



# Staff Town Hall

17 April 2020 / 3:00PM / Zoom Meeting

## Updates

- **Announcements**

- Important dates:
  - The Summer Schedule will be released **Monday, April 20th** with two 5-week sessions and one 8-week session
  - Second Financial Aid disbursement will be **Wednesday April 22nd**
  - Last day to drop class with an EW is **May 10th**, for 8-week and full-term classes
  - **May 10th** is the last day to petition an P/NP for a class
- “What’s on Your Mind” forum is for students every Wednesday at 12:30p
  - The Forum is anonymous for the students and provides a space for students to connect and vent
- If you are having disciplinary issues please reach out to Dean Yaminishi, not through Zoom. If a student gets kicked out of Zoom, they may not be able to enter Zoom at all in the future.
- California is expecting an economic downturn, which we were already expecting, but the downturn is growing much faster due to COVID-19.
- We have to start focusing on how do we help the economy recover, mainly:
  - What is the immediate need?
  - What do we need to do to prepare people and be able to fulfill the need
  - What will be needed when we return?
  - What will be needed for the long term?
- LACC will get a little over \$5 million from the Federal Government, who indicated that half of the funds needs to go directly to students. Some problems we are currently working to address are:

- How do we determine the dollar amount that goes to the students and which students get assistance.
  - There needs to be some consistency throughout the district on how funds are distributed, some students may be enrolled on multiple campuses.
  - We are having these discussions and we believe that we'll have the money next week.
  - We are going to try and take care of as many students as we can
- **COVID-19**
    - A lot of conversation about slowly bringing things back, however a slow return probably won't start until the fall
  - **Devices**
    - We showed students what the email looks like once they are awarded a Chromebook
    - Another order went in for additional Chromebooks, please have students reach out to [hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu) so we can know how many students still need them
    - Please have the students reach out, if they applied for a device and have not yet received a response or need a device and have not yet applied.
    - ASG donation has made their donation of \$20k for additional Chromebooks
    - Almost all of the students were awarded, we have the district list to compare to get those Chromebooks shipped out to students who are still waiting
  - **Resources**
    - A fourth Stimulus Package is on its way
    - The foundation has sent 200+ checks out to our students, and continue to accept applications and donations so please encourage students to apply
    - The State of CA has funds for undocumented Californians. We are still working on obtaining the link to the application, we are checking on that daily and will send it out as soon as it's received.
    - Unemployment insurance has been expanded to include - self-employed, gig workers, etc.
      - The unemployment website has been crashing constantly but they are updating it and a new one will be up and we will share it once it becomes available.
    - Offering Cranium Cafe on the Academic side
      - It was a District wide service and training was set to be in March for Cranium Cafe

- The training for Cranium Cafe had to be re-done and we had to start with student services due to the pandemic
  - Students can access Cranium Cafe via Canvas
  - More training is coming (in about 2 weeks) so that we can have everything situated by Summer Session
- **Courses**
    - Summer schedule will be posted Monday, April 20th
    - Students will get their registration appointment by May 1st via email and the registration date is May 4th
    - We are still working to obtain augmented virtual reality
    - Virtual Reality is helpful because it could help bridge the students from face to face courses to working from home

## Q&A

**Q:** Will the students that first applied for a laptop - and got denied due to insufficient supply - be reconsidered?

**A:** Absolutely, please ask the student to reach out to the hotline so that we can get them a device.

**Q:** Will FYE students be exempt for having to carry 12 units?

**A:** If they drop a class this term, they will still be considered an FYE student since an EW won't count against the student. If I didn't exactly answer this question please reach out to the faculty hotline.

**Q:** Will the student get their Financial Aid if they do an EW?

**A:** I don't know the exact answer, i will inquire and send a response in tomorrow's newsletter.

**Q:** What kinds of questions are students asking in the town halls?

**A:** They ask a lot of questions about withdrawals, resources, chromebooks, summer school, graduation, and when we will be allowed back on campus.. The transcripts for the Student Town Hall can be found on the webpage if you are interested.

**Q:** Has the Active Enrollment Roster (AER) date been changed? I thought one purpose of the AER was to reduce tuition fraud and the like. If the 2nd disbursement is before the AER, then the fraud issue is not addressed.

**A:** I'll inquire and will try and send you all some information in a newsletter in the future. If an EW doesn't affect your disbursement, then this question is relevant. This is something that may not be as big of a concern as it typically is due to this emergency.

**Q:** What happened to ConferZoom?

**A:** You should still see the button for ConferZoom on your course navigation. TechConnect is what replaced it if you do not see it there, you can go into your settings to bring it back. Please reach out the hotline with these concerns.