
PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Remote Instruction and COVID-19
 - On August 10, 2020, the Board of Trustees approved the Return to Work requirements for instructional and student services spaces. Additionally, they approved keeping the district in phase 1 until the county returns to stage 2 of reopening. Anyone wishing to come to campus must contact their dean and obtain permission. While on campus, everyone is required to wear a mask at all times. The mask may be removed if you will be in your office alone.
 - Thirteen sections will have some on campus meetings this semester. This does not include any possible late start classes that could be scheduled in person.
 - Faculty interested in teaching outside should reach out to Vice President Stringer.
 - The planning for spring will begin soon. It is likely that remote instruction will still be used for the majority of classes in spring. We will need to discuss the syllabus statement and approve an official version this semester.
- Budget, Enrollment, and Faculty Hiring
 - No updates on the budget (FRC is this afternoon), but mid-year cuts are possible.
 - Enrollment is down this fall. As of last week, SCC was down ~10% and SAC was down ~20% from a year ago. Chancellor Martinez requested of the CCCCCO that we be able to use the emergency situation funding exception in Title 5. The request was granted, and last year's numbers will be used to compute this year's FTES apportionment.
 - RSCCD currently has a faculty obligation number of 322 and has 357 full-time faculty. It has not been determined if we will be allowed to hire any faculty this year, but it does not look good. If we do get to

- hire, we will forward last year's list in accordance with the resolution adopted last spring.
- Faculty wishing to take advantage of the supplemental retirement program must submit their paperwork by August 28. The districts hope is that 81 staff, faculty, and administrators will sign up for the program. It is expected that these faculty positions will not be filled for at least five years, although faculty in these areas may still be hired.
 - Board of Trustees
 - There will be three new trustees after the November election. Trustee Mendoza left the board for the Santa Ana City Council. Trustee Alvarez is running for Mayor of Santa Ana and Trustee Barrios is running for the Orange City Council.
 - Former Congresswoman Lorretta Sanchez reached out to me and let me know that she is running for our board in trustee area 7.
 - The board is also creating an Institutional Effectiveness committee and I will be attending those meetings.
 - The board policy on student conduct and the administrative regulation related to Title IX is being revised to align with the new federal requirements to establish a hearing process instead of a single person investigation.
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program
 - On July 13, 2020, the board of trustees approved the creation of a new administrative positions, the Chief Advisor for Academic and Diversity Programs. Narges Rabii-Rakin was selected by the Chancellor to serve as an interim in that position for this year.
 - This position will lead the district's new DEI Program which is hoped to improve the campus climate, increase the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff, and administrators, and to provide training for those groups.
 - I will provide updates as I receive more information.