



# Staff Town Hall

6 May 2020 / 12:30PM / Zoom Meeting

## Updates

- **Announcements**

- Congressman Adam Schiff will be at our Wednesday Town Hall next week
  - Staff, faculty, and students will be in attendance, so the district is working on setting up a bigger meeting space because the Zoom capacity is 300
- Chancellor
  - Our Chancellor has been asked to sit on the recovery plans at the City, County, and State levels
- June 5th, we' will be having a party to celebrate our 90th anniversary
  - Theme: The new Roaring 20's
  - We are starting the planning for the party now
  - We are going to have some fun activities and some prizes

- **Devices**

- Some students were awarded a Chromebook and received notifications, but they have not received their devices.
- Another notification went out to the students recently, saying the devices will be coming soon.
- The Board is meeting today to approve the purchase of the additional laptops for the students who have been awarded and have yet to receive their device.
- The first set of Chromebooks were purchased through the District Foundation, but they ran out of funds. We allocated funding from the special fund the district had so that the students who were in the queue can still receive a device.
- Some students may have started the application and not finished it, so those students are not on the queue.
- Once we get the reconciliation list we can see which students need a device.

- The Bookstore is looking to loan laptops to students and possibly come up with a rental plan
- We will work with students who cannot pay to rent a device to possibly provide funds for that.
- If you know of a student who still doesn't have what they need, please reach out to [hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:hotline-faculty@lacitycollege.edu)
- **COVID-19**
  - There have been no spikes in the curve, but there have not been any dips in the curve either. It has currently remained leveled.
    - We still need to work remotely .
    - If you can, you should be working remotely. This applies to teachers and student services.
    - We will try and are planning for classes that cannot be completed in a remote environment (not classes that would prefer to meet in person) The classes that could not be finished remotely in the Spring will be the first to return on campus. We do not know when that will be but those are the priority.
    - To be clear, no one can return to campus right now.
    - When we get the OK for people to gather in small groups, we will, but everyone will still be required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE)
    - When those small groups do return to campus, everyone must wear a mask at all times, no group lunches, and practice social distancing in the classes.
    - Priority 2 will be the hard to complete classes that cannot fully convert
      - Right now, we are not including those courses on the schedule for Fall
  - Facilities staff is now on a rotational schedule to decrease daily campus traffic. Fifty percent (50%) of the facilities staff will be on campus daily.
  - Governor has indicated that Phase 2 will begin at the end of this week
    - Bookstores, flower shops, clothing stores/sporting goods will be opening.
    - These stores will be open for curbside distribution only, people still cannot go inside the establishment.
    - This is to help small businesses and get people to start resume working.
  - Superintendent Beutner from LAUSD announced that schools will be restarting on August 18th. This does not mean that students will be on site, just that school would be restarting on that date.

- **Resources**
  - City of LA guidance on rent was sent out yesterday so that you all can see the guidelines of what the landlords can or cannot do to their tenants
  - Some students are losing their free internet because the time has run out for their free trial
  - I have sent out additional resources on Friday to the students including a tab where there are hot spots so people can get internet access
  - We are trying to find more resources for the students every day
  - Funding from the federal CARES Act that has to go directly to students
    - The first funding has just been received and should be to the students accounts by Friday
    - Only students who were Pell Grant recipients already will be receiving the first round of funds
    - Were only sending 50% of the funding out and then we are trying to figure out who can receive the rest of the funding for the next round of recipients
- **Courses**
  - Summer registration is taking place now
  - By the end of next week, we will see where things stand with the capacity of our classes
  - If a lot of wait list are full, we will work on adding more classes
  - Please encourage students to register early there as there will be high a demand for classes
  - Fall schedule will be released May 29th
- **Graduation**
  - A flyer will be coming out for the Virtual Recognition Ceremony happening June 9th
  - Title: 2020 Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds
  - Deadline for submitting Grad petitions was yesterday
  - If you have students that you know will be done with school this semester and have not submitted their petition, please make sure they submit them ASAP
  - Certificates will be mailed to the students
  - The first part of the ceremony will be held District wide and then each college will break into their own separate ceremony with their own keynote speakers.
  - We reached out to the Governor and Mayor of LA so they can send in a video for the ceremony, as well as some well-known alumni and other speakers
  - We will be able to do shout outs at the ceremony as well
  - Next June will likely be a shared graduation ceremony with the classes of 20/21
- **Adobe**
  - Adobe provided a free license to all educational institutions
  - That contract will be closing May 31st, and after that it will not be free anymore
  - If you want to continue using it, you may not be able to
  - We are putting together a list for the programs that require Adobe Creative, and for those instances the software will continue for Faculty
  - If the students need the software for those classes, we will work on getting it for them as well

- If you had Adobe before we went remote, the district indicated that you will have it again

## Q&A

Q: Will faculty and staff still have access to the adobe suite on campus after May 31st? What kind of access from home will we have from home after May 31st?

A: I am not sure; the district is working on this issue. Once a decision is made I will let you all know.