



Architecture and Design (AD)/ Energy and Sustainability (ES) Workshops

Title	Moderator	Description
Designing for Radical Empathy: Santa Rosa Junior College Lindley Center for STEM Education	Rosa Sheng, <i>SmithGroup</i>	What does “Radical Empathy” look like when students are fully supported in their educational journey, with investment in their growth, persistence, and resilience? How does the design of STEM teaching spaces contribute to holistic well-being, sense of belonging, and trusted relationships to improve the journey of interdisciplinary learning? The Lindley Center for STEM Education features strategies for planning and designing impactful spaces for applied learning, providing safe spaces for exploration, and vital student resources for collaboration and productive struggle. This session will feature perspectives from the Dean of STEM, a STEM student, and a Project Architect to discuss intersecting challenges and design solutions leveraged in creating a transformative STEM hub for future generations.
Unlocking Prop 2: The Essential FPP Roadmap for Community College Projects	Sam Wolfram, <i>Lionakis</i>	With a massive wave of State funding as a result of the passage of Prop 2 in November 2024, there has been a resurgence of "FPPs" or "Final Project Proposals" - a requirement of every community college project seeking to utilize State bond funding. Coupled with an unprecedented amount of identified facilities needs across California's 73 community college districts, a comprehensive FPP is, for many colleges, the critical first step toward making a new or modernized facility a reality. But with limited State bond funding funneled to community colleges over the last eight years, a new generation of architects and owners for whom FPPs are not the "norm," and changes to the process to reflect the requirements in Prop 2, we'll break down the who, what, when, where, and why of FPPs in 2025.
Yes, You Can! Sustainability Benchmarking to Support Systemwide Climate Goals	Dennis Astl, <i>Palomar CCD</i>	In January 2025, the Board of Governors updated the systemwide Climate Action and Sustainability Framework. In 2026, all Districts will be expected to complete a climate action benchmark and submit their disclosures to the Chancellor's Office. For this workshop, the Chancellor's Climate Fellows Program will discuss updates, requirements, and resources for the Framework. The panel will then explore the successes, challenges, and lessons learned through the process that Shasta and Palomar Colleges undertook as some of the first colleges to submit their benchmarks. They will offer guidance on best practices for an efficient and successful disclosure, and how to use benchmarking to inform the next steps toward climate action—no matter what your sustainability staffing and resourcing look like.
My Aging Athletic Facilities: From Bond Passage to Built—Planning and Delivering a Winning Project	Arash Izadi, <i>DLR Group</i>	With over 200 education bonds passing in California, districts have a powerful opportunity to transform campuses. Often, the first project is an aging athletic facility—outdated, yet vital to student life, recruitment, and community engagement. Where do you start when expectations are high, budgets are tight, and the spotlight is on? This session offers a step-by-step roadmap, featuring expert insights from facilities leaders, athletics staff, program managers, and architects. Learn how to validate master plans, set realistic budgets, select delivery methods, engage stakeholders, and manage construction successfully.
Progressive Design-Build Done Right – Be the Owner of Choice	Niccolo Boldrin, <i>AC Martin</i>	Progressive Design-Build encourages innovation and collaboration, guarantees cost and schedule certainty, and delivers significantly better project outcomes. With \$1.5 billion in bonds passed last November, Community Colleges are preparing to deliver hundreds of projects using Progressive Design-Build (PDB). This session will: • Educate Owners and Stakeholders on how to select and work with an Owner Advisor to deliver PDB projects • Learn how to write RFQs/P's to attract top-tier teams and how to collaborate and engage effectively in the selection process and the first 90 days after selection. PDB is a “team sport” with different rules than Design-Bid-Build. Understanding how to play is key to ensuring successful projects.



