



**REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT – KEVIN TRUTNA, ED.D.
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1. STUDENT AND EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS

The FRC Rodeo Team is off to a strong start after the conclusion of the fall rodeo circuit. Here are the national rankings as of November 25th:

Men's Team		Points
1. Feather River College	FEATHR	3,710.50
2. Missouri Valley College	MVC	3,705.00
3. College of Southern Idaho	CSID	3,463.00
4. South Dakota St University	SDSU	2,960.00
5. University of Montana, Western	UMTW	2,854.50
6. Montana State University	MTSU	2,672.00
7. University of Tennessee-Martin	UTNM	2,615.00
8. Tarleton State University	TARLET	2,542.50
9. Cal Poly State University - San Luis Obispo	CAPSLO	2,518.00
10. Blue Mountain Community College	BLUE	2,232.00

Women's Team		Points
1. Idaho State University	IDSU	2,478.50
2. Montana State University	MTSU	2,456.16
3. Dickinson State University	DICKSN	2,125.00
4. Gillette College	GILLET	1,865.00
5. Feather River College	FEATHR	1,789.00
6. Missouri Valley College	MVC	1,425.00
7. California State University-Fresno	FRESNO	1,423.50
8. McNeese State University	MCNSU	1,359.50
9. Cochise College	COCHSE	1,285.00
10. Central Arizona College	CAZC	1,270.00

Shelley Miller is proud to report that two students who completed AA degrees in ECE this fall have both secured full-time employment beginning in January. One will be working in a brand new infant/toddler center in Chico, the other will be working at *Portola Kids*. Both students are single parents and one began classes when she was pregnant at age 15, took a break from school and came back to finish.

Amy Schulz and **Rajinder Gill** were selected to present at the California Workforce Association Youth Conference in Long Beach on January 27-29th. Their presentation is titled *New World of Work - Futurecasting: Your Training and Beyond*. This outlines their work in 21st Century Soft Skills research and original curriculum.



Naoki Matsumoto was selected to attend the 2015 Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) at the University of Miami. This is part of FRC Enactus participation in Commitment to Action toward poverty alleviation through increasing educational access with increased internet capacity at Great Lakes Regional College in Kanungu, Uganda. The Clinton Global Initiative University brings together college students to address global challenges with practical, innovative solutions. CGI U participants do more than simply discuss problems; they take concrete steps to solve them by creating action plans, building relationships, participating in hands-on workshops, and following up with CGI U as they complete their projects. Previous CGI U meetings have convened more than 6,500 students from over 875 schools and 145 countries. Commitment to Action, a unique feature of the CGI U model, creates specific and measurable initiatives that address global challenges across five focus areas: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health.

Kanungu is in the same town as the hospital that **Dr. Hamlet Mbabazi** discussed at Quincy Rotary last year. The project could impact the hospital as well as the rest of the community to provide reliable internet at the college. CGI U is very competitive, and we are proud that Naoki will be representing our team at University of Miami.

Margaret Garcia is requesting submissions for the 3rd annual *Listen to Your Mother* show. Every year, the cast has been overwhelmingly filled with FRC community members. This year's show is April 30th.

2. PREVIOUS MONTH'S ACTIVITIES REPRESENTING FRCCD

- a) December 12 – US Forest Service Internship meeting
- b) December 15 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- c) December 16 – breakfast meeting with **Trustee Guy McNett**, Greenville High School Principal **Travis Ross** and Indian Valley Academy Principal **Sue Weber**
- d) December 20 – attended women's basketball game at Yuba College
- e) December 22-23 – vacation
- f) December 24-January 2 – campus closed
- g) January 5 – Quincy Rotary meeting
- h) January 6 – met with **Trustee Leah West**
- i) January 7 – attended men's and women's basketball games vs. College of the Siskiyous
- j) January 9 – Northern California CEO/CIO meeting and *Chancellor's Office Roundtable: Doing What Matters for the Economy* – Yuba City
- k) January 12 – Quincy Rotary
- l) January 14 – ACCCA/ACBO California Community College Budget Workshop – Sacramento

3. FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE SUBMITS APPLICATION FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

The following Op-Ed was printed by Feather Publishing on January 14, 2015 in the *Where I Stand* section

With the passage of AB 850 (Senator Block), up to 15 California community college districts will be eligible to offer technical baccalaureate degrees. The California Community College Chancellor's Office will select, through a competitive process, which districts and what degrees will be offered. Feather River College recently submitted an application to be considered as one of the 15 colleges in this unique pilot program. FRC applied to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Equine and Ranch Management to help supply an unmet industry demand for trained workers in this growing industry.

