



# Student Town Hall

05 May 2020 / 12:30 PM / Zoom Meeting

## Updates

- **Announcements**

- Congressman Adam Schiff will be attending our Staff Town Hall on Wednesday, and you are all welcomed to attend as well
- Chancellor Rodriguez and the Board President will also be in attendance
- Our Chancellor has also been invited to join the task force for the city, county, and state. He has been invited to these diff groups and he has firsthand information as to what is being discussed and what is being planned.

- **COVID-19**

- The Governor announced that we have reached Stage 2 of the recovery plan
- We have already met the requirements for Stage 2 which included:
  - i. Adequate prep in hospitals
  - ii. Plenty of available PPE
  - iii. Rate at which the virus is spreading remains consistent. To be clear, the curve has not dropped but it is stable.
  - iv. This opening is for SMALL businesses who can do a curb drop off for their customers
  - v. The Governor will have a conference on May 8th to announce these updates
  - vi. A mask will still be needed during this phase of recovery
- The Superintendent of LAUSD indicated that school would be starting August 18th. This does not mean that students will be back in class, it just means that is when they are starting their school year
  - i. If schools are able to practice safe social distancing they may be able to host some in person classes
- If we want to have forward progress, those that can stay at home need to stay home, so that we do not have a huge second spike
- Phase 2 and 3 will include strict restrictions which include mask at all times

- **Resources**

- Headspace.com
  - i. A free service that gives tips and techniques on how to relax and deal with anxiety
- What's on Your Mind? is tomorrow
  - i. Samantha Ramirez Herrera will be a guest speaker this week
- Rent guidance
  - i. A resource for renters was sent out in yesterday's, May 4, 2020, newsletter and can also be found in the resources tab on the website.

- **Devices for Students**

- We still have students who were awarded devices and are waiting for laptops
- The district will not be distributing new devices again for a while because all funding for laptops has been spent.
- The district is finishing sending out Chromebooks to students who have been awarded a device. If you have been awarded a device and have not received it in about a week, then reach out to us so we can reach out to the district.
- If you have not been notified that you were awarded a device and you still need assistance, please reach out to our hotline ([hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu)) as we are still working on different programs within LACC.

- **Courses**

- Registration for Summer Session opened yesterday
  - i. Strongly encourage students to register for summer as soon as you can
- The Fall schedule will be out at the end of May
- We are planning for the Fall Semester to be all remote/online, but we have a contingency plan in the event we are able to bring classes back on campus
- We will start with bringing the hard to convert classes on campus once we do begin
- The first priority is finishing the Spring classes that were not able to be converted online. The second priority are the hard to convert courses that will be available in the Summer/Fall
- We will know when we all can come back to campus when they have developed a therapeutic. That includes a vaccine or a reliable treatment regime from which people will recover

- **2020: Resilient Times for Brilliant Minds**

- Virtual Recognition Ceremony will be held June 9th
- Today, Tuesday May 5th, is the deadline to submit your Graduation Petitions

- Cap and gowns will be available for students
- The beginning of the ceremony will be the same for everyone in all nine colleges because it will be district wide. At one point, each college will split off to have their own speakers and complete the ceremony
- We do plan to have an in-person ceremony in the future, but we do not know when that will be.

## Q:A

Q: Will there be a Pell Grant for grant recipients?

A: There will be a Pell Grant for the Summer Session if the student is eligible.

Q: It has been weeks since I turned in the shipping address for the computer, any word when we will get those laptops maybe in time for at least the remaining of this semester and Summer?

A: Tomorrow the Board of Trustees will approve a contract to purchase the remainder of the computers that were initially applied for. Once approved, the company that is sending them out will start distributing them on Thursday.

Q: Have the kinesiology lockers been cleared out?

A: We will find the answer to that question and give the answer in the next newsletter.

Q: Will you look into the bookstore donating food, drinks, and snacks, that might soon expire. I believe it is important to provide to those in need.

A: The bookstore is working with the same distributors we work with for the Food Bank. They will be working with them to distribute the food before it expires. A list of locations of Food Banks can be found on the resources tab on our web page.

