



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

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**1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS**

Constitution Day Activities are required for Federal financial aid compliance. **Katie Desmond** and her students will be designing QR codes (those little square boxes full of pixels) that will be displayed around campus on Constitution Day, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Students and employees will be able to scan the codes with their mobile devices to retrieve interesting facts about the Constitution, trivia questions, and links to online constitutional resources.

**Jerry Hoover** authored two entries into the recently published *Encyclopedia of Community Policing and Problem-Solving* (Kenneth Peak, ed., Sage Publications, 2013). This new encyclopedia is the first of its kind for the law enforcement community. Jerry has served as former Chief of Reno Police but asked that his title be listed as Feather River College Professor to help promote our programs.

Chef **Mike Miller** and our Food Services Program successfully provided meals for fire fighters during the past couple of weeks. These hard working men and women who were called to the area due to the recent fires, were treated to hot meals from FRC on August 20<sup>th</sup> (305 dinners), August 27<sup>th</sup> (120 dinners), August 28<sup>th</sup> (120 breakfasts and 120 dinners), and August 29<sup>th</sup> (120 breakfasts and 120 dinners). In addition, CHP Commander **Joe Edwards** worked with **Jessie Segura** and our Rodeo team to line up livestock trailers, drivers, and transportation in case livestock evacuations were necessary. They never had to call upon this resource, but it is important to note how our staff and students were ready to help local communities during their time of need

Under the leadership of **Jan Pritchard**, the TRiO Educational Talent Search Program will be hosting a camp at Grizzly Creek Ranch for Loyalton 9<sup>th</sup> graders on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to work on goal setting, academic achievement and overcoming obstacles at high school and in further education.

**Doug Mullen**, one of our Native American students who will graduate in December, is engaged in an internship with the Maidu community to study cultural and linguistic changes since the early 20th Century. His grandmother, father, and other family and community members will provide much of the information on changes to Maidu culture over three generations. He has also been given access to records of the Maidu community to use in his study, which will serve to strengthen the Maidu historical record. With his background in Anthropology, **Jerry Hoover** will be supervising his work in this project which uses Anthropology at FRC for practical purposes.

**Don Williams** reports a successful start to both soccer teams. The Women's Soccer team has opened up the season going 2-0-0 so far, beating Yuba College 4-0 and Napa College 3-1. The Men's Soccer team has started with a 2-0-1 record, tying the always strong Cosumnes River College 1-1 and defeating Napa College 3-0.

**Katie Desmond** will be working with the Political Science 140 - Multiethnic America class where students will be launching the 2013 Campus Climate survey at the end of the month. As in 2009 and 2011, the students will analyze the data, prepare a report, and present their findings at the December Board meeting. Student project managers include **Brandon Coburn**, **Brad Marquette**, and **Timeasha Overton-Seymore**.

**Rick Stock** reports that students enrolled in ORL 200 – Outdoor Recreation Leadership class will be using their educational skills as guides when they lead hikes for the PCOE 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp.

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## **2. SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT PREVIOUS MONTH’S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD**

- a) August 16 – Welcomed new FRC students at Orientation
  - b) August 19 – Rotary meeting
  - c) August 21 – attended ACCJC Team Chair Training in Los Angeles
  - d) August 22 – meet and confer meetings with Managers/Supervisors and Confidential employees regarding Terms and Conditions of Work AP
  - e) August 22 – met with Board President Sheehan to plan Board Retreat
  - f) August 26 – Rotary meeting
  - g) August 27 – phone conference with Keenan representative regarding disability insurance
  - h) August 27 – rode bus with men’s Soccer team to watch game versus Cosumnes River College
  - i) August 28 – meet and confer meeting with Managers/Supervisors to finalize Terms and Conditions of Work AP
  - j) August 29-30 – President’s Staff Retreat
  - k) September 2 – Labor Day
  - l) September 3 – attended Volleyball game vs. Southwestern Oregon Community College
  - m) September 4 – met with Bill Martin regarding FRC presentation at Green Summit Conference for K-12 + Higher Education Facilities Directors
  - n) September 7 – attended Football game vs. Butte College
  - o) September 9 – Rotary meeting
  - p) September 11 – Board Retreat
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## **3. Dancing with the Stars – Astronomically!**

Thursday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in LRC 103, Dr. John Keller of Cal Poly will present a free public Astronomy lecture and star-gazing party with project RECON - a citizen-scientist NSF research project in Plumas County.

