



The Campus Connection

April 2021

President's Office

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) - Domestic violence and sexual assault affect millions of people each year:

- 1 in 3 women experience sexual assault or domestic violence at some point in their lives.
- 1 in 6 men experience sexual abuse before the age of 18.
- 65% of victims who come forward say no one helped them.

This year's SAAM theme is Building Safe Online Spaces. With the increase in online activity due to COVID, there has been an upsurge of online incidences of sexual assault, harassment, and abuse. In order to address this issue, it is important for us to be educated and engaged. To learn how you can support survivors and/or intervene, go to: <https://nomore.org/learn/>. #NOMORE

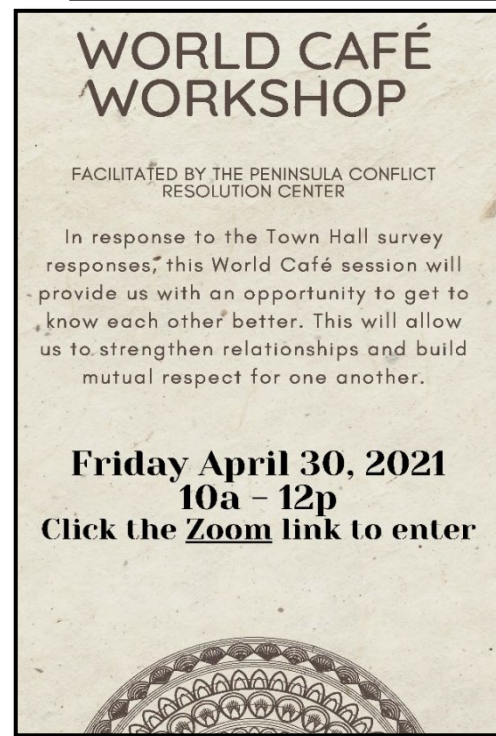
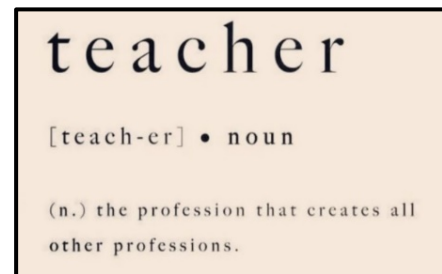
Celebrating all of our Teachers! Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, 2021! Thank you to all of our faculty who have dedicated their time and efforts to the success of our students. From the countless hours converting courses/services to online, prepping, grading and addressing student inquiries to developing/revising curriculum, serving on participatory governance, mentoring new faculty and performing a variety of other duties, we commend you. There are not enough words or gestures that can express our gratitude! As a very, very, very small token of our appreciation, please stop by the Office of Academic Affairs to pick up your 'Siskiyous Faculty ROCK!' pen. Also, we hope to see many of you at the virtual or in-person Employee Recognition event scheduled on May 28, 2021.



Drive-Through Graduation Celebration - A Drive-Thru Graduation Celebration will be held Friday, May 7 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Weed Campus. For the safety of staff and students, everyone will be required to wear a mask and social distance, even Eddy the Eagle. Come out and support our students.

Save the Date:

- **2021 Commencement will premiere VIRTUALLY on Friday, May 21. Stay tuned for more information.**
- **World Café Session facilitated by the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (PCRC) on April 30, 10 am to 12 pm**





Athletics: Congratulations to our Football and Basketball Teams for successfully completing their shorted seasons. Football ended the season with a 2-2 record. The Basketball teams ended their seasons each with records of 3-1. Student athletes competing this year will not lose any eligibility and will be able to participate in sports again this next academic year.



Scholar Athlete Awards Presentation – Scheduled for Friday, April 23 at 12 pm. We will be honoring our (73) Scholar Athletes from the fall 2020 semester in the gym. The ceremony will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBDW3b5AzovYFdR56-r7M3w/live>.

Spring II Competition - Spectators are now allowed at home Baseball and Softball games with the following guidelines:

- Spectators are allowed outside of the outfield fence and beyond first and third base.
- No Spectators behind dugouts or home plate area.
- Must socially distance (6 feet)
- Separate spectator restrooms will be available.

All games will be livestreamed here: <https://portal.stretchinternet.com/coseagles/>

- A portion of the proceeds from live streaming will go directly back to the programs.
- Single game cost will be \$7.95 per game.
- We will have a **single sport** season pass available. Cost and details will be available soon.
- We will have an **all-sports** season pass available. Cost and details will be available soon.
- Please check for updates on coseagles.com.

Public Relations & College Foundation: Happy April! What a crazy, weird, busy start to 2021 it has been. Now that it's April...Spring Break is officially over, and we are on the down-slide to the end of the spring semester. It's going to go by fast -- Get ready summer...here we come!

Amid all the craziness of COVID-19, we have been working hard to promote the College and all that is occurring in support of our students and employees. The PRO has 'ramped' up our social media

postings, we are working with local news agencies and reporters, and making sure our College website is updated on a regular basis, and we continue to work hard to maintain normalcy in our day to day operations.

Level 1 Priority Registration – Begins Monday, April 26

Level 2 Priority Registration – Begins Friday, April 20

General Registration - Begins Monday, May 3

K-12 Admit Registration - Begins Monday, May 10

As a reminder, as we get closer to the start of a new registration period (summer and fall 2021), to send information for promotion to the Public Relations Office. We want classes and events to be successful and want to help out as much as we possibly can.