Accelerating Solar, Battery & Microgrid Projects: A Systemwide Approach to Implementation & Delivery	Jennifer Keiper, <i>Foundation for California Community Colleges</i>	As sustainability and energy resilience become critical priorities for higher education, the Foundation for California Community Colleges is leading a systemwide effort to streamline solar, battery, and microgrid deployment across the California Community Colleges. This session will explore recently issued Master Services Agreements that enable colleges to procure cost-effective, resilient, and scalable energy solutions while reducing procurement timelines. With clean energy tax credits phasing out, projects should begin construction by July 2026 to maximize financial benefits. Panelists will detail the procurement process, awarded vendor contracts, and project scopes at Mt. San Antonio College and College of the Desert.
Post Occupancy Lessons Learned from Facilities for Student Success	Sandra Mendler, <i>Gensler</i>	Student Services buildings are being built on Community College campuses with the promise of enhancing student success while streamlining operations for the campus. This interactive session asks the question: How well are the new facilities delivering on that promise? Are students satisfied with the way co-located services are provided? What are the primary benefits, and what could be improved? And how well are the new projects supporting staff? We will share post occupancy results from multiple recently completed projects spanning urban, suburban, and rural locations. Come learn how to leverage POE for Student Success!
Construction (C)/ Maintenance & Operations / Purchasing (MOP)		
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Zero Net Energy - Planning, Implementation, and Maintaining for Efficiency	Fred Diamond, <i>Citrus CCD</i>	This Seminar will discuss planning for, implementation of, and maintaining the highly technical components and equipment associated with Zero Net Energy. Additional discussion on the DSA requirements and BOG goals will be covered, as well as the importance of maintaining these systems for continued sustainable efficiency.
Leading Through Challenges: Setting Clear Expectations & Creating Alignment with Your Team	Doug Reitz, <i>Mark Wilson Construction</i>	This interactive workshop equips facilities professionals to successfully lead complex community college construction projects. Centered on the Four Absolutes—Safety, Quality, Time, and Cost—participants will engage in breakout sessions that will explore technical conflicts from actual projects where they will apply the leadership principles discussed and then report on their ideas for resolution of the challenges. Attendees will learn to set clear expectations, communicate the “kind truth,” anticipate problems, and apply project-based decision-making to resolve conflicts. The session fosters collaboration, accountability, and alignment among board members, architects, and contractors and will emphasize the fact that leadership and collaboration are the keys to a successful project.
Building Better, Faster: Modular Design for Student-Centered Spaces	Dennis Curran, <i>Allan Hancock College</i>	Community colleges have long served as affordable alternatives, offering technical education, vocational training, and local workforce development. However, as the needs of today's students evolve and anticipation for future demands grows, community college districts face a critical challenge. They must not only expand programs and services but also create the necessary spaces to support them. Join us in exploring how Allan Hancock College confronted this challenge head-on by implementing a cutting-edge, specialized Student Health Center using the innovative potential of modular construction. In this workshop, the panel will offer practical insights and guidance on harnessing modular construction solutions to optimize outcomes for any community college project. Through an interactive presentation, attendees will gain practical strategies for modular design and explore a compelling case study that demonstrates how modular construction can create specialized spaces that support student well-being, comfort, and access to essential services. The session will also highlight how these solutions can be tailored to meet the evolving needs of today's community college campuses.



Exploring Student Housing Construction Methods – Lessons from the Field	Jeff Connell, <i>Long Beach CCD</i>	This panel will provide an in-depth exploration of the primary construction types used in student housing projects, including traditional site-built, volumetric modular, and panelized systems. Panelists will examine the unique characteristics, benefits, and challenges of each method, with a focus on design considerations and limitations, DSA inspection protocols, field approval processes, and key factors such as cost, schedule, and scalability. Through a series of case studies from California Community College student housing projects, both completed and currently under construction, attendees will gain practical insights to help guide their housing projects in selecting the most effective construction method to meet their specific goals and project needs.
Planning, Programming & Fiscal Management (PPFM)		
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Bricks, Budgets, and Backpacks – Balancing Construction and Campus Life	Cody Carpino, <i>Brailsford & Dunlavey</i>	With construction costs having risen by 40% over the past five years and continuing to climb, colleges are under increasing pressure to build more strategically. Limited physical space and growing demand for active learning environments pose a critical question: how much construction can a campus realistically sustain without compromising daily operations? This session delves into the complexities of managing concurrent capital projects, drawing on the experiences of three institutions at different stages of development. Attendees will gain practical insights, coordination strategies, and proven approaches to minimizing disruption while maximizing long-term impact and value.
The Progressive Edge: MiraCosta's Delivery Roadmap for Capital Program Success	Megan Evenary, <i>Kitchell CEM</i>	With 2024 voter-approved bond funding, many California districts are exploring options. MiraCosta CCD's \$550M Capital Improvement Program, launched in 2017, has used Progressive Design Build for over a dozen projects alongside 30+ traditional design-bid-build efforts. Join MiraCosta's Director of Facilities, Program Manager Kitchell, and the C.W. Driver + HED design-build team for a deep dive into delivery strategies. We'll spotlight the recently completed Chemistry and Biotechnology Building—a technically complex “hero” facility supporting MiraCosta's biomanufacturing bachelor's program. Learn from real project data, team insights, and lessons learned to help optimize your next community college capital project.
Building Tomorrow's Workforce: Innovative Facility Strategies at Riverside CCD & San Bernardino CCD	Jeffrey Bowling, <i>AECOM</i>	Explore how Riverside Community College District (RCCD) and San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) are strategically advancing workforce development initiatives by creating innovative, technologically advanced educational facilities. This session will highlight RCCD's Integrated Education and Technical Training Center (IETTC), currently in planning and design, as well as SBCCD's recently completed Technical Education Building and forthcoming Innovation Hub. These projects exemplify how thoughtful facilities master planning and targeted bond measures—\$954M RCCD Measure CC and \$470M SBCCD bond—are empowering students and addressing regional poverty by preparing today's workforce for the high-demand, skilled careers of tomorrow. The session will present practical insights from SBCCD's Facilities Master Plan, detailing the successful transformation of traditional educational spaces into dynamic, hands-on learning environments using “living laboratory” concepts. Attendees will learn how comprehensive master planning and inclusive stakeholder collaboration enhance decision-making, innovation, and community impact. Participants will leave with actionable strategies and insights into designing resilient, future-ready campuses that foster hope, innovation, and workforce excellence.