Three Plumas County communities – Greenville, Portola, and Quincy – are participating in a groundbreaking astronomy research project supported by the National Science Foundation. The RECON project is studying objects that orbit the sun out beyond the planet Neptune. To study these distant faint objects, citizen-scientists in each community use project-supplied equipment to record them when they move in front of stars – when they literally “dance with the stars”. RECON stands for **R**esearch and **E**ducation **C**ooperative **O**ccultation **N**etwork. In addition to the research, education is a key objective of

the project. Science teachers at Quincy High School, Portola High School, Plumas Charter School in Greenville, and Feather River College are all part of RECON.

Dr. John Keller, a planetary scientist and astronomy educator in the Physics Department at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, is one of the two principal investigators leading the RECON project. On Thursday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> Dr. Keller will give a free public lecture at Feather River College about the RECON project along with representatives from the Plumas County teams. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. in room 103 on the lower level of the new FRC Learning Resource Center. Following the lecture attendees are invited to a “star party” at the FRC observatory. Interested people will also be given the opportunity to sign up for an ongoing Community Education class that will meet every other week from September 26<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup> taught by **Charles Arrowsmith**, the astronomy instructor at FRC, and **Michelle Callahan** of Portola High School.

Those who take the RECON community education course will learn more about the science behind the project, how to use the equipment, and how to analyze the results. They will be able and encouraged to participate in the ongoing observation campaigns as a part of their community team. The community education class is being offered free of charge to qualifying high school students and for only \$20 to the general public.

The National Science Foundation is producing a 3 to 5-minute video about the project and its focus on citizen-science and education. The NSF film crew will be in a Carson City classroom then they will come to Quincy to film a simulated observation event and interview students, teachers, and others who have participated in the project. Charles Arrowsmith and FRC students will be involved in the filming on Wednesday. The actual filming will take place at the Quincy airport site that we use for the observation events.

You can read more about the RECON project on the web at <http://tnorecon.net/> and you can email [RECON.Quincy@gmail.com](mailto:RECON.Quincy@gmail.com) for information about the class.

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#### 4. INSTITUTION DAY FEEDBACK

A short survey was given to all faculty and staff after Institution Day to help us plan for next year’s activities. Thank you to **Brian Murphy** for following up with this information and for all of the suggestions as we received the following information:

**(A) Was there a topic you hoped would be on the agenda but wasn't?**

Yes: 4 (17%)  
No: 19 (83%)

Comments:

- Housing was on the agenda, but was not spoken about at all.
- Maybe a few minutes on recruitment, California students, and overall character of student population.
- To learn more about budget, new website and FTES updates.
- Student trends and how we will accommodate growth.

**(B) Given the time available for the meeting, do you feel that the time allocated to each topic was appropriate?**

Yes: 21 (91%)  
No: 2 (9%)

Comments:

- I thought there was too much time allotted to common book when there really wasn't a plan for it, especially since many attendees were classified.

**(C) If you have any remaining questions/suggestions regarding the topics that were discussed, please comment.**

Comments:

- This was the best Institutional day I have been a part of in my seven years.
- I feel this was the best meeting we have had in a very, very long time! Nice job!
- This was a well done institutional day. More like this would be good.
- I did feel that Dr. Cooper's presentation was a bit basic and related to common sense. I have talked to several faculty members who already do what she recommended. I didn't get anything from her talk except maybe validation.
- It felt weird that Derek Lerch didn't speak on FTES and overall class trends.
- Darla Cooper was great! What she presented was not only good for what we could do for students but what we as employees at FRC can do for each other.

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## 5. THREE SPORT GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

The 3rd annual golf event for the Feather River College Baseball, Softball, and Volleyball programs raises money for state of the art INDOOR HITTING/TRAINING FACILITY for baseball and softball and a 3 pole net system for Volleyball. When completed, the indoor facility will have six batting cages, 3 indoor pitching mounds, weight room, video room, classroom for study hall, and will be one of the best indoor facilities in California. The 3 pole net system will allow the Volleyball program to host tournaments and camps.

This 18-hole golf scramble will be fun for everyone on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Plumas Pines Golf Resort.

9:00 am:	Registration - Open Driving Range
9:50 am:	Welcome - Instructions
10:00 am:	Tee Off - Shotgun Start
3:30 pm:	Finish Golfing - Silent Auction - Report Scores
3:45 pm:	Appetizers - Awards

Each player receives a round of golf, tee prizes, Clubhouse privileges, and open driving range. On course contests include long drive, KP's, and Poker Golf. Also included is a box lunch (additional lunches \$10), on course beverage cart, after golf appetizers, team and individual awards. Contact **Merle Trueblood** for further information.

