



Staff Town Hall

29 April 2020 / 12:30PM / Zoom Meeting

Updates

- **Announcements**

- Another congrats to the Jack Kent Scholarship winner
 - Congratulations to our very own recipient **Mariam Alaverdian**! She is a RBScholar and President Scholar! Mariam is the second President's Scholar to receive this in the 7 years of the program
- We are implementing a Wall of Achievement on our website. We would like to congratulate the following students.
 - Irwin John Alvarez UC Berkeley to major in Legal Studies
 - Allie Rehm - UC Berkeley to major in International Studies
 - Gwyneth Bulawsky - UCLAs to major in Art
- Students should be receiving their registration times this week
 - We anticipate a high demand for courses in the Summer Session
 - Please encourage your students to go on waiting list as well so that we can gauge how many more classes need to be made available.
 - Registration starts Monday, May 4, 2020.
- Our Town Hall on June 5th will be a party to celebrate our 90th anniversary

- **Professional Development**

- Still working on the contract for EON Reality
 - By June board meeting, we will have a contract for the software listed on our agenda
 - Board of Registered Nurses has approved for 50% of their clinical hours to be simulations
 - Dental and Rad Tech programs are interested in this software as well

- Adobe
 - Be sure to indicate to your Department Chair/Dean to be added to the list if you need the access code for adobe
- **Devices**
 - There are no more Chromebooks available to send to students and the website has been removed.
 - If you have a student who has applied and has not received a device, please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu with the students name.
- **COVID-19**
 - Recovery Plan
 - It is just the start of a skeletal plan and we will have to go through a process for each campus.
 - We needed something to start with and we used Mission colleges plan and created a matrix.
 - Now we can get more information on how we can start returning to campus, gradually
 - Our Governor announced that recovery will be phased in. In the first phase, he indicated education would be included with pretty strict limitations, but his plan was mostly for K-12.
 - We need to develop a therapeutic solution when considering a return (vaccine or reliable treatment for the virus).
 - Courses will definitely be online for the Summer; in the Fall we will start online. As soon as we can add classes to the campus we will, even if it limited.
- **Resources**
 - The Foundation has been working with Office Depot to purchase copy cards
 - We will not have enough for every student, but we will try and reach as many students as possible
 - The copy cards are electronic, so it is easily accessible for the students
- **Graduation**
 - Virtual graduation will be referred to as a Recognition Ceremony
 - The theme: 2020: Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds
 - We will still have an in-person ceremony in the future
 - We are working now to get cap and gowns for our students
- **Fall Semester**
 - Many transfer students would live on campus and planned to attend their universities physically
 - Due to the continued threat, we have to maintain social distancing requirements

- We have encouraged our colleagues to set up a meeting with UCs and CSUs in our area to see how we can work together so that we are able to serve students who would rather take online classes at one of our colleges (virtually)
- We have to make sure classes are transferable for the students.

Q&A

Q: Do we know what is going on with the webpage for the laptop scholarships?

A: Yes, we have just found out that the site was removed. If you have students who do not have a device, please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu with the name of the student. Some students who were awarded will not receive a device because the supplier ran dry. We are looking to order more, but in the meantime we may be able to loan some computers.

Q: Does anyone know how long student workers are going to be paid at LACC (assuming they are scheduled to work)? I heard the district authorized student workers until June 30th, but I also heard at our campus the last day for student workers to be paid is the end of May. So, to reiterate my question, at LACC until when can we schedule our student workers for them to be paid?

A: Yes, it depends on the program the student is being paid from. Some of the programs have a limited amount of time the student can work because of their budget. They are automatically being paid based on their FTE in the system. The district has authorized their pay until the end of June.

Q: Is there a deadline for the laptop applications?

A: The site is currently down because they do not want to take any more applications without a solution for a new vendor/donor. Please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu

Q: I have a student waiting for a laptop. She has been approved for one. When can she expect to receive it?

A: No more laptops are going out at this time. If a student hasn't received one already, please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu or hotline-staff@lacitycollege.edu

Q: When will the Fall Schedule be posted on the website? Will the Fall Semester be online?

A: The schedule will be posted on May 29th, and students will begin registering on June 1st. All classes will be scheduled for online; we still do not know if there will be a time where we can return.

Q: Some of my students will need a pre/corequisite challenge petition, where do they send it?

A: Prerequisite challenges go to admissions@lacitycollege.edu for processing.

Q: How will graduation happen? Will it be online and if so how will students get their degrees?

A: Yes, graduation will be online as a virtual recognition ceremony. With regard to their actual degree, students will receive it in the mail.

Q: With whom should we coordinate for planning equipment returns?

A: Equipment returns will go to the Sheriff's office, but you should coordinate through IT. Please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu or Lacc-Techsupport@laccd.edu to make arrangements.

Q: Is staff being required to submit Time & Effort forms?

A: It could be that they are required to do so. Please check with your Supervisor.

Q: What is the realistic potential for lab classes to be taught in-person in the fall?

A: It does not seem likely at the moment, but things can change depending on the way the pandemic progresses.

Q: Can we confirm the email that the Chancellor sent out yesterday about teaching remotely in the fall?

A: Yes, we are doing the schedule for remote and online classes in the Fall.

Q: Has there been any progress fixing the glitch that our EOPS students are experiencing accessing an online EOPS counselor? They enter their SID # and DOB and unable to move to the best step:(These students are desperate to communicate with a counselor! I spoke with a student worker and then chatted with an online counselor earlier today with students after my class and found out that this concern has been documented multiple times and that the advice was to contact IT (email / phone #) Is this the appropriate next step? Is IT able to communicate with students in other languages other than English?

A: We can likely get someone to help translate. Please reach out to hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu with the students name.

Q: Where/when can we find DE certification classes?

A: They are likely available online. Check the newsletter that was sent and also the faculty resources tab on the website. Training opportunities specifically for LACC faculty both on our campus and in our District will be announced very soon. Please

keep an eye out for email regarding online training from Carol Kozeracki (our Dean who oversees Online Education) and/or Naeemah Payne (Professional Development).

Q: Where can we see the draft Recovery plan

A: We have not drafted the plan yet, once it is completed we will let you know.

Q: Will CGCA contracts be renewed?

A: Please check with your department.

Q: When will adjunct faculty start receiving offers to teach in the fall semester?

A: We are still working on the schedule, we anticipate the formal letters will go out June 1st, however the department chairs have an internal process on how they reach out.

Q: I am a full-time faculty professor and have borrowed a webcam from IT. Do I need to return it at the end of the semester? Can't I just keep it through the fall semester? It is impossible to buy an affordable webcam.

A: Yes, you can keep it through the Fall semester.

Q: I work for the Veterans Resource Center. Is there a way I can determine which classes for summer & fall were converted to online as a result of COVID-19, and which classes are originally already intended to be online? This information is important to know since it will directly impact our vet students' monthly housing stipend. Thank you!

A: Please reach out to hotline-staff@lacitycollege.edu or hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu and give us that question so it can be routed to the correct department.