

Shared Flagpole Vision (Jim Gardner)

Ah, my vision. Really quite simple, a gift from us to the College. Ok, two gifts, small, but symbolic of so much more. My vision is of our Grand Opening for the new buildings. There will be our new flag pole somewhere near, I hope, to the Free Speech Plaza. Over the next several weeks I plan on bringing my proposal to all of our Shared Governance Groups for discussion. The plan is to have ALL of the groups be onboard, shining with our unity, approve sharing the cost of brand new, probably larger, all weather U.S.A and California flags for the new pole, plaza, college....US. I feel strongly that as we all take ownership of our new digs, the flags will symbolize our unity and our appreciation for what we have been entrusted with.

Phase 2 came to me watching local news, San Jose has decided that the POW/MIA flag should be flown on more than three days per year, and have changed the law to have it fly every day. Then the thought of a College flag, The Comets flag, Department flags and soon a Contra Costa County Green Business Program flag to honor our soon to be gained; green certification for the whole college!

So I understand there is one (1) pole in the blueprints. After I ask for shared funding from the four groups, I hope to have the courage to ask for a second pole for the other flags we could have for respect/inspiration. What woke me up from my dream/vision was the sight of the plaque below the two poles....something about “PRIDE-OWNERSHIP-DEDICATION” from all of us. Something like that, just a simple vision.