The most dangerous phrase is "We have always done it this way."

A culture of continuous improvement is vital to our students' success.

Prep for our coach visit is underway!

On March 12th and 13th, Weatherford College will have our first official visit from our designated Pathways Coach.

Dr. Linda Garcia will be joining us from Austin for two days of work and presentations. Dr. Garcia is the Executive Director of the Center for Community College Student Engagement (the Center) at The University of Texas at Austin (UT).

Dr. Garcia's experience includes student development, instructional support, grant writing, and teaching. She serves as a coach for the American Association of Community Colleges Pathways 2.0 and Texas Pathways Project.

The goal for the two day work sessions is to present where we started, where we are, and where we are headed. A presentation to the Board of Trustees is scheduled for the March 12th Board Meeting in the Strain Room of the Doss at 2pm.
Task Force Updates

Task forces consist of groups of three to six individuals whose goal is to focus on a specific objective, working to a conclusion in as timely a manner as possible. A task force is assigned with an end date in mind where a solution or conclusion must be met.

Mission Accomplished!
Hope Statement/ADA - Canvas/Syllabus led by Dawn Kahlden. Adapted from the #RealCollege movement and modified to fit Weatherford College's students, a overall statement about meeting student needs has been approved.

Learning Taxonomy led by Shannon Stoker. The task force felt that the implementation of Finks Taxonomy, which focuses on aspects such as the human dimension and caring/feelings, would be a good fit for our institution as it would support the Culture of Caring climate that we are promoting at Weatherford College. Also proposed that the best taxonomy of learning and our recommended taxonomy for Weatherford College, is Bloom's Taxonomy Revised.

New Student Orientation led by Dawn Kahlden. The NSO task force has submitted a recommendation for a full day Coyote experience to be renamed C.O.R.E. The Coyote Orientation and Registration Experience will provide an opportunity for our newest coyotes to acclimate to campus and be better prepared to start their newest educational journey.

“When we talk about creating a culture of caring, we aren’t starting from scratch. We’re talking about taking what we’re already doing and readjusting it to understand the students we’re serving now.”
- Mike Endy, VP of Student and Academic Affairs

Task Forces On the Move
Framework Fridays led by Becki Byrd has gathered momentum. After gathering input from faculty and staff, two learning opportunities are in the planning stages for Spring 2020. Guided Pathways 101 and Campus Resources.

Calculator Task Force led by Michael Lee. Recommendations have been made regarding calculators and the permitted use among math, science and economics courses. The recommendation is pending approval by the Curriculum Standards Committee.
Meeting student needs to promote academic success. The guided pathways leadership team approaches all aspects of the college from the student perspective to remove barriers and provide a caring environment for our students to grow.

A Note From the Performance Notification Task Force.

Kay and/or John will release information regarding Beacon and the new Performance Notification System. This will hopefully provide a clear and consistent message throughout all faculty about what is expected of them when it comes to submitting notifications about their students.