



Educational Master Plan Update

February 14, 2017

We've officially launched the College of the Desert Educational Master Plan 2017-2022!

During Flex Week, I presented on educational master planning, during which faculty and staff brainstormed about innovative programming that builds on strengths across departments.

On February 2 and 3, the consultants from Collaborative Brain Trust met with a variety of groups and spent time working with the EMP Taskforce as part of the first phase of the project: Discovery. We have developed and sent out four surveys to gather feedback and information from:

1. our internal community of students, faculty and staff (you can access it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHT6BWV>);
2. our educational partners across the Coachella Valley; and
3. our CTE Program Advisory Committee members.

We have also sent out a survey designed to gather information about Program Review processes and program data for the Outcomes and Assessment Committee.

OAC wants input from users of the Program Review Update to look at what's working and what's not as they work to improve the processes and tools for review programs and assessing program viability, as well as engaging in short and long-term planning. The OAC encourages colleagues to complete that survey. The committee will meet twice in March to review survey results and look at possible improvements in the instrument and process.

On March 2 and 3, we'll be adding to the Discovery Phase with listening sessions and forums, including community forums in Palm Desert and Indio.

We launched the EMP web page, where we'll post updates, data, information, and drafts of chapters for review and feedback. Here's the link: <http://www.collegeofthedesert.edu/community/EMP/Pages/default.aspx>.

On March 9 and 10, we'll be sharing the data gathered with the EMP Taskforce and the College Planning Council.

Thanks for your participation in this important work our students and college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Ralston".

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