



Report to ASCCC

March 8-9, 2024

Board/Organization-Related

- The Board would like to thank Jessica Sanchez-Mendez for their service as a regional representative for the Central Los Angeles region. Melanie Rogers, current regional representative for the Central Coast/North Los Angeles region, will cover the Central Los Angeles region through June 30, 2024. The position will be up for election later this spring.
- **This April, The RP Group will be seeking nominations for five regional representative positions on our Board of Directors!** Are you interested in representing and serving the IRPE community within your region? Do you want to join an active and engaged Board that plays an integral role in helping shape research, planning, and institutional effectiveness across the California Community Colleges system?
 - We will be hosting two informational sessions where you can learn more. Choose the time that works for you: **Thursday, April 4, 12:00–1:00 pm** or **Monday, April 15, 12:00–1:00 pm**. The content of each session will be the same.
 - Learn more about our [Board of Directors and the colleges and districts](#) included in each region. If your college or district is located in one of the following regions, please consider nominating yourself to serve on our Board beginning on July 1, 2024:
 - Central Los Angeles (3-year term)
 - Central Valley North (2-year term)
 - Inland Empire (2-year term)
 - Orange County (2-year term)
 - South Bay (2-year term)

Research and Evaluation

- **MMAP**
 - The MMAP team hosted a webinar on Thursday, March 7, titled “Spotlight on STEM Calculus 1: Impact of Preparatory Pathways on Completion.”
 - This webinar shared new findings on the impact transfer-level preparatory courses in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) pathways have on students’ chances of completing the first calculus course required for their major.
 - A webinar recording and the research brief will be forthcoming by mid-March.

Professional Development

- If you missed the **February 22 PIER to PIER** titled *Disaggregating Data for Equity: Racial-Ethnic Disparities in California Community Colleges*, which highlighted recent CCCCO analysis of MIS data element SB38 (expanded race/ethnicity). View the [slide deck shared during the session](#).
- Join us for a special opportunity from our Leading from the Middle (LFM) program: **Leadershifting: Virtual Professional Development Workshop Series – New Ways of Seeing, Doing, and Leading from the Middle.**
 - This virtual workshop series starts on March 12 and provides leadership skills and knowledge building needed by community college professionals to lead change from the “middle” in community colleges. The workshops are based on research on effective leadership LFM curriculum and the insights and experiences of LFM alumni engaged in social and racial justice, inclusion, equity, and student success efforts. Many of the skills taught in these workshops are aligned with the American Association of Community Colleges’ competencies for community college leaders.
 - **The series includes six workshops, offered weekly on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 pm in March and April.** You may sign up for individual workshops, a series of three workshops, or all six workshops. Mid-level administrators; counseling, instructional, full-time, and adjunct faculty; classified professionals; and institutional researchers and planners are invited to participate. Please note these workshops are intended for individual participants.
 - We know that finding funding for professional learning can sometimes be challenging. [Please visit our website for details about possible funding sources](#),

including sample language you can use and specific workshops you can highlight to **make the case for using funding to attend the series.**

- [Learn more and register for the LFM workshop series!](#)
- The call for proposals for the [Strengthening Student Success Conference 2024 \(SSSC24\)](#) is now open!
 - SSSC24 will be held **October 9–11 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County** in Garden Grove, CA, and is presented by The RP Group in partnership with 3CSN, Career Ladders Project, and LearningWorks. The annual Strengthening Student Success Conference provides **a unique opportunity for a wide cross-section of California community college professionals—including faculty, deans, student services staff, IRPE, and more**—to engage with each other on strategies for increasing equitable outcomes, institutional effectiveness, leadership capacity, and other important topics. This year’s conference theme is ***Teaching and Learning at a Crossroads: Where Do We Go From Here?***
 - We invite you to submit a proposal by **Thursday, March 14, at 11:59 pm.** Everyone who submits a proposal will be notified in mid-May about the status of their proposal, and all presenters on accepted presentations will receive discounted registration.
 - [Learn more and submit your SSSC24 proposal!](#)
- Our next **IRPE Equity Research & Social Justice Collaborative** on **Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30–11:00 am** is the first of a three-part series facilitated by **Tanika Byrd, Pam Chao, and Jennifer Laflam of Bloom Collaborative.** We will discuss relationality and equity in leadership and research. Moving from transactional exchanges to relational communication in our work makes progress toward racial equity possible. We will explore how we are making connections between institutional effectiveness and community building as we move our institutions toward equity. Sessions are hosted on the **third Wednesday of each month.** Here is a link to [register for this free event.](#)
- **Registration is OPEN for RP Conference 2024!**
 - This year’s conference will be hosted at the Westin Long Beach, **April 10–11,** with **optional half-day post-conference workshops on April 12.** We look forward to seeing you there!
 - The RP Conference 2024 theme is ***Creating Student-Ready Institutions and Equity-Driven Change Through Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness.***

- See the [RP Conference Program & Schedule](#) for the full schedule of breakout sessions and descriptions. You can also sign up to attend one of our [two post-conference workshops](#) *in addition to or independently of* our main conference.
- [To support your RP Conference 2024 attendance, check out these five suggestions for potential funding sources](#), including sample language you can use and specific sessions you can highlight to **make the case for using funding to attend the conference**.
- [Learn more about and register for RP Conference 2024!](#)

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