installed August 2 to cool the RHSI building. Working with multiple vendors and facility staff, our goal is to have systems back online for the start of school.

Other projects include:

- The new Soccer Field Primary Stakeholder group will meet August 2 to resume project program design. Construction is scheduled for spring 2019 with project completion scheduled for August 1, 2019.
- The new crosswalk at Siskiyou Way is complete.
- The roadway line painting at the Weed Campus is nearly finished. Please watch for workers in the roadways.
- The installation of new electronic FOB locks in the Weed Campus gymnasium continues.
- The replacement of the gymnasium heating plant, funded by Prop 39 and Scheduled Maintenance continues. Hot water service in the gymnasium will resume August 6.
- Four Lodge resident room remodels are complete.
- Crack sealing and line painting has begun at the Yreka Campus.
- The ASC carpet Phase II project is complete.
- Repair of the Fire Tower has begun. Completion is scheduled for August 3.
- The installation of additional electronic FOB locks, funded by the COS Foundation RHSI endowment in RHSI classrooms and entries is scheduled for early September.
- The Science building emergency shower drain repair is scheduled for Winter Break 2018.
- The annual fire alarm testing for both Weed and Yreka campuses is complete.
- The annual fire sprinkler system testing is scheduled for late August.
- An evaluation of the scope of repair for the leaking fire sprinklers in the Science building was completed on April 21. The administration is reviewing the data and options.

Technology Project Update:

- **Banner Revitalization:** Work continues on our Banner revitalization. The schedule is as follows:
 - Week of August 6 - Student Revitalization
 - Week of August 6 – Fin Aid Revitalization
 - Week of August 21 – Fin Aid Revitalization
 - Week of August 27 – ODS Training
 - Week of September 3 – ODS Training
 - Week of September 10 - Student Revitalization
 - Week of September 10 - Fin Aid Revitalization
 - Week of September 24 – ODS Training
 - Week of October 1 – ODS Training
 - Week of October 15 – Student Revitalization
 - Week of November 12 – ODS Training
- **Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2016:** During the next few months, IT will be rolling out Windows 10 and Microsoft Office 2016 to all faculty and staff. Many computers will be replaced during the rollout. Computers that are not being replaced immediately will be upgraded to Windows 10 throughout the fall and spring semesters as opportunity provides. You will be notified regarding an appointment to move your data to the new system.
- **Some Tips from the US Department of Homeland Security:** Be suspicious of requests sent through email or text message. Do not click on unknown links or answer strange questions sent to your device, regardless of who the sender appears to be. If you do think the email is legitimate, go to the site and log on directly. Whatever notification or service offering was referenced in the email, if valid, will be available via regular log on.

Do not give out personal information over the phone or in an email unless completely sure. Social engineering is a process of deceiving individuals into providing personal information to seemingly trusted agents who turn out to be malicious actors. If contacted over the phone by someone claiming to be a retailer or collection agency, do not give out your personal information. Ask them to provide you their name and a callback number. Just because they may have some of your information does not mean they are legitimate!

From <https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/protect-myself-cyber-attacks>

Student Services

Community Resources Symposium: Regina Weston, Shannon Eller, Jan Harris, and Val Roberts organized a Community Resources Symposium held on July 26 at the COS Weed Campus. It was the first event of its kind hosted by COS, and we had folks from 10 agencies (15 people) attend. Information on the services provided through each agency was shared, and a Community Agency Advisory Committee will be created. Agency staff invited but unable to attend will be asked to participate on the Advisory Committee. Strengthening relationships will assist us all in providing timely and needed referrals to resources COS is unable to offer to our students.

Information Session at Choices (Yreka): Choices is a non-profit agency in Yreka and Mt. Shasta, completely run by volunteers, that assists low income families with resource information for food banks, housing, Cash Aid, WIC, and Cal Fresh. They offer a safe place for families to gather, provide support for pregnant women, family parenting classes, cooked meals, as well as items like diapers, wipes, food, car seats, and clothing to name a few! Parents utilizing these services have shown interest in college and on August 2, Jan Harris and Beckie Hobbs presented a workshop to folks at the Yreka location. We are very excited about this opportunity to share what COS has to offer these families and what financial aid assistance is available to assist them in obtaining their educational goals. We look forward to having them attend COS in the fall.

Admissions & Registration: We currently have processed over a thousand degree or certificate seeking new or returning students for the fall 2018 semester. Staff and Student Ambassadors are assisting those students to make an appointment with Counseling in order to get registered for classes.

- *Week of Welcome* - Please come out and join us the Week of Welcome (August 27-30) We will have music, obstacle course, BBQ, Resource fair, Club Showcase, Open Mic and more.
- *Student Ambassadors* - We recently finished interviews for Student Ambassadors for the 2018/2019 academic year. They will start training the second week of August to be ready for Week of Welcome.

