



## CUESTA COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN PROJECT

*Project Update – April 3, 2025*

Cuesta College has completed 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 3 was completed in March. Trends and planning assumptions have been identified from analyzing and synthesizing all the data collected. The EMP Task Force (EMPTF) met on March 20, 2025, to review progress on the project and discuss the themes that emerged from listening and vision sessions with internal and external stakeholders, including students and Area of Study Pathway groups. Also in this third phase, the data trends and planning assumptions, and the themes that emerged from the listening and visioning sessions were 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 list of all listening/visioning sessions is available on the EMP website, along with all EMPTF meeting agendas, materials, and presentations.

Additionally, on March 20, a campus forum was held to share highlights of the results from Phases 1-3 that comprise the body of the Draft EMP leading up to the Goal-Setting session. The draft EMP document, except the goals and objectives, will be available on the EMP website in April for campus review. On April 29-30, the EMP Task Force and the Executive team will join together for the eight-hour Phase 4: Goal-Setting session. The draft Goals and Objectives from that session will be added to the Draft EMP on the website and also shared at the second campus forum on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Throughout the project, updates are provided at the beginning of each month to summarize progress on the project and describe upcoming activities. All EMPTF documents and presentations are available on the website and stakeholders are encouraged to review them each month as they are completed and made available.