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## 6. SAYLOR FLETT FEATURED IN *OUTSIDE MAGAZINE*

**Saylor Flett** was recently featured in an *Outside Magazine* article. The online version can be read at <http://www.outsideonline.com/outdoor-gear/gear-guy/What-Should-I-look-for-in-my-First-Pair-of-Climbing-Shoes.html>. The author sought Saylor for his expertise in equipment for the first-of-its-kind article. Based upon the blogs from the article, Saylor reports that this might be a recurring column related to climbing equipment.

*Outside Magazine*  
Saturday, August 17, 2013

**Q: What Should I look for in my First Pair of Climbing Shoes?**

**I'm looking to buy my first pair of climbing shoes, and I'm completely lost. What features should I be looking for?**



The world of climbing is filled with opinionated people. For advice on my first pair of climbing shoes, I turned to one of them: Saylor Flett, a full time teacher for [Feather River College's Outdoor Program](#) where he has introduced hundreds of students to climbing. He's been obsessed with all things climbing for more than a decade, and in spite of having a real job—is a proper dirtbag. His position offers him ample time to live the dream—taking off to Yosemite every May to sleep in a cave and climb big walls like El Cap.

Saylor told me that everyone should absolutely buy their first pair of climbing shoes from a reputable shop, but warned me to be wary with the fitting advice that you may receive from the employees. "Some tough gym rat who can do pull ups with his pinkies is going to tell them to buy a pair of shoes that are a size and a half too small. They aren't going to clip their toenails, are going to be miserable in those shoes, and they are going to quit climbing," he said.

A super snug fit is synonymous with performance in climbing shoes, but as a beginner, you won't need an incredibly high level of performance. Saylor tells all of his students not only to start off comfortable, but also to start off frugal. "Until you develop good footwork, you will burn through shoes, so go cheap because you will probably ruin your first pair before you develop those skills."

Saylor says that either velcro or lace is reasonable for a beginner depending on what kind of climbing you plan to do. "If you plan on climbing short routes you should go with velcro because they are easier to get on and off," says Saylor. "If you are going to climb all day, which is still appropriate for beginners, you should go lace up." He personally prefers lace-up because it offers a more precise fit.

To test Saylor's claim that I would get under-sized at a shop, I researched the best fitters near where I live and went to [The Northwest Outdoor Store](#). I was helped by the manager, Darryl Rasmussen, who has been climbing for 23 years and cannot do pull ups with his pinkies.

Darryl spent a half hour with me talking about the subtleties of a good fit for a beginner while I tried on shoes. "We are looking for a glove like fit with a little curl in the toe," Darryl told me as I slipped on a pair of size 41 (I wear a 9.5 sneaker) [La Sportiva Nagos'](#) (\$99).

A slight fwoomp sound, almost like burping a tupperware, came out of the shoe when I slipped in my foot. "Oooh, that's a nice sound," said Rasmussen. "I bet that's going to be a just right fit." And it was. My toes were slightly curled and the shoes left no room for movement in the heel, but I would not have called them uncomfortable. Darryl also focused my attention on my shoe's leather construction—which will allow them to expand—and suggested I err on the side of too small.

We decided on a pair of La Sportiva Tarantulas (\$89) because they had a lower price point. I would have purchase them in a 40.5 because they were velcro—laces offer an easier to tailor fit because they tighten almost all the way to the tip of the shoe.

If the La Sportiva Tarantulas aren't for you, do your research but don't be tempted to buy off a chart you see online. Go to a store and speak with an expert. It will be worth your time and even potentially extra money.

Don't forget that this is an important sport to do right. As my old friend Saylor often says: "Climbing is not a great activity to learn from your mistakes."

**Gear Guy's advice, distilled:**

- Do not buy your first pair of shoes online. Different brands vary widely in size. Go to a shop, get fit, have a conversation about the fit.
- Go inexpensive on your first pair.
- Even though you should shoot for a snug fit, make sure you are comfortable with that fit no matter what anyone tells you.
- Go velcro if you are buying these for a gym, go lace if you are planning on climbing for an extended time outdoors.
- If you get leather shoes expect them to expand. Do not expect synthetic shoes to expand.
- Go with a flat last. Absolutely do not buy a turned down last until your climbing warrants it.