Counseling and Student Support

Programs: It's getting busier for the counselors and advisors with the start of fall semester approaching. Numbers of students participating in and completing both in person and online SOARs is increasing.



Phone advising and counseling continues. Fortunately, folks were able to take a few days of vacation over the summer.

- **Student Support Programs:** We are continuing to receive applications via the new “universal” online application. Orientations for EOPS and SSS have been scheduled for the week before fall semester begins later this month.
- **TRiO - Upward Bound:** The Upward Bound Summer Program concluded on July 27 with its annual Closing Ceremony in the Theater. Many parents and loved ones attended in support of their students completing another successful, challenging, and fun summer program. A huge shout-out to the UB staff that put a tremendous amount of time and energy in to making the Summer Program a life changing experience for the Siskiyous UB students.

Student Equity: Siskiyou Promise Summer Workshops are going really well. We held two more workshops in July and have the final two scheduled for August. Students are giving positive feedback and overall we feel that this was a great way to orient new Siskiyou Promise Students to their mySiskiyous, Canvas and the campus. Students have especially loved Bart Scott’s Financial Literacy presentation; it has generated some great discussions and questions from students. We would like to thank Bart for his willingness to present on this important topic.

Financial Aid: What a busy summer it’s been so far! I want to thank my staff, Teri Boyd and Karen Chandler, for always assisting our students to the utmost of their ability and with a smile! They are manning phones, answering student emails and completing their own tasks in between interruptions! Our students and I appreciate you both.

As of June 30, we have awarded 243 students a total of \$1,382,846.00. We award students at full time (12 or more units) and disburse the Pell grants using their actual enrollment. We have awarded a total of 1,176 California College Promise Grants (formally the BOGW). Teri Boyd, our Cal Grant coordinator, has been working on the Cal Grant rosters and awarding Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C’s to students who have completed their financial aid file.

We are currently accepting loan applications which Karen Chandler has been processing. The Federal Direct loan is located on our website www.siskiyous.edu/financialaid/studentloans.htm. Students must have a completed financial aid file and be enrolled in 6 or more units. We received notification last week from the California Student Aid Commission about the finalizing of the new Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG). This grant combines the Full Time Student Success Grant (FTSSG) with the Community College Completion Grant (CCCG) into one grant. Beginning fall 2018, students enrolled in 12 to 14.99 units will receive the Cal Grant B or C and the SSCG for the amount of \$1,289 for fall and spring (\$649 per term). Students enrolled in 15+ units will receive the Cal Grant B or C and the SSCG for the amount of \$4,000 for fall and spring (\$2,000 per term). Our California residents have an amazing opportunity for funding their education at California Community Colleges!

On a final note, Student Services Specialist, Teri Boyd, will be leaving the Financial Aid Office. Even though it is with sadness that we are making this announcement, we are all excited about

her new opportunities and returning to her hometown of Stockton. Teri quickly became an asset to the Financial Aid staff and our students during the year that she was here. She participated in numerous outreach events, managed our Cal Grant program and Federal Work Study. She also implemented Inceptia which has been an amazing verification tool for our students. Her last day is August 31. Keep in touch, Teri, we will miss you!

Student Housing: On August 4, 95 students checked into the Lodges during early arrival check in. Eight Resident Assistants and five Lodge Government Representatives assisted with greeting students, checking them into their rooms and helping residents get settled for the fall term. A small number of students arriving for August classes experienced a crisis when their rental housing plans were changed or cancelled. These students have been offered temporary housing in overflow beds at the Lodges. This temporary housing is available until August 19. This two-week window allows time for students to make alternate housing plans. Lodge staff will be making final preparations for The Lodges opening on August 22.

Associated Student Board: The first ASB meetings of the year will be in the first week of classes. An important agenda item will be to approve election timelines for the fall term when additional senators can be added to the Board.

Instruction

Hello and welcome to August. The summer is just about over, and we are excited to have the faculty and students back on campus for the fall term. Preparations for the new school year are being finalized as we speak. This year will include a New Faculty Institute program designed to assist and support our first and second year instructors. Also, the faculty handbook was revised this summer. While there are always edits and additions to be made in the future, the handbook now represents a slimmed down version with essential information for faculty. It was designed to be smaller in size and a quick reference when needed.



Curriculum Committee: This month Jodi Dawson, Elaine Eldridge, Jayne Turk, Katie Gale, Sunny Greene, and Zachary Zweigle traveled to Riverside, Ca for the ASCCC Curriculum Institute. It was a nice (albeit hot) and informative week. The sessions were very timely with respect to the larger initiatives taking place statewide, most presentations seemed to focus on either Guided Pathways or AB-705. While the Mission Inn was a beautiful and historic locale, next year's institute will be held in San Francisco, which will be a neat change.