Future Facilities Plan and Campus-wide Engagement at Mission College	Erin Cubbison, <i>Gensler Research Institute</i>	This session will share how to create a Future Facilities Plan (FFP) that is integrated with strategic and educational planning, highly participatory, and data-informed. We will share the successful process of Mission College's recently completed FFP: Campus-wide sessions, online survey (Education Engagement Index), student focus groups, listening sessions with faculty, administrators, and classified professionals, interactive workshop with members of the community, and space utilization analysis of classrooms and labs. Our panelists, Danny Nguyen (VP of Administrative Services, Mission College) and Terrance DeGray (Vice Chancellor of Facilities Development & Operations for West-Valley-Mission CCD), will also share how both the College and the District played key roles in this process.
From Market-Rate to Mission-Driven: Foothill-De Anza CCD's Strategic Acquisition for Quality, Affordable Student Housing	AJ Yoon, <i>Volz Company</i>	Housing insecurity is a growing threat to student success. More than just shelter, student housing provides stability and connection—key to transforming commuter campuses into inclusive residential communities. This session explores Foothill-De Anza CCD's \$200 million investment in affordable student and employee housing. Panelists will share insights on feasibility planning, site evaluation, due diligence, and operational strategies. The discussion will examine how the District acquires and converts a market-rate multifamily housing into affordable, mission-aligned student housing.
Building a Shared Vision Across Multi-College Districts	Ann-Marie Gabel, <i>South Orange County CCD</i>	Implementing an integrated planning process across multi-college districts can be challenging, particularly with the shifting landscape of higher education, multiple internal and external stakeholders, and constrained budgets. Attend this session to learn how 2 multi-college districts embarked on the development of Districtwide Strategic and Facilities Plans to create a shared vision and coordinate campus development strategies. Learn about processes, hear lessons learned, and discover how a process can unite efforts for equitable student access and achievement, strengthen relationships, improve alignment, and position for the future.
Implementing Results of Space Utilization on Campus	Bobby Khusal, <i>ALMA Strategies</i>	After completing a Space Utilization Study and digesting its results, what steps can a campus take to realize increased efficiencies? This session will look at immediate, mid-term, and long-term strategies that may be taken by a campus to improve space usage and positively impact campus cap loads.
Chancellor's Office (CO)/Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC)/Other Topics		
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Capital Outlay Fundamentals: Space Inventory	Hoang Nguyen, <i>California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office</i>	This session provides a look at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) Space Inventory, with a focus on using the FUSION system to accurately report and certify facilities data. Attendees will learn how to enter building and room-level information and prepare for the upcoming transition from TOP codes to CIP Codes. The presentation includes a visual walkthrough of the FUSION interface, the certification process, and guidance on space inventory input for capital outlay planning and compliance. Ideal for facilities planners, institutional researchers, and administrators.



Boomers to Zoomers: Effective Leadership	Pablo Manzo, <i>Los Rios CCD</i>	Join this dynamic panel discussion to explore leadership strategies essential for managing today's multigenerational workforce within construction and education sectors. This session brings together industry leaders who will provide valuable insights into effectively navigating and leveraging the diverse skill sets, perspectives, and communication styles across Baby Boomers, Generation X, Millennials, and Generation Z. Participants will learn how to break down communication barriers, foster inclusivity, and strategically utilize each generation's strengths to enhance collaboration, innovation, and productivity. Through compelling real-world examples, attendees will gain actionable insights on integrating seasoned expertise, practical problem-solving skills, collaborative approaches, and innovative thinking. Ideal for organizational leaders, managers, HR professionals, and team members, this interactive discussion aims to equip attendees with tools and techniques for fostering team cohesion, improving workplace dynamics, and ensuring sustainable success in an evolving professional landscape.
Climate Action and Sustainability	Hoang Nguyen, <i>California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office</i>	The California Community College System is doing tremendous work around Climate Action & Sustainability. In helping build a greater Community of Practice, this panel will have experts from various California community colleges share big lessons learned and challenges they faced on their road to infusing Sustainability into California Community College's Built Environment.
CCFC Legislative Update: Legislation, Regulatory, and Capital Outlay Hot Topics	Rebekah Kalleen, <i>Community College Facility Coalition</i>	Attend this annual session to hear from your CCFC legislative advocate and leaders about the latest hot topics in community college facilities and construction policy issues in Sacramento and beyond. This workshop will feature updates on pertinent legislation, budget, policy, and regulatory matters. Topics will include the state's political climate, the status of Proposition 2 funding and the capital outlay program, affordable student housing, and key bills. Hear how the latest issues affecting Californians impact the landscape for community college facilities – and our advocacy strategy – both today and into the future.