

The following issue areas were developed and discussed during the 2017 spring quarter by representatives of the Associated Student Government (ASG), club and organization leaders and student employees from across campus. This Student Priorities Paper represents the issues student leaders have identified as their highest priorities for advocacy during the 2017-2018 academic year.

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### Priority Statement

Access to Affordable
Books & Materials

The ASG is concerned about the prohibitive costs of educational resources and access for most courses offered at CPTC and wants to ensure that students have equitable access to affordable content to support their education. The ASG appreciates the legislative action to support the development of Open Educational Resources (OERs) and the CPTC instructors who have already embraced this delivery option.

### Financial Aid & Student Fees Transparency

Alignment: President's Principles (PP) – Innovation; College Priorities (CP) – Increase student success and educational access; and WACTCSA 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda.

Getting information to students regarding Financial Aid processes/deadlines and student fees is key to thriving at Clover Park Technical College (CPTC). Barriers to Financial Aid prevent students from completing their degree and that 100+ student fees/codes that students pay-into is ineffective and inconsistent. The ASG would like to work with college stakeholders to improve the transparency of financial aid and student fees.

#### Student Success in Math

Alignment: PP - Extreme diligence and attentiveness; Strategic Goal (SG) - Promote student success and foster community engagement/social responsibility

According to a recent study conducted by the SBCTC the "lack of math attainment is the most common stumbling block to achieving their academic goal". At CPTC, less and less face-to-face math classes are available to students who could benefit from hands-on instruction. The ASG will work with the instruction administration and completion committee to explore pathways to establish more opportunities for hands-on math instruction for CPTC students.

## Affordable, Accessible & **Expanded Food Options**

Alignment: PP - Quality and Extreme diligence & attentiveness; CP - Increase student success and educational access; SG - Promote student success

Access to affordable, accessible food with nutritional value is critical to student success and college morale. Since June 2014, the Lakewood campus has been without a college cafeteria. When students are hungry, their academic and social ambitions become secondary. The ASG will work with the college administration to ensure food options are available, affordable, accessible and have nutritional value for CPTC students who attend class on-campus.

# Recreation Facility on Campus

Alignment: SG – Promote Student Success; PP - Quality, extreme diligence & attentiveness

Recreation activities can enhance personal fitness, wellness and the enjoyment of students, faculty

and staff at CPTC. The ASG will work with the Office of Student Involvement to expand access to

sports activities and partner with the college administration to prioritize needs to establish access to a recreational space at the Lakewood campus. Alignment: PP - Innovation, SG - foster community engagement/social responsibility

Improving Campus Technology

Ensuring access to and the reliability of campus technology are matters of considerable importance. To fully embrace the utilization of cutting-edge technology and collaboration across campus, the ASG will work with stakeholders to develop a Student Technology Fee, which will allow future students leaders the ability to allocate one-time funds to technology projects and enhancements that impact all students.

Alignment: PP – Innovation and quality; SG – Enhance institutional capacity



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