

President's Response
Campus Issue 23-24-02

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Issue or Concern: Drinking Fountains on Campus

Summary of Issue: Many traditional drinking fountains on campus have been replaced with single-function water bottle filling stations, creating difficulty for students, employees, or visitors who do not have a water bottle. Examples of such challenges are in the PAC, the North Gym, and in the Student Services Building. While there may be good reason for having the water bottle filling stations, the lack of traditional drinking fountains is a problem for those who need water and are not prepared with a water bottle.

Action Taken:

03/27/24: Campus issue was discussed in Executive Council with decision to refer to the Campus Development Committee for feedback.

03/29/24: Campus Issue was referred to the Campus Development Committee for feedback.

11/14/24: Executive Council received feedback from the Campus Development Committee. This feedback included a list of 17 sites for replacing bottle fillers with dual-function stations that would include bottle fillers and traditional drinking fountains. The list included priority locations.

12/04/24: Executive Council discussed and referred to President's Executive Staff for analysis of CDC recommendations and in the context of cost considerations.

12/5/24: VPA Mitch Campbell took CDC recommendation to District FM to discuss cost and viability of recommendations. Recommendations are to replace a minimum of five filling stations with dual-function stations, the locations guided by the CDC's priority recommendations:

1. PAC – one fountain near bathrooms next to the PAC main stage
2. Rodda North first floor
3. LRC first floor
4. North Gym
5. Hughes – one on west side near concessions area

President's Response to Executive Council:

Executive Council has discussed this issue, and, given their guidance, I have received feedback from the Campus Development Committee, President's Executive Staff, VPA Mitch Campbell, and FM. The recommendation outlined above with five replacement dual stations will make drinking water available in high traffic areas around the college and are in locations so individuals will not have to travel too far to access them. The bottle filling stations were installed at Los Rios Colleges during the pandemic to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. That noted, the addition of these five dual stations will make it possible for students, employees, and visitors to have access to drinking water if they do not have a water bottle. I concur with the recommendations of Executive Council, Executive Staff, and FM.

Campus Issue 23-24-02 is closed.

Albert Garcia
Albert Garcia, President

03/6/25
Date