

## What's Happening at WNC

May 9, 2018

- The state of our college is good
- The big news: Dr. Vincent Solis will start as WNC's new president on July 1. We look forward to the vision that he will bring to the college.
- Accreditation Visit April 4-6
  - 9 member team from Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
  - Met with all of the stakeholders during their visit
  - Made 5 commendations and 4 recommendations
  - The commendations and recommendations may be modified by the commission
  - Hearing scheduled for June 29 in Seattle
- Multiple hires/searches
  - 3 Nursing (1 new position, 1 Fallon replacement, 1 Carson replacement for emergency hire)
  - 2 Math (1 Carson, 1 Fallon)
  - 2 Outreach
  - 1 VP assistant (new)
  - 1 IR programmer analyst
  - CS Director (retiring August 1)
  - Fallon Director
    - Interviews of 4 finalists for the Fallon Director on May 18
    - 25 applicants
    - Bus Scharmann is on the committee
- Projects
  - Design underway for the Cedar Building HVAC with \$1M in NSHE funding and ±\$500K from CIF funds
  - Library project will get started May 21
    - Goal is more open space, movable furniture for collaboration and private study, more tech, fewer books
    - Will consolidate Academic Skills Center in that space

- Phase 1: electrical, carpet, office space, paint
    - Future phase: furniture, coffee bar
    - Pursuing grant funding to assist
  - Other projects include window replacement and classroom remodels
- Veteran's Suicide Walk May 5, speakers & community choral group
- Quick Space donated \$8,000 for scholarships at Foundation event at the Bonafede Ranch May 5.
- Commencement is May 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Pony Express Pavillion in Carson City's Mills Park
  - Governor Sandoval will be our commencement speaker
  - 550± degrees and certificates of achievement will be awarded
  - 350± Industry Skills Certificates
  - 70% of those earning a degree will attend a 4 year institution within one year
  - 77 high school seniors from about 18 high schools, charter schools, and home school groups will earn a AA or AS before they receive a high school diploma through our Jump Start dual credit program for high school juniors and seniors
  - Nearly all of these students will have paid nothing to very little for this degree because of our partnerships with school districts
- Enrollment up 7% over spring 2017. We did a lot of things to make that happen over the past year, including expanding our Academic Skills Center, hiring more tutors, funding marketing enhancements, purchasing a text messaging system, and making an emergency hire for counseling.
- WNC is in a good place for Dr. Solis to lead the college into the future.