Q: When will be the last financial aid distribution for Spring 2020 please?

A: We will double check for if there will be additional distribution.

Q: Is the summer semester financial aid refundable?

A: If you have excess funds, they will be refunded to you.

Q: Hi my name is Jessica Arceo email is garay9412@gmail.com and with this spring semester I completed my personal training certificate in kinesiology. I do not know how to make a petition for it because it does not show personal training since this is the first year that they are giving it. Thank you!

A: Please send an email to [admissions@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:admissions@lacitycollege.edu) and we will process it for you.

- Q: Since the honor dean list is on transcripts. Will the part-time honor list certification be sent through the mail or will it be sent through email?
- A: The Honors Dean's List will be handled by Student Life.
- Q: I would like to know if the fall semester will be online, can we study from our country as an international student
- A: Please check with the International Student Office at [iss@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:iss@lacitycollege.edu) for guidance.
- Q: Are there limits to use the Zoom meeting? There are less than a hundred students here each time, and there are 15000 students at LACC.
- A: There are limits for Zoom. The Town Halls are capped at 300. There are Zoom licenses that allow tens of thousands of participants. Next week's Town Hall will have special software.
- Q: Will the FWS students be given aid to make up for the lost aid since the program has been canceled for the rest of the semester?
- A: I was just recently notified about this and will start to have a conversation. I have not had the chance to meet with the team at this time.
- Q: If some people go back and you are not ready, will teachers be able to still go live and maybe face a camera towards them?
- A: The only classes to initially come back will be those classes that require an in-person component. You will get guidance from the Faculty that teach those classes.
- Q: I did not get the email for an appointment, can i still register through my LACC account?
- A: Please email [hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu) and the Welcome Center staff will help you figure out what your registration date is.
- Q: How many classes are recommended to take for the Summer term?
- A: I will ask our counseling department and I will provide an answer in tomorrow's newsletter.
- Q: Can international students get financial aid?
- A: No. You have to be a U.S. citizen or a registered alien to receive federal financial aid.
- Q: If I take a class from LATTC, will I still get the LACC president's emails, even if I do not have a class at LACC?

A: You have to be enrolled in at least one class at LACC to receive the President's Newsletter. You can also view the President's messages on the communications page.

Q: I have a question and a problem with EW: I did an EW and it did affect my Financial Aid. My student portal says I owe a repayment of \$993 from the first refund payment from FAFSA/Pell Grant. I have contacted Admissions and Financial Aid, both have given me different answers, but now they said the EW does affect our Financial Aid and they are billing me to repay. We were told that EW won't affect our Financial Aid.. is there help? Do I just have to repay this because I did the EW? PLEASE HELP, Thank you!

A: I am meeting with the Chancellor and other Presidents of the other colleges later today. I will inquire about this situation and get the information back to you all as soon as possible.

Q: Are noncredit classes open and when will the GED classes will start and do noncredit students qualify for the laptop grant?

A: Some, but not all of the noncredit classes are open. Those that are closed could not be taught online. GED courses will start in summer with two 5-week sessions and one 8-week session. Non-credit students do qualify for the laptop grant. Please send email to [hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu](mailto:hotline-students@lacitycollege.edu)

Q: Are there any job opportunities for students during this COVID 19 pandemic?

A: There are no job openings for student workers at this time.

Q: Was the LACC website changed recently? I am not able to sign into Canvas and SIS the usual way from LACC website.

A: I do not believe that the website was changed. If you are having trouble signing in go to the help desk.

Q: Who do we contact to remove an EW from a transcript? If I take a course at LACC, but my home college is West LA, and that course was taken at LACC, do I petition LACC?

A: You can petition LACC to have the EW removed from your transcript.

Q: Which classes are considered noncredit classes?

A: These are classes that are offered for free with no college credit given and are usually specialized classes for specialized skills. Sometimes they are prep for college level courses. Non-credit classes do not qualify you for financial aid.

- Q: When will the funds be distributed for the COVID 19 LACC Funds? I applied for them but have not received any fund/
- A: All those funds have been distributed. Within the next week are so, students who have Pell Grants will be receiving additional funding.