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## 7. BOARD RETREAT

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, September 11 to discuss the following topics:

- Board Self-evaluation
- Review draft of Strategic Plan
- Facilities Master Plan
- Preview website
- Accreditation timeline
- Review Monthly Board Planning Calendar

The objectives for the retreat allowed the board to discuss their self-evaluation of the previous year's activities related to accreditation, trustee competencies, and CEO/Board relations. The Board also wanted to spend time planning the upcoming academic year's calendar and engage in future planning policy-level guidance for the Facilities Master Plan and Accreditation timeline.

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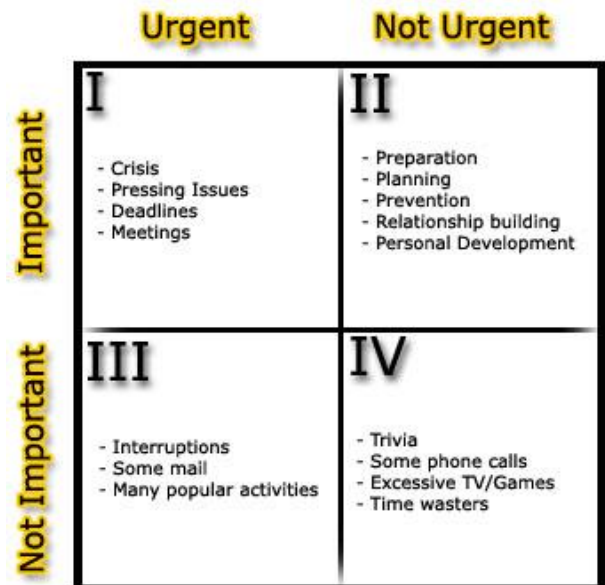
## 8. PRESIDENT'S STAFF RETREAT

The six members of the President's Staff recently spent two half days from August 29-30 at a retreat discussing the following topics. Evaluations from the retreat pointed to positives like taking the time to spend working on future thinking, planning, and the long-range vision for FRC.

- The Big Idea - what is the one big idea that FRC needs in order to be "great"? – led by Karen Pierson
- Measuring the FRC Mission Statement – led by Kevin Trutna
- Decision-making at FRC demystified – led by Brian Murphy
- Evaluation of shared-governance and decision-making – led by Brian Murphy
- What is the AP/BP approval process – led by David Burris
- FRC new website: how do we get it up and running – led by Kevin Trutna
- Institution Set Standards – led by Derek Lerch

Learning Objectives for Retreat:

1. Spend some quality time away from day-to-day distractions talking about the future vision of FRC and the steps we need to take to get there
2. Focus on Covey's second quadrant in our discussions – moving from "putting out fires" to empowering the senior staff for leadership across FRC
3. Becoming informed about new trends and requirements for community colleges from the State and ACCJC
4. Seek and value each other's contributions to common problems that involve all of our positions
5. Streamline and agree upon processes to improve our workflow



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## 9. UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

September 11	Board of Trustees Retreat – Longboards (Graeagle)	9:00 am
September 12	Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105)	3:00 pm
September 17	Constitution Day Activities	All day
September 17	<i>Dreamworld</i> showing including Q&A with Director after showing (West End Theatre) – free admission sponsored by FRC Business & Entrepreneurship Center	7:00 pm
September 18	College, Career & Transfer Fair (MPB)	10:00 am
September 18	FRC hosting PUSD counselors and administrators (Staff Lounge)	12:30 pm
September 18	Wild & Scenic Film Festival (Town Hall Theatre)	6:30 pm
September 24	Men’s Soccer vs. Lassen (soccer field)	2:00 pm
September 24	Women’s Soccer vs. Lassen (soccer field)	4:00 pm
October 4	Women’s Soccer vs. Butte (soccer field)	2:00 pm
October 4	Men’s Soccer vs. Butte (soccer field)	4:00 pm
October 8	Men’s Soccer vs. Shasta (soccer field)	2:00 pm
October 8	Women’s Soccer vs. Shasta (soccer field)	4:00 pm
October 9	Volleyball vs. Shasta (gym)	6:00 pm
September 28	Football vs. Merced (FB Stadium)	1:00 pm
October 5	Football vs. Shasta (FB Stadium)	5:00 pm
October 16	Volleyball vs. Butte (gym)	6:00 pm
October 17	Board of Trustees Meeting (LR 105)	3:00 pm

College, Career and Transfer Fair – September 18<sup>th</sup>. Click on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AEwjLgM6w&feature=youtu.be> for more details.