



Academic Senate Standing Report District Governance Senate

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Dates Academic Senate Met: N/A

Preliminary Senate Report on Chapter 1, Draft 2 of the 2025-2035 Master Plan

Due to the way meetings fell in the month of November, this preliminary report is coming to District Governance ahead of the regular Senate meeting scheduled for 11/29/2023. There may be additional discussion in that meeting that will be forwarded to the appropriate groups afterward.

Senators who responded to the request to comment on the Master Plan draft via email wanted to express their appreciation to the writing team who worked hard to organize and revise the previous draft. This draft ironed out many previous concerns.

One lingering question had to do with the omission of any reference to the Lemoore Naval Air Station in the geographical context sections. One senator remarked that many pilots and other personnel from the base “live in Hanford, their children go to school in Hanford, their children go to COS in Hanford, their spouses go to COS in Hanford, the civilians that work on the base have families that go to COS in Hanford, veterans retire and choose to live here and go to COS in Hanford.” It was felt that a large economic driver for Kings County, as well as a student base for COS, was left out of the draft.

Another suggestion is to add a few CTE-ish (or other) highlights to the sections that deal with each specific campus. For example, could the draft highlight contributions of the Ag program to the Tulare Farm Show, or various recent awards that celebrate campus milestones. The Hanford section could boast more about its Police and Fire programs, and Visalia about its Nursing and Pathway to Law, among other accomplishments. The idea would be to highlight a few examples of how each campus is a respected educational site for our communities and our students.

Respectfully submitted,
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