

February 2016



Colleagues:

Welcome to the spring 2016 semester and this month's First Monday on the Mesa.

I hope that your first week of the semester has been positive and that you are settling in to the new rhythm of this term.

In this month's FMM we look at the events that took place over the winter break, and introduce you to resources that may be of assistance as you work with students and one another. If you have a suggestion for a story or feature in a future FMM, please email Beth Cain at scain@sdccd.edu and we will try to get it in.

We've included a short video for you to see as part of the newsletter. In our President's Office program review survey, people mentioned

how much they enjoyed our video shoots from last year....so...we will start them up again and embed them in our First Monday on the Mesa.

Enjoy!

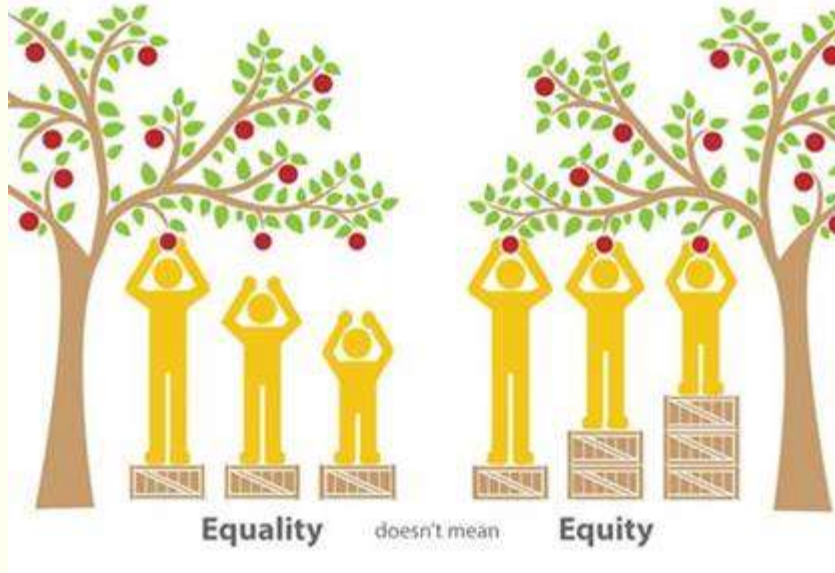


[Click to watch the video](#)



Standing Room Only at **Spring Convocation**

Over 200 faculty and staff joined us for our spring convocation on January 21st. We had an opportunity to meet new faculty and staff hired during the fall 2015 semester, an update on facilities, enrollment, student success and equity and much more. The Committee on Assessment (COA) conducted a group workshop intended to vet new Institutional Learning Outcomes. I've had people ask me why we would do this, as the current set seems to work just fine. While this may be true, COA looks over the college-level practices and aligns them with our accreditation standards. We are expected to be at a level of "sustainable-continuous quality improvement" and thus we set regular reviews of all of our processes including ILO's. We annually approve through our governance process a calendar of all institutional effectiveness processes. Revising the ILO's is part of our work this year. I would like to thank COA, and all of you who participated in vetting these learning outcomes. The committee will be refining them and getting them back out to constituent groups for further dialog and discussion. Look for the newsletter our Learning outcomes coordinator Kris Clark sends out for more info soon. The link to the PowerPoint from the session is posted [here](#).



Classified Equity Workshop

We hosted over 170 classified, supervisors, administrators and student assistants for our first Classified Equity Conference on January 13th. Thanks to Dean Larry Maxey and his staff for organizing our first efforts in this arena. Feedback from our classified participants suggest that more of these sessions would be beneficial, and that people are already thinking of ways to embed equity minded thinking into their everyday work. More opportunities to do work in equity are forthcoming, stay tuned.



Mesa Commons and Exercise Science Buildings are moving along!

I had the opportunity to have a hard hat tour of both buildings today and I am excited to see the progress. **The Exercise Science** building is moving quickly with planned move in dates in late February. It will take some time to get completely open, but we will keep the campus apprised of when they can access the new building. **The Mesa Commons** is delayed again due to various circumstances, but we are on track to move in the summer. I've included some cool pictures to keep everyone excited for these new wonderful spaces!





The LOFT is underway!

I am excited to announce that our LOFT construction is underway. This is our teaching and learning professional development center that is funded from our Title V-HSI grant. The back portion of the 4th floor of the LRC is being transformed into a cool new space to hold all forms of meetings, workshops and other professional development activities. We are also in the midst of establishing a full time faculty position funded by equity resources to coordinate professional development activities for the whole campus. If you are interested, check the HR postings in the next few months.

SATURDAY ON THE MESA

JUMPSTART YOUR SUCCESS

ACTIVITIES
WORKSHOPS

SAT
2/27/16

9AM
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2PM

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Saturday on the Mesa

Mesa College is holding a college-wide recruiting event for prospective students and their families on Saturday Feb 27th from 9-2 PM. Invitations to be part of the event have gone out to all programs and departments. If you have somehow missed those and want to be involved, please contact your Dean or Supervisor, or Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Genevieve Esguerra @ gesguerr@sdccd.edu The event is free and we are hoping for a large showing. Click [here](#) for more info.

Coming soon you will see a change in our President Cabinet Agendas. We are trying new ways to better communicate all of the governance activities that are happening. The new agenda includes once a semester presentations from all college standing committees, and will have summary reports attached when we send the link to the campus after each meeting. We look forward to assessing the new process at the end of spring semester.

Have a great February!

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