Student Town Hall

30 April 2020 / 12:30 PM / Zoom Meeting

Updates

- **Announcements**
  - Dean’s Honors List Certification
    1. This will happen automatically there is nothing you need to do
    2. If you have any questions, please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu

- **Student Acknowledgements**
  - We are asking both students and faculty to send us information about those students who were accepted into a University so that we can share their stories and celebrate their success!
  - Linda Mitchell
    1. Ralph Bunche Scholar
    2. She was accepted into many universities and is now working to decide which one to choose!
    3. She thanks Dr. Mueller and Professor Eli
  - Eric Grigorian
    1. Ralph Bunche Scholar
    2. ASG Member
    3. Participates in OSS
    4. He thanks Dean Kozeracki and Dr. Mueller
    5. Accepted and will attend UCLA
  - Erwin John Alvarez
i. Will be attending UC Berkeley and major in Legal Studies
ii. He thanks the Writing Center and Professor Andrea Cons Miller
  ○ Allie Rehm
   i. Will be attending UC Berkeley with an International Studies Major
   ii. She thanks Professor Alex Weisenfeld and Eugene Ahn
  ○ Gwyneth Bulawsky
   i. Accepted into and will attend the UCLA School of Arts
   ii. She thanks Professor Alex Weisenfeld and Elizabeth Lopez

● Resources
  ○ State of California made an electronic benefit available for parents whose children relied on a food feeding program to help pay for food for the children
  ○ CARES Act has a separate area for funding for students. As soon as we receive the money it will be sent out and it will come on your card
  ○ The Foundation has reached an agreement with Office Depot. Tomorrow we will send an electronic document that you can use to take into an Office Depot where you can make copies for only $0.05 per copy
    i. Tomorrow an attached document will be sent out to you. You can take it with you to Office Depot or OfficeMax to make copies for 5 cents per copy

● Devices for Students
  ○ There are still Chromebooks being sent out, so if you received an email, accepted the device, and filled out the address form, you will receive the Chromebook. There are still about 2k left to be distributed
  ○ The supplier has run out, but we will know by tomorrow if we have another supplier for the Chromebooks
  ○ Remember, the Chromebooks are yours to keep. Please contact the donor company, iHuman if you have any issues with your device.
  ○ Action items:
    i. If you applied for a Chromebook and haven't received an email to your school email address requesting that you fill out a form, then please reach out to hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu
  ○ There is no active link to apply for the Chromebook, the site has been taken down while the district looks for a new supplier
• Courses

○ Summer Sessions

i. Summer schedule has been posted. Registration begins May 4th

ii. You will receive your registration appointment time and day tomorrow, May 1st

iii. Please add your name to the waitlist if a class that you wish to enroll is full

iv. The courses will indicate rather or not the class is remote or online

○ Fall Semester

i. The chancellor has indicated that all classes will be scheduled remotely or online for the Fall Semester

ii. We do have a plan to prepare for some classes that are in person, but you will not be able to register for those classes yet

iii. The schedule will be published on May 29th and registration will begin on June 1st. There will be remote and online options, similar to the Summer Schedule (but with many more classes!)

iv. Open registration will begin for new/incoming students in July, so it is really important that you register for your classes at your given time.

v. We anticipate a high influx of students for the Fall Semester and we want to make sure you all are able to get into your classes.

• Professor Camille Goulet Presentation

○ If you would like a copy of these slides or need to reach out to me, please email speakup@lacitycollege.edu

○ Domestic Abuse

i. Can involve any kind of situation that is overreaching in a household. So, this can be with anyone with whom you live, roommates, partner, or family. It does not have to be a sexual relationship to be considered Domestic Abuse

○ Discrimination/Harassment

i. If you feel that you have been subjected to some form of discrimination or harassment by a professor, staff member, or another student please reach out to me for assistance.

ii. Discrimination includes sex, gender, nationality, race, etc.
iii. It is prohibited for someone to retaliate when accused

iv. Harassment means there is unwelcome conduct happening (nonconsensual), and it prohibits you from continuing your studies

☐ Sexual Harassment does not require being physical; It can be pictures, language, etc. Sexual Misconduct refers specifically to physical acts.

i. In California, a failure to reject is NOT consent. Yes, means Yes and affirmative consent is required

☐ All accusations are taken seriously and both parties will share their side of the story, share witnesses, and any evidence they may have. This can sometimes take a while, so in the meantime we take temporary measures to keep both parties separated and keep the peace while the matter is being investigated.

☐ All reports can be made to Professor Goulet, speakup@lacitycollege.edu, diversityprograms@laccd.edu, or Dr. Jeffery Holmes, HOLMESJ@LACITYCOLLEGE.EDU

☐ If you ever feel that you are in immediate danger while on campus, please contact the Sheriff’s Department

☐ If you are off campus, first get yourself to immediate safety, call 911, and we will follow up with a report

☐ Resources available

i. Hotlines from Peace over Guidance are available for your assistance

ii. The Gender diversity center on campus has resources for hosing.

