

## Porterville College Flex Day Feedback Activity

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**Description:** Faculty, staff, management input/feedback on areas for which Porterville College does well (or strengths) and areas of potential gaps (weaknesses)

### What PC does well or areas of strength?

- Provide opportunity and support for students from low income backgrounds
- Maintain dialogue among departments in a collegial way
- Collaborative work within faculty
- Focus on student success
- Creating a comfortable environment for the entire PC family
- Communication through email; let our team know of events on campus
- We are excelling at getting students to earn transfer degrees
- We are putting faith in programs that need developing to serve students that are underserved in music with the purchase of band instruments and work to rebuild that program
- We have individuals who are very committed and passionate about their jobs and the work they do for our students. We are working together to create better pathways for our students.
- Prepare students for transfer to four year universities
- Support students with programs like EOPS and foundation scholarships
- Support students
- We have a great PC team whose focus is our students and are ready for change
- We provide the services and support students need to be successful.
- Communication through social media sites
- Caring for students
- We focus on student success
- Transfer rates
- ADT majors
- Providing a quality educational opportunity to students
- We are a small college which provides high contact services to students but there is a need for more preventive measures to education set backs
- Supports student needs
- Reaches out to high schools
- Support for struggling students at DRC, Early Alert and Learning Center
- Working together as a team
- Having the best interest of the students in mind
- We focus on students and provide a lot of emotional and academic support
- Teaching basic skills
- Transfer degrees
- We collaborate well
- Admin is working well/supporting faculty and staff

- Positive working environments
- Open minded administration
- Faculty involvement
- Building on the musical traditions of the community and high schools with our music programs
- Opportunity for many people in the community for higher education
- Utilize electronic resources well
- Faculty supports students in numerous ways
- Caring about individual student success
- Collegial atmosphere among faculty/staff/admin
- I am very happy with the academic freedom to teach the way I want
- The faculty pay and benefits are AMAZING!
- Committees work well
- Caring about individual student success
- Collegial academic atmosphere
- Veteran's area taking care of needs
- Administrators creating a caring positive atmosphere
- I think CC and Enrollment Management Division Chair
- Meetings work well for discussion and decision making
- Collegial atmosphere within faculty and staff
- Veteran's services

## **Areas of gaps or potential weaknesses at PC**

- We need to continue to foster cooperation and communication between instruction and student services
- We need to expand our library and research materials
- More electronic resources
- More support of Arts and Music expansion (facilities, faculty, courses)
- More community involvement
- Increased presence in high schools and middle schools
- Textbooks changed every 5 years so students receive the most up to date information
- Dealing with the two other colleges because they are not always on the same page as we are
- Explaining all the different grants and income sources and what they can be spent on
- Giving a voice to others who are not normally heard
- Communication of policies
- Infrastructure for SLO reporting
- New employee training
- Communication of divisions regarding academic needs for programs
- Additional community activities/involvement
- Additional health services provide vaccinations and CPR to students/faculty
- We need to offer more programs and courses online to compete with other colleges near us.
- Re-entry students
- Need more class for levels 3&4 English placement
- Increase males % to attend PC
- Allow faculty keycards to open the door to the hallway leading to their offices!
- Make arrangement with the bookstore to allow students to get books earlier in the semester instead of waiting weeks for financial aid
- Faculty and staff development
- Offering more online courses
- Be a more community focused college
- Connect with our middle schools, start early...we have an elementary and middle school across from us...we need to connect with them
- Scheduling classes/#of courses offered in science
- Offering job training certificates for the businesses in our area
- Continue to improve communication between colleges and departments
- We need to figure out how to get more FT faculty to "share the load" on important committees
- A severe lack of social media identity. Perhaps we could create a part-time opportunity to handle social media outlets to a student? Perhaps this student could inform our community daily? Similar colleges. Reedley College/Fresno City College are very on top of social media. This will allow us to target MORE potential/future PC students.
- Campus WiFi connectivity
- Evening DRC and safety
- Letting people on hiring committees know if and who was actually hired

- Each semester publish security cell phone number of evening security
- SAFETY protocols – no emergency protocols – on campus shooter
- No student services after 5pm DRC
- Emergency safety procedures
- Evening student services
- Evening services café, DRC....
- Door lock, electronic door locks don't!
- Testing availability (proctoring)
- Prof develop credit for conferences
- Safety & security – faculty are ill prepared to deal with emergencies (specifically violence)
- Adjunct faculty don't get keys to rooms/buildings
- Evening services for students, especially DRC
- Safety protocols/ability to lock doors