

**From:** Angela Fairchilds  
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Dear Colleagues, as you know the Facilities staff, along with assistance from Tom Hofstra, are continuously monitoring the health of the campus trees and watching for safety concerns. As a result of a recent survey, tomorrow (Tuesday) several diseased trees will be removed. Please be alert for large equipment on campus and areas that may be temporarily blocked off for safety around Willow (early in the morning) and later in areas of Parking Lot A. The work has been scheduled around class time and in anticipation of the storm forecast for this weekend.

On a different note – We had a very productive visit with the Partnership Resource Team last Friday. The team is comprised of eight community college colleagues from around the state, including administrators, faculty, and research & planning gurus who came at our request as part of the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative. While this visit was a long time in the making, we believe the advice we ultimately receive will be invaluable to our work with Student Learning Outcomes, particularly processes for reviewing the assessment results and using the findings to drive planning, improve teaching and learning, and to improve how we serve our students. While here, the team conducted lengthy interviews with the Admin Team, Academic Senate leadership, the SLO workgroup and members of the Curriculum Committee, and the College Council.

The team will return to Columbia College on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to help us draft an Innovation and Effectiveness Plan, based on the information gathered prior to and during the first visit. Under the IEPI, the college will then be eligible to receive grant funds to implement strategies and projects that we select as priorities to meet our SLO and quality improvement goals.

I greatly appreciate those faculty and staff who participated in the interview discussions and planning; it was a long day. The team gained a strong sense of who we are at Columbia and certainly noted our commitment to serving students. Small but mighty! We look forward to sharing the outcomes of the visits and the subsequent action plan in the coming months, as the details unfold.

I know this is the time of year that we particularly feel the burden of work, but I hope that you will be buoyed up by the great upcoming events.....

April is a month of celebration! The YCCD Staff Recognition Dinner is April 7<sup>th</sup>; the next Board of Trustees meeting is at Columbia College on April 12<sup>th</sup>; Scholarship

Awards night is April 13<sup>th</sup>; Fire Academy Graduation April 27<sup>th</sup>; End of Year Picnic is April 28<sup>th</sup> and also GRADUATION.....my favorite day of the year!

Thank you for all you do every day.....  
Angie



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