Q: Can you please tell me about black graduation registration? Is that for African Americans only?
A: Please email randalak@laccd.edu, Dr. Ayesha Randall is working on that ceremony.

Q: I want to submit a pass / no pass petition. Where do I submit it?
A: Please email your petition to admissions@lacitycollege.edu from your student account and we will process your Pass/No Pass petition.

Q: What's going to happen for the work study program for financial aid. Will we be getting a refund for parking and student fees that we are not able to utilize during this time?
A: If you withdraw from classes you may be eligible for a refund. Those who are eligible to get a refund for a parking permit are those students who will have completed their program of study/certificate at the end of the semester. Those who continue will be able to use the parking permit the next semester that we are allowed to gather on campus.

Q: Will the EW drop class option be offered for the summer and fall semesters?
A: We have to follow state guidelines. We are not sure if we are able to do that for the summer and fall semesters.

Q: Is there a way to have our degrees and certificates mailed to our house instead of having to pick it up?
A: Your degrees and certificates will be mailed to your homes.

Q: What has happened to the spring scholarships?
A: The scholarship applications are being reviewed right now. You should hear from them within the next two weeks.

Q: How do we access the application for Ralph's grocery gift card?
A: Please log on to your student portal on PeopleSoft and click on the scholarships button. You can also email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu to get help.

Q: Will we have another LACC zoom art session, which was sponsored by ASG? I enjoyed the one from last Friday!
A: Yes, keep an eye out for the notification of the next one.

Q: The Financial Aid department is requesting my high school transcript; how can I provide it right now? I provided the transcript 2 years ago.
A: Please email admissions@lacitycollege.edu and we will work with you on your HS transcripts.

Q: I was awarded a laptop and Kroger gift card. I have not received either of them or would like to know if there is tracking info available.
A: Please reach out to hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu so that we can trace it and make sure that you receive these items.

Q: Will the link for copy discount at Office Depot be sent to our student emails? Hopefully, there will be no delays. Can the link be just published on LACC website?
A: Yes, you will receive it through your LACCD email.
Q: I have been trying to apply for OSS and nobody is responding. How can I follow up with the application process?
A: Log into Canvas and sign up for Cranium Cafe, go in the lounge, look for the door for OSS and you can get signed up. If you’ve done this already without assistance please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu for assistance.

Q: Because the free printing deal was not reached and due to financial difficulties to many students, can the textbooks for Summer and Fall be FREE to ALL students (they are VERY expensive)?
A: We do not have the resources to do that. If we are given resources, that would be something we would consider. Our goal is to make sure that we do not restrict our instructional programs. We want to keep our class schedule available so that you, the students, can complete your programs.

Q: can you register online without an appointment or do you have to meet with someone
A: No, you do not have to meet with someone, but you cannot register until your appointment time. The system will not be available until your appointment time.

Q: Is there a Veteran's Town Hall?
A: I don't have a separate Town Hall for different groups. There will be a Town Hall in the month of May with Congressman Adam Schiff.

Q: I am on Family Medical Leave caring for a parent and I cannot always participate with Zoom Video & Microphone. Some instructors are ignoring my Zoom Chat questions while others are not recording their Zoom sessions & I have repeatedly requested this. Who can I contact to correct this issue?
A: Please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu. Your email will be directed to the appropriate person.

Q: If theater classes are online, such as Theater 425, will sewing machines be distributed? Many online hands-on classes need tools in order to be successful, believe, and achieve! I was not given a grant and I had to buy a sewing machine.
A: Please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu. I want to make sure that the Dean can be connected to the student.

Q: Will the EOPS book voucher be available for summer classes
A: I believe it will be.
Q: The LACC Bookstore has plenty of un-purchased food and snacks. Can the school purchase and allow students to grab a few snacks? Most snacks will be expiring soon.
A: I will look into this matter and get back to you once a decision has been determined.

Q: Will there be an announcement for the Dean's honor list? Will there be certificates and pins?
A: We are going to do something for our Dean's Honor students, and we will let you know the date and time. We will make sure that you get your certificate and recognition.

Q: When will we be allowed to vote (ASG)?
A: Voting will take place May 11 - 15, 2020 and can be completed by logging into the portal. On Monday, May 4, 2020, there will be an election forum to meet the candidates before the election.

Q: Can we get a reimbursement for the UPASS?
A: I will look into that and get back to you all with an answer once it is obtained.

Q: Regarding the funds that you mentioned a little earlier for students receiving Pell Grants. Will I receive the funds even if I owe for financial aid?
A: I am not sure, that question should be directed to financial aid. You can also email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu.

Q: I do not want to apply for FAFSA 2020-2021, what will happen to me? Do I need to pay for my classes
A: Please email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu.

Q: I got an email from Bank Mobile regarding a partnership with LACC to disburse an Emergency Financial Aid Grant, can you confirm if this is legit or not?
A: It is legit. Bank Mobile is confirming the distribution that is about to take place from the federal government. If you ever have questions, just email hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu.