

Shoreline Community College hosted its fourth Community Neighborhood Update on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 with residents from six nearby neighborhoods in attendance. The College's Executive Team included Dr. Cheryl Roberts, President; Dr. Alison Stevens, Executive Vice President for Student Learning & Success; Mary Brueggeman, Vice President for Advancement; and Stuart Trippel, Senior Executive Director & CFO. Members of the community and the Executive Team engaged in conversation related to the College's activities and plans.

Enrollment Update, Community Access

The lively conversation kicked off with good news about enrollment—Shoreline Community College's overall enrollment increases put it among the top 5 colleges in the state experiencing such increases. When unemployment is very low, as it is in much of the state, enrollment at community colleges normally declines. Enrollment among international students has declined by 9%, which is similar for other colleges. There are approximately 45 countries represented on Shoreline's campus—making it a rich learning environment for all students.

Neighbors inquired about College courses available for community members. "Senior citizens (60 years old or older) may attend up to two classes on a "space available" basis with a waiver of regular tuition. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee per quarter plus all applicable fees." (Shoreline Community College Fall Quarter 2017 Class Schedule) <http://www.shoreline.edu/apply-and-aid/cashiering/documents/Senior-Tuition-Waiver.pdf>

Dr. Stevens also distributed the Summer 2017 (July 5 – August 19) Continuing Education schedule. <https://www.shoreline.edu/workforce/plus-50/current-classes.aspx>

Neighbors asked about the programs which are most in demand and Dr. Stevens said that all the College transfer classes are sought after, as well as programs in nursing, dental hygiene, digital film making, automotive repair, and biotechnology. Shoreline Community College is well known for its honors program and college transfer program.

Community Engagement, Camps, Movies, etc.

Neighbors viewed the College's new welcoming theme launched with t-shirts, signage, and a video for students and employees declaring "You are Welcome Here." A second video promoting the College was prepared by faculty and students for the Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) at Shoreline. Other marketing initiatives emphasized the College's identity and tagline, "Engage. Achieve."

Summer movies will begin in the College's theater on July 8. Watch for information on the College website, Shoreline Area News, Next Door, and in the Shoreline City Alerts.

A total of eight middle and high school summer camps are being held on campus—three in science and five for volleyball.

The third annual Campus/Community Kick-off Party will be held in early October. The theme is "Party like it's 1985" and costumes are encouraged. It will be an all-ages party for neighbors, students, and staff with music from across the decades.

Several months ago, neighbors from the Highland Terrace Neighborhood asked about contributing to the College's Food Pantry as a way to support our students. The Pantry serves 400 students who do not have consistent access to food. The Shoreline Rotary Club has also stepped in to donate food to students. Dr. Roberts thanked the neighbors for their initiative and much needed support of, and for, students. Dr. Stevens distributed a list of items needed for the Food Pantry and shared the location of where to drop off non-perishable items.

Stuart Trippel asked for neighbors' opinions about allowing community members to use the computers in the library on a limited basis. Neighbors endorsed the idea with the caveat that community usage not impinge on student needs.

Housing and Capital Projects

Summer maintenance projects are underway, primarily aimed at routine maintenance and accessibility enhancements rather than major construction. The state capital budget is currently written, but not yet approved and includes initial funding to build a new Allied Health, Science and Advanced Manufacturing building. If the state capital budget is passed with this included, design money will be received in the 2017-19 biennium. The new building will replace 4 current buildings. It will be the first new building on campus in 20 years. [NOTE: As of this writing, the legislature has passed and the governor has signed a capital budget limited to re-appropriations only, not new projects. We expect the legislature to reconvene shortly to work on a full capital budget.]

Planning for housing for 225-250 students continues with the expectation that it will be completed in the fall of 2019. The building will be on a current parking lot to the south of the student union building (PUB). Parking would be replaced on other parts of campus to the extent necessary to meet requirements of the College's master development plan. We expect to host a design charrette later this year and neighbors will be invited to participate.

Thank you

Neighbors expressed their appreciation for what they termed as an open, effective and good discussion with College leadership. Dr. Roberts thanked attendees for their commitment and support of Shoreline Community College and reiterated how proud she is to serve this community.