



Staff Town Hall

27 May 2020 / 12:30PM / Zoom Meeting

Updates

- **Announcements**
 - Remember that June 5th is our 90th Anniversary party
 - Tomorrow's Student Town Hall will be held by the State Attorney General at 1:00pm
 - Scholarships from the Foundation will likely be sent out next week
- **Chromebooks**
 - We have reached out to every student who was awarded a device. We still have a number of students we haven't been able to get in contact with and we're doing one last attempt to contact these students. Please let us know if you know a student who has been waiting for device by reaching out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu
 - These devices were purchased by the district and can be kept by students
 - ASG set aside about 20k to buy Chromebooks that will be available to loan to students. We're working on a loaner or rental program through the bookstore
 - We are also working on obtaining devices for students who need special software for their classes on their computers
- **Campus**
 - Our guidance from LA County right now tells us that we still cannot and should not re-open our campus
 - Remember that once we do begin to return to campus, it will be very gradual however there is no indication that we will be able to return anytime soon as our political leaders have advised that if we can work remotely, we need to continue to do so
 - The first classes that will come back once we get clearance will be those hard to convert Spring classes that could not be converted online

- We have gathered a group of classes for Fall semester in the event that we are able to return sooner than expected
- **FYE - 'Chillin' Virtual Bonding**
 - FYE will be holding a series of meetings with the incoming freshman class so that they can virtually get to know each other in order to break the ice since they cannot meet in person.
 - Will be meeting once a month so that the incoming students can get to know their College President and be properly introduced to LA City College
- **Courses**
 - Summer enrollment is very strong and full, we've had to add classes to accommodate for the high enrollment
 - Fall schedule will be posted by Friday, May 29th and registration begins on Monday, June 8
 - Open enrollment will begin sometime in early July
 - Please encourage students to apply as soon as they can (according to their registration time) since we expect high enrollment numbers for Fall semester as well.
- **Budget Concerns**
 - We will be working with our Budget Committee and will be meeting often this Summer via Town Halls to discuss our Budget and Bond program
 - We will have to make cuts but we will do it methodically and together
 - We have successfully balanced our budget 3 years in a row and have increased enrollment, which makes it easier for our remaining debt to be forgiven
 - We can almost definitely expect a reduction in certain SFP for sure
- **Graduation: 2020: Resilient Time for Brilliant Minds**
 - Our district wide Black Grad was held last week
 - We were able to chat while the graduation was happening and the grads were able to see that in real time. We are excited to implement some of these ideas in our Virtual Recognition Ceremony
 - We will send more information on the district wide Lavender Grad in tomorrow's newsletter.
 - We have almost 11 alumni submit shout outs for our ceremony.
 - Thank you to faculty and staff for sending in your messages for the students
 - The beginning of the Virtual Recognition Ceremony will be the same for all campuses.
 - We have many speakers including our Chancellor, Board of Trustee President, LO Mayor and California Governor that will address the students
 - We have about 400 students who signed up to participate in the ceremony
- **Outreach**

- We will be acknowledging our Honor's and Dean list student either Monday, June 8th or Tuesday, June 9th
- We have continued to meet and communicate with local highschools to work on pathway and dual enrollment programs.
 - We're now in 50 high schools and its important that we maintain our relationship with them
- We have also met with the CSU 5 about establishing relationships with each other
 - They have shown their appreciation for our transfer students and have complemented their preparedness for their universities
- **Staff Awards**
 - Congratulations to our Faculty/Staff award winners:
 - Armineh Dereghishian
 - Linda Beal
 - Professor David Sedghi from the Phsysc Department

Q&A

Q: Will new Fall students be able to get a ChromeBook?

A: They won't get a Chromebook in the same fashion that we have been able to distribute them for the Spring Semester, but we will still have a process to get them a device so they can work online.

Q: Will summer students be able to get chrome books?

A: Yes, we'll have something available for students either through a rental or loaner process.

Q: Can classified employees do the 4/40 schedule for the summer ?

A: We have not been authorized to do a special schedule for the summer at this point.

Q: Can the student workers continue working after June or they have to wait till the school is back to normal before they can work again?

A: Right now we are looking into that as one of our budget considerations. We want to try to keep students employed as much as possible but we have to look into all of our special programs and determine if we can continue to keep them employed through work study. The good news is that students can apply for unemployment and still have resources during this time.

Q: Will Adobe keep allowing students to have access to the Adobe suite for the fall semester?

A: I'm not sure, we have the program through the Summer but we don't know about the Fall semester at this time

Q: What happens if student workers reach the 1000 hours limit before June; would have to stop working and wait till July?

A: Yes, they will have to wait until July to continue working.

Q: Will faculty be included in advising you about what technology students will need for the higher end laptops (for digital art)?

A: Absolutely. Faculty has already been telling us what they need. If you need specifics, please make sure to let your Department Chair know so that we are made aware.