

**Operational Assembly:** Hilary Meyer provided these highlights from the October Operational Assembly. Staff are encouraged to support our student athletes by attending games; fall sports include soccer and volleyball, with basketball starting in November. Facilities ongoing construction projects are the Respiratory Therapy and Barber labs, asbestos abatement, and asphalt replacement. After several fraud cases involving student checks, the Business Office and Financial Aid have partnered to promote financial literacy and encourage direct deposit for students. IT is conducting on a classroom smartboard refresh and further exploration of improving the college's wireless environment. DEI reported several events coming up for Italian American and Native American Heritage Months. Student Affairs will host Academic Planning workshops for first year students in October.

**Student Success:** Transfer Center Director Patricia Rodriguez and Support Specialist Ian Torres presented a video with interviews of successful transfer students and shared information about top university transfer destinations and Title V transfer cohort data. Transfer Center services include various workshops, one-on-one advising, Transfer Fairs, and other events with universities.

**FY 25 Budget Planning:** AVP of Business Operations Colleen Rockafellow provided information on FY 25 Budget Planning. After assessment of the budgeting process, it was proposed to strengthen and simplify budgeting procedures through the lenses of accreditation and consistency, ensuring that the budget aligns with the Strategic Plan. The budget timeline, summary of the budget process, cross-collaborative discussions, and budget training were also presented to Council. Excel budget worksheets will be sent to Cost Center Managers this week, with Question & Answer sessions to be held via Zoom.