Career and Technical Education: Dennis Roberts' report's the Police Academy is in the middle of Module One and all is going very well. Looking ahead to the upcoming semester, the Firefighter 1 Academy has twenty-four perspective students for the fall class.



Athletics: Please welcome Katie Woodward, Yreka High School graduate who returned to Siskiyou County in 2011 to educate and coach the next generation. Katie left Yreka High School in 2002 with a Track and Field scholarship to attend California State University, Fresno. After earning a Bachelor's of Science degree at Fresno State in Natural Sciences with emphasis in Biology, she went on to complete a Master's degree in Education at National University in Redding. Katie started teaching health and science classes at Yreka High School in 2011, while also coaching track and volleyball. She joins COS this fall as the new Head Track and Field, as well as Head Cross Country Coach. (Fun Fact: She is the first female Head Coach for Track and Field and Cross Country in the history of the College.)

Please congratulate Zachary Meyers, who interviewed and promoted to Head Athletic Trainer – he previously served as Assistant Athletic Trainer. Siskiyou County is obviously a big change from Las Vegas, Nevada, but Mr. Meyer and his wife are enjoying the region – they are laying down roots and raising their young family.



Welcome Scott Daffern, who interviewed to fill the Assistant Athletic Trainer position. Daffern holds a Bachelors and Masters of Science in Kinesiology from Humboldt State University. Since February 2017, he has served as an Athletic Trainer and Assistant Program Director for Work-Fit in Washington State. Prior, he worked as an Athletic Trainer for California State University, Monterey Bay from 2013-2017. It is exciting to have the ranks of the Athletic Training Department full again.

Nursing: Karen Harper is a COS Alumni Class of 2015, who went on to earn her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Western Governor's University in 2016. Her recent experience includes working as Expert Instructional Aide for the COS Nursing Department and as Registered Nurse for Mercy Medical Center in Mt. Shasta. Please welcome Ms. Harper as she begins her new role as a tenure-track faculty member in the Nursing Department.



The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Pinning Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 8, at 5 p.m. in the Kenneth W. Ford Theater. All are invited to attend.

The Nursing Department will be hosting a Soft Skills Training for nursing and allied health providers on August 24 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the RHSI. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact the Nursing Office at 841-5929 by August 13 if you are interested in attending.

The six sessions will cover: Communication Competency, Workplace Ethics and Professionalism, Team Building and Collaboration, Effective Problem Solving, Embracing Diversity, and Demonstrating Compassion. For more information on these modules go to: <http://ca-hwi.org/?lp=10001>.

Human Resources

Recruitment	
Position	Status
Academic Advisor, TRiO & SSS	Canceled: Internal Transfer
Assistant Athletic Trainer	Complete: Scott Daffern
Custodian	Job Offer Pending
Food Services Assistant (2 Positions)	Screening
Associate Director, Fiscal Services	Screening
Director, Non-Credit, Community & Contract Education	Screening
Program Assistant, DSPS	Screening
Dual Enrollment Coordinator	First Review: August 15, 2018

Academic Senate

Three faculty members walk into the Instruction Office bar and the 4th one ducks. Wait... Starting over...

Poor Dr. Zweigle was quietly working in his office when first 1, then 2, and then 3 faculty members walk in with ~~complicated questions~~-synergy. We were all working away on the Passport process and ended up sharing ideas and plans while causing chaos in the Instruction Office.

Six faculty members have been working on the Interstate Passport over the summer: Dr. Bill Hirt, Dr. Andrea Craddock, Maria Fernandez, Neil Carpentier-Alting, Shirley Louie, Katie Gale, and Jayne Turk. And it's really cool!!! According to the Passport website, the *"Interstate Passport is a program that facilitates block transfer of students' lower-division general education attainment based on learning outcomes via its network of regionally accredited nonprofit member institutions nationwide."* So, we are working on getting first our courses and then our Gen Ed patterns to align with the Passport so our students can effectively use their time and financial aid dollars. Our Counseling faculty has already starting working on how to integrate Gen Ed with the new passport.

I have already spent time with many of the COS faculty getting ready for the new academic year and the excitement, along with the smoke, is definitely in the air!

In other news, students are already arriving on campus! The RAs are training to make our lodges ready for all their occupants while football and soccer student athletes are already starting their programs. Our coaching faculty has worked hard with their recruiting, and has brought onboard many new faces to fill our classroom and our fields. If you heard there were housing problems, there still are... we still need both long-term and short-term housing for incoming students!

Professional Development workshops have been planned for August 24 and December 17. The afternoon of August 23 is already reserved for SLO/Program Review training. Lots to learn and lots to teach!

No other reports were submitted.