According to the California Higher Education Master Plan, community colleges offer transfer education, basic skills attainment, and career/technical training programs. The California State University System offers bachelors and masters degrees. However, with the growing California population, recent budget cuts, and limited availability of programs, Senator Block sponsored legislation to allow a pilot program where community colleges can help meet the workforce demand in technical fields that require a four-year degree.

The legislation allows technical programs to offer bachelor degrees in areas where there is an identified workforce demand for specialty training. In addition, any proposed community college bachelor degree may not duplicate nor compete with current CSU or UC degrees. Consistent with this intent, FRC submitted an application that met these requirements as well as built upon the strength of its existing Equine Studies program.

Unmet Demand

According to recent labor statistics, the equine industry employs over 54,000 workers in California, adding \$4.1 billion in contributions to the California economy through over 698,000 horses in the state. There is a need for skilled employees who combine practical agricultural business management training with industry-standard horse techniques. The proposed degree falls between the already strong FRC Equine Studies associate degree for training horses and the scientific, university-level agricultural programs. This is a practitioner degree designed to supply farm and ranch managers for horse-related agricultural industries.

Support from CSU and UC Programs

Prior to submission, FRC held discussions with CSU and UC agriculture programs that include a large animal component as part of their curriculum. Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Fresno, CSU Chico and UC Davis all have horse operations within their agricultural colleges. These universities wrote letters of support for the FRC Bachelor of Science degree in Equine and Ranch Management, stating that the proposed curriculum will serve an important demand, meet industry standards, train students to be ranch managers, and supplement the mission from each of their own existing agriculture degrees.

Building upon Success

For the past decade, between 30-70 degrees or certificates have been awarded yearly to graduates from the FRC Equine Studies program. The second most popular associate degree awarded at FRC is in Equine Studies/Horse Training and the third most popular degree is in University Agricultural Studies. Far and away, more certificates of achievement are earned through the Equine Studies program than the rest of the college combined. Almost one-third of the entire graduating class every year from FRC earns a degree related to equine or agricultural studies.

Graduates routinely garner positions in the equine field as FRC has a national reputation for producing exceptionally prepared horse trainers. Graduates win national competitions, work for industry leaders, train horses at small and large ranches, and start their own businesses. The proposed Bachelor of Science degree will build upon existing program excellence and provide opportunities beyond horse training to include ranch management techniques.

Feather River College is proud of the breadth of courses and programs that it offers to the residents of Plumas County and other students who enroll. Several unique programs exist to serve the educational needs of FRC students. Equine Studies is one particular vocational program that attracts students from the western United States and beyond. With the passage of AB 850, Feather River College is hoping to expand upon the existing unique horse training curriculum to meet an industry demand by producing a trained equine management workforce. The proposed degree is designed to fill in the gap that exists between CSU/UC agricultural programs and the current FRC equine program for horse trainers.

Within the next month, the Chancellor's Office will notify FRC of the decision to include the Equine and Ranch Management degree as part of this innovative pilot program. Should it be selected, this program will bring new students to campus, build upon the existing national reputation, and provide additional job training opportunities for students.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES OFFERED AT FEATHER RIVER COLLEGE

The FRC Sustainability Action Team is proud to offer the first Environmental Film Series featuring great environmental films on Wednesday nights throughout the spring semester. All showings are free and open to the public and free popcorn and beverages will be provided.

The Human Planet will be presented on Wednesday, January 21st, at 5 PM in LRC 103. The hour-long BBC film, features awe-inspiring, jaw-dropping, heart-stopping footage that marvels at mankind's incredible relationship with nature in the world today.

Upcoming films include *Koyaanisqatsi* (Hopi for "Life out of balance"), on February 25th at 6 PM, an environmental film festival at 7 PM on March 25th, and *OR7: The Journey* will debut at 7 PM in the Quincy Town Hall Theatre for Earth Day. *OR:7* documents an intrepid wolf that wandered into California in 2012 and spent much time in Plumas County before returning to Oregon and starting his own pack.

5. NOTES FROM THE BUDGET WORKSHOP

By now, everyone has had a chance to see the favorable budget proposal from the Governor that was sent out last week. The predictions are for an increasing and improving California economy for the next 2+ years. An economic downturn is forecasted after this growth cycle due to several indicators. Here are some notes that I took from the recent ACCCA/ACBO Budget Workshop related to the community college budget:

- Prop 30 will sunset in the next few years (sales tax increases phase out in 2016 and income tax increases phase out in 2018)
- The budget proposal eliminates all remaining outstanding deferrals
- No specific budget was included for the upcoming STRS/PERS contribution increases
- There is a legislative requirement for a new community college funding model in the 2015-16 budget
- Prop 39 energy efficiency program grants are included in the budget
- No facilities funding is included for new buildings/construction on college campuses; the Governor does not want to issue a Higher Education Bond for facilities (no debt increase)
- There is continued funding for Student Success and Support Program, including Equity programs
- Adult education and CTE pathways funding was included
- Most state agencies were not funded at the level recommended for community colleges




Backcountry Ski Stoke

THURSDAY
January 29, 2015
Doors open at 6:00pm Film starts at 7:00pm



Raffle Items Include:

- Custom Made Chi Skis-Dana Fenimore
- Handmade Art-Michael Kerby
- Lift Tickets to Tahoe Resorts



WINTER WILDLANDS ALLIANCE

6. ON THE HORIZON

After a discussion with the Academic Senate, this section will be included in future reports to give a preview and resources for upcoming items of interest. This is not designed to give complete information, rather, it provides a context and contact information for items of importance to the college community.

Equity Plan

An Equity Plan is required by the Chancellor's Office and funding is provided to offer services that increase equity outreach, retention, and completion. All activities must be based upon institutional data. The Student Services Council is the lead for developing the plan, including how to spend the categorical funds. FRC will be hiring a **Director of Student Success Support Programs** with part of this money. The recruitment is currently posted on the website. The other half of the position will be funded by other categorical funds administered through the Dean of Student Services. The final Equity Plan is due to the Chancellor's Office this spring semester.

Student Residency Policies and Procedures

Revised AP/BP's are currently working their way through the shared governance process for discussion and approval as the latest versions are dated 2007. A white paper was developed by Leslie Mikesell and Don Williams in 2012-13 regarding this subject. As a result, the out-of-state student questionnaire and website was revised to ensure compliance with Title 5 and Ed Code requirements. My goal is to discuss these matters with both Senates, including a legal review once the policies and procedures have been finalized and returned to President's Cabinet, and to include a small working task force of involved faculty, staff and coaches to look over the final document before it is sent to the board for approval.

The Big Move Update

Construction fencing has been erected as drainage and site preparation has begun for the new M&O Building, roadway, sand volleyball courts, additional roadside parking and future practice soccer field. Equipment bids are being solicited from Perkins and CTE funding for refurbishing the Voc Ed Building.

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Cleary Reporting and Title IX

Recent Federal legislation was passed and the resultant procedures adopted revise crime and sexual assault reporting processes at colleges, including new Title IX interpretations. A task force has met three times during the fall semester and will continue to meet this spring to review compliance with these new regulations and requirements. **Karen Pierson** is leading this important task force who will provide recommendations for new forms, processes, website information, and personal resources. PCIRC and Plumas Rural Services personnel have been participating in the work group as they develop a comprehensive set of related resources and references. FRC Human Resources is revising the AP/BP for sexual assault as these documents move through the shared governance process this semester.

APR Process and Budget Development

The Strategic Planning Committee is currently ranking APR requests for recommended funding. Categorical funds from Perkins, CTE, and Instructional Equipment Block grants are included as another funding source as the APR Process is the strategy used to fund requests for inclusion in next year's budget.