



# The RP Group

Research, Planning & Professional Development  
for California Community Colleges

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## Report to ASCCC

May 10, 2023

### Board/Organization-Related

- **The RP Group Board of Directors elections are taking place May 8-26, for position openings starting in July 2023!** If your college/district is an institutional member with The RP Group during the 2022-23 academic calendar year, election ballots are shared with IRPE office leads to cast the vote for each member institution. Each institutional vote should be cast by the office lead after consultation with all IRPE office staff. Please reference the Regional Board Representation Model accordion on the [Board of Directors page](#) on our website to determine whether your college/district is included in one of the regions with a Board member up for election.
  - Central Coast/North Los Angeles
  - Central Los Angeles
  - Central Valley South
  - Far North
  - East Bay
  - Los Angeles County
  - North Bay/Peninsula
  - San Diego/Imperial
- The Board approved the **2023-25 Executive Committee (EC)** as follows:
  - President: Pam Mery, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at City College of San Francisco
  - President Elect: Jake Kevari, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Moreno Valley College
  - Vice President, Board Development: Bri Hays, Interim Vice President of Student Services at Cuyamaca College
  - Vice President, Membership & IRPE Professional Development: Marcell Gilmore, Educational Research Assessment Analyst at Mt. San Antonio College
  - Treasurer/Secretary: Amil Gehrke, Coordinator for the California Community College Career & Technical Education Employment Outcomes Survey at Santa Rosa Junior College
- At its April meeting, the Board began the process for developing our next **strategic plan** and solicited feedback from the IRPE community at the Annual Community and Member Engagement meeting on April 27th. Thank you to those who attended and contributed. Stay tuned for more information as it develops!

## Research and Evaluation

- **Statewide Surveys**
  - **#realcollege Basic Needs Survey**
    - The survey recently closed, with responses from over 80,000 students. Results will be made available later this summer.
  - **Common Course Numbering (CCN) Survey to Districts**
    - The statewide survey to district instruction/academic leads to understand which districts currently have a common course numbering system and how it is structured was administered in March and closed in April. Preliminary results reflected 11 out of 24 multi-college districts having some form of CCN.
  - **Allied Health Program Pathways**
    - A statewide survey to Allied Health program administrators to understand how Allied Health programs are structured, funded, and supported. The survey will be launching summer 2023.
  - **NEW! The College Attendance Survey will be launching again this summer/fall 2023**
    - Details forthcoming in June

## Professional Development

- **We were excited to be back fully in person at RP Conference 2023!** Thank you to those of you who attended! It was so wonderful to see you there.
  - The following provides a breakdown of 215 total attendees:
    - Research Analysts/Specialists were the most represented position with **45%** of our attendees.
    - Deans, Directors, and Vice Presidents made up **35%** of our attendees.
    - The remaining **20%** of attendees were faculty, program coordinators, counselors, IT professionals, consultants, career education personnel, students, and campus executives.
    - There were **75 presenters** (including 1 student), who presented 29 breakout presentations + 4 poster sessions.
    - **62** attended the conference for the first time.
    - **78** colleges and districts were represented.
    - **14** other higher education institutions and companies related to student success products or services.
  - We also had the opportunity to share our [Land Acknowledgment](#) publicly for the first time. We were pleased to be able to recognize the work of Chabot College with their Native American partners and students. If you would like the work your college is doing in support of Native American students as part of the land acknowledgment at one of our future events, please email us at [info@rpgroup.org](mailto:info@rpgroup.org).

- As we start to plan our 2023-24 professional learning events and activities, The RP Group would like to gather your input on how we can best meet your professional development needs. With this in mind, **we ask that you complete [a brief survey on your preferences and interests by Friday, May 12](#)**. It takes less than 5 minutes to complete, and your responses will help shape our professional development offerings for the IRPE community next year and beyond.
- After a brief break and opportunity to identify and incorporate new session facilitators, we are very excited to reintroduce the **IRPE Equity Research & Social Justice Collaborative** series, which begins on **Wednesday, May 17th from 9:30–11:00 am**. Summer sessions and discussions will be focused on the following topics:
  - Equity...Paved with Good Intentions (May 17th)
  - The Racialized Roots of Body Image: Fat Liberation (June 21st)
  - The Racialized Roots of Capitalism (July 19th)
  - The Racialized Roots of Professionalism (August 16th)

Many thanks to **Hawk McFadzen of Compton College, Marcell Gilmore of Mt. San Antonio College, and Temperance Dowdle of Cypress College** for helping bring these summer sessions to life!

- Sessions will be hosted on the **third Wednesday of each month** through August 2023. **Here is a [link to register](#) for this free series.**
- **We are excited to announce that registration for Strengthening Student Success Conference 2023 (#SSSC23) is now open!** This year's conference will be held **at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport** in Burlingame, CA, **October 11–12**, with optional post-conference workshops on **October 13**. **[Learn more and register](#)**
  - The theme for #SSSC23 is ***Meeting the Moment. Moving Forward***. This year, let's contemplate together how we are meeting our students where they are and making connections that help them feel nurtured, valued, and loved. Let's examine our practices and challenge ourselves to take a stand for equity and social justice for our students, their families, and our communities. Let's *meet the moment* and *move forward* together.
  - **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!** Sign up to be a [Room Host](#) and attend the conference for free!
  - Hotel rooms are available at a special group block rate for conference attendees until September 18 at 5:00 pm. Find reservation and other information on the [conference hotel and venue page](#).