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## Report to ASCCC

August 11-13, 2022

### Board-Related

- Board President Pam Mery would like to recognize our returning executive cabinet:
  - Erik Cooper, Past President
  - Bri Hays, Vice President of Membership and IRPE Professional Development
  - Jake Kevari, Vice President of Board Development
  - Chris Tarman, Secretary/Treasurer
- Incoming Board President Pam Mery would like to welcome our new Board members and congratulate our re-elected members:
  - Central Valley North: Sabrina Sencil (Cosumnes River)
  - Central Valley South: Alex Adams (Fresno City)
  - LA County: Marcell Gilmore (Mt. San Antonio)
  - Orange County: Vinh Nguyen (Irvine Valley)
  - South Bay Area: Elaine Kuo (Foothill)
  - At-Large: Melissa Christian (Citrus) and Tish Jett-Dias (San Joaquin Delta)
- The Board would like to welcome this year's new and returning strategic advisors:
  - John Hetts, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)
  - Denice Inciong, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)
  - Valerie Lundy-Wagner, California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO)
  - Leslie Minor, Chief Instructional Officers of the California Community Colleges (CIOCCC)
  - Denise Richardson, Chief Instructional Officers of the California Community Colleges (CIOCCC)
  - Delmy Spencer, Chief Student Services Officers Association (CSSO)
  - Eric Wada, Academic Senate For California Community Colleges (ASCCC)
  - TBD, Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges (CEOCCC)
- The Board finally wants to thank our departing Board members, Karissa Morehouse, Rosaleen Ryan, Jeremy Smotherman, and Bryan Ventura, for their service.
- The Board set the following goals for 2022-23:
  - Raise the profile of planning across the organization's work, with a particular focus on strategic planning and professional development
  - Create leadership capacity and empower Board members to lead within the organization
  - Empower regional representative and at-large board members to fulfill their roles

- Sustainably integrate equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) across the work of the Board and communicates the Board's commitment and actions related to EDI to the IRPE field
- Strengthen The RP Group's relationship with the CCCCCO and advocate/bridge communication between the CCCCCO and the IRPE field

## Research and Evaluation

- **New statewide survey** to understand the reasons why students are not enrolling or re-enrolling. This survey will be live until August 30, 2022.

## Professional Development

- Please join us on **Wednesday, August 17th from 9:00–10:00 am** for our inaugural **IRPE Equity Research & Social Justice Collaborative** discussion focused on discussing methods and practices IRPE offices can utilize to foster campus cultures that are able to activate racial equity data and inspire positive change for racially minoritized students.
  - We will cover approaches and strategies to assess institutional data culture, facilitate equity data conversations, and cultivate inquiry and curiosity amongst campus practitioners around why racial equity gaps exist.
  - In addition, the monthly space will provide opportunities for cooperative problem solving and collaboration on racial equity related efforts across campuses.
  - This series will be led by **Hannah Lawler of Santa Monica College** and **Gio Sosa of Crafton Hills College** and will be hosted on the **third Wednesday each month** through February 2023. **Here's a [link to register](#) for this free series.**
- The RP Group invites you to participate in our June [virtual LFM Leadership Community: Exchanging Insights and Experiences with Peers](#)! **Join us via Zoom on Friday, August 19, 12:00 pm–1:30 pm.**
  - The LFM Leadership Community is a unique opportunity to connect with your community college colleagues and participate in a small-group facilitated activity led by an LFM coach where you will be able to:
    - Get advice on a dilemma you might be having at your college
    - Share your wisdom with others
    - Learn from others' personal experiences
    - Practice your leadership skills, including active listening, effective communication, and problem-solving
  - Please **come ready to share a problem you can clearly present in one to two minutes** and to hear different perspectives and approaches for resolution from your peers.
  - There is no cost to participate, but **the deadline to sign up is Tuesday, August 16**. The RP Group will continue to offer these opportunities **each month**. We look forward to welcoming you to connect, share, and grow through this exciting new LFM offering!
  - [Find out more and sign up today!](#) For more information or questions, please send an email to **Ileri Valenzuela, LFM Director**, at [irerilm@rpgroup.org](mailto:irerilm@rpgroup.org).

- **Registration for Strengthening Student Success Conference 2022 (#SSSC22) is open**, and we are excited to provide **TWO WAYS** for attendees to participate in this year's conference!
  - **IN-PERSON:** The in-person conference will be hosted at the **Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove, October 5–7**. We are looking forward to being together again!
  - **ONLINE:** Unable to attend in person? You can still participate! Join us for our **Virtual Session Sampler, October 5–6**, including live-streamed plenaries and live virtual breakout sessions via Zoom.
  - [Learn more and register!](#)