



CUESTA COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN PROJECT

Project Update – March 3, 2025

Cuesta College is now in the third phase of its four-phase project to develop its next long-range educational master plan (EMP), the *Cuesta College Educational Master Plan 2026 – 2030*. The plan will provide a blueprint for action for the College for the next four years in serving students and communities of the San Luis Obispo County Community College District. Dr. Elizabeth Coria, Vice President of Student Success and Support Programs, serves as the Executive Liaison for the project. Megan Fay-Mitchell, administrative assistant to Dr. Coria, provides logistical support for the project. The Collaborative Brain Trust (CBT) continues to provide facilitation and technical support services for the project.

The four phases of the EMP project are:

- Phase 1: Planning Design and Approach
- Phase 2: Discovery – Data Collection, Analysis, and Synthesis
- Phase 3: Portfolio Development and Planning Assumptions
- Phase 4: Goal-Setting and Recommendations

An overview of the project, the EMP Task Force Purpose Statement and membership roster, and more information on the project phases, timeline, and meetings are available on the EMP website.

Phase 2 was completed in February. The EMP Task Force (EMPTF) met on February 20, 2025, to review progress on the project and discuss the second set of data from the Discovery Phase. Also in February, the CBT Team completed listening sessions with students and external stakeholders and held visioning sessions with Area of Study Pathway groups and the Executive Team. A list of all listening/visioning sessions is available on the EMP website, along with all EMPTF meeting agendas, materials, and presentations.

In March, the project progresses to Phase 3, and the draft EMP will be populated with results from Phases 1 and 2 as the portfolio of today's Cuesta College takes shape. In this third phase, the data trends and planning assumptions, and the themes that emerged from the listening and visioning sessions will be synthesized through a high-level SOAR analysis (Strengths, Opportunities, Aspirations, and Results) to determine the Challenges and Opportunities for Cuesta College for the next four years, and set the stage for Phase 4: Goal-Setting. A campus forum is planned for March 20, 2025, from 11-12, where the results from Phases 1-3 that will comprise the body of the Draft EMP leading up to Goal-Setting in April will be shared. A second college forum is planned for April 30th to share the draft Goals and Objectives developed by the EMPTF.

Throughout the project, an update will be provided at the beginning of each month to summarize progress on the project and describe upcoming activities. The Draft EMP is expected to be available following the April 30th Goal-Setting Session, but stakeholders are encouraged to review data and document sections each month as they are completed and made available on the website.