2021-2022 Foundation Scholarships: COS Foundation Scholarship applications were due March 15. This year's number of applicants is significantly lower than in years past. The Scholarship Readers met April 13 to review applicants and select recipients for 2021-2022 awards.

Siskiyou and Modoc County high school seniors who applied will be notified during their high school awards nights or graduations of scholarship awards. COS students who will continue at the College in fall 2021 will be notified of awards by May 21.

2021 Spring Semester Emergency Aid Grants (aka CCC Finish Line Scholars Program Grants) for

Students: As of April 16, 124 spring semester students have been awarded CCC Finish Line Scholars Program Grants in the amount of \$1,000 per grant. The goal of the Finish Line Scholars Program is to support students to ensure they stay on track with their education and complete a degree, certificate, or transfer to a four year college or university. The program is intended to help eliminate regional educational gaps through distribution of emergency financial aid to students facing unexpected hardships and scholarships to students who are well on their way toward a finish line goal of transferring to a college or university or completing a certificate or degree.

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month: Did you know April 18–24 is National Volunteer Week? Annually held during the third week in April, this week is recognized as an opportunity to thank all the thousands of volunteers across the country who keep many organizations running, their communities safe, and provide the services that otherwise would not exist without volunteers. It's



2021 SUMMER and FALL REGISTRATION Begins Monday, May 3

- Register In-Person or Online
- Financial Aid is Available
- Most Summer Classes begin June 1
- Fall Semester begins August 23
- View the schedule of classes at www.siskiyous.edu

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Picture of Eagle's Nest volunteers and student workers taken during the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

The 2020 recognition event was postponed due to COVID-19.

also a time to consider volunteering or providing support to those organizations vital to your community.

Since 1997, approximately 82,676 hours of volunteer service by more than 180 individuals who have worked at the Eagle's Nest Resale Shop has been contributed to the COS Foundation and the College of the Siskiyou District. Currently the Eagle's Nest is staffed by 14 community members who provide hands-on, heart-to-heart mentorship to community service workers and COS student employees. Of those 14 volunteers, several have been volunteering at the Eagles Nest for more than six years. The volunteers are a vital part of the daily operations of the Shop and operate under the same guidelines as any other retail business. The volunteers and student workers under the supervision of Angel Keen, Resale Shop Supervisor, strive to keep prices low, and the quality of the merchandise at a very high level, while maintaining a pleasant, clean, friendly organized atmosphere for the patrons.

Please stop by the Eagles Nest to say Hi and Thank You to our Volunteers for giving their personal time in support of the College and our students. The Volunteers have really put a lot of effort in providing our community with affordable, quality items and a relaxed atmosphere to shop in. Regular business hours are: Monday – Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.

April/May Activities & Events: Event dates, times, and locations based on information available at the time of publication and are subject to change.

- April 22 – Baseball at Shasta College, 12 pm (DH), Redding
- April 22 – COS Alumni Virtual “Drop In & Say Hi,” 5 pm
- April 23 & 24 - COS Theater to Present “Night Night, Roger Roger,” 7 pm
- April 24 – Softball vs Redwoods, 12pm (DH), Weed
- April 24 – Track and Field at Shasta College, 12 pm, Redding
- April 24 – Baseball vs Shasta College, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- April 25 – COS Theater to Present “Night Night, Roger Roger,” 3 pm
- **April 26 – Level 1 Priority Registration for Summer/Fall Begins**
- April 29 – Softball at Shasta, 12 pm (DH), Redding
- April 29 – Baseball vs. Lassen College, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- **April 30 – Level 2 Priority Registration for Summer/Fall Begins**
- May 1 – Softball at Butte, 12 pm (DH), Oroville
- May 1 – Baseball at Lassen, 12 pm (DH), Susanville
- **May 3 – Open Registration for Summer/Fall Begins**
- May 6 – Softball vs Feather River, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- May 6 – Baseball vs Redwoods, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- **May 7 – Drive Thru Graduation Celebration, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm**
- May 8 – Softball vs Shasta, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- May 8 – Baseball at Redwoods, 12 pm (DH), Eureka
- **May 10 – K-12 Registration for Summer/Fall Begins**
- May 13 – Baseball vs Butte, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- May 15 – Softball vs Butte, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- May 15 – Baseball vs Butte, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- May 20 – Baseball at Feather River, 12 pm (DH), Quincy
- **May 21 – Commencement/Graduation, Time TBA**

- May 22 – Softball at Redwoods, 12 pm (DH), Eureka
- May 22 – Baseball at Shasta, 12 pm (DH), Redding
- **May 24-27 – Finals Week**
- **May 27 – Semester Ends**
- May 27 – Softball at Feather River, 12 pm (DH), Quincy
- May 27 – Baseball vs Redwoods, 12 pm (DH), Weed
- **May 31 – Campus Closed for Memorial Day Holiday**

Just in case you missed them, here are some of the recent articles / feature stories published by our local media:

- [COS LVN Program Recognized As 'Best Value' In California](#)
- [COS Step Up Nursing Program On Hold While Search For Instructors Continues](#)
- [Former Mount Shasta Bear Is Making His Mark As A COS Eagle](#)
- [Cali College Offers Online Cannabaceae Studies Symposium In April](#)
- [5 Things To Know About COS's Big Season Finale Win](#)
- [California Community College Enrollment Plummet Amid Pandemic, Putting