

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Full-Time Faculty Report
Date:	March 20, 2024
Presenter:	Nora Brodnicki, President
Division/Department:	Full-Time Faculty Association
RECOMMENDATION:	Information Only

**REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:**

This is a monthly report for Board information.

**March 2024 FTF Board Report****Jennifer Bown (Science Department):**

We are busy getting ready for the annual Death Valley Field Trip over spring break. We have 17 students and two instructors. The students have been working hard all term to prepare for the trip. We leave Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and return Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup>. With all the rain, it should be a great blooming year! Just hope the heat sets in to get the flowers blooming.

**Joan San-Claire (Accounting):**

Accounting is attempting to offer more classes in person, including one at Harmony campus for Spring term. Business students overall have been very reticent about coming back to campus; many of them are working. We are hopeful that students will decide to enroll in these face-to-face classes.

**Eden Francis (Science):**

I am serving on the HECC subcommittee for CCN in chemistry; we are meeting biweekly through June and are working on aligning the General Chemistry sequence.

I was accepted into the 2024 inaugural cohort for a Two-Year College (2YC) Community of Practice through the American Chemical Society. The 16 faculty in the cohort, from 2-year colleges across the nation, are focusing on active learning techniques in our monthly meetings. We are learning how to plan and implement a wide variety of active learning techniques in our classrooms and will be developing teaching modules to share with the broader 2YC community.

**Jim Wentworth-Plato: Arboriculture/ Horticulture:**

The arboriculture program working with the International Society of Arboriculture hosted an event at the Oregon City campus for 80 local arborists and students learning about trees, working in them, and the current state of affairs with our high-risk invasive insects like Japanese beetle, Mediterranean Oak

Borer, and Emerald Ash Borer which have all been reported in Oregon. We had speakers from around the state, including Oregon Dept of Forestry and/or Dept of Agriculture bringing samples of these pests for us to identify.

Our National Collegiate Landscape Competition Team leaves for Provo UT on Tuesday morning to compete for a week against about 500 students from both two and four-year schools. Wish us well. 2 instructors as chaperones and 12 students. Last year, we took 3 and 2 placed in the top 100 students.

**Mark Yannotta (Math Department):**

In late February, Math Faculty member and Principal Investigator, Scot Pruyn, was invited to visit Chandler-Gilbert Community College in Arizona as part of a collaborative National Science Foundation grant around active learning in mathematics. While Scot was there, he, along with other community college math faculty from [St. Louis Community College](#) (MO), [Kellogg Community College](#) (MI), and [Randolf Community College](#) (NC), observed seven different classes, participated in research meetings, and attended professional development workshops with both community college instructors and high school math teachers. As the CCC Math Department continues to integrate active learning and other innovative teaching practices into its classes, reciprocal site visits have been scheduled on the Oregon City campus for spring term. In addition, Clackamas will host the [American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges](#) (AMATYC) [Teaching for PROWESS](#) Summer Institute, which will be held at our Harmony campus on June 20-22, 2024. We expect teams from up to 15 different community colleges from across the country to attend this year's summer institute to engage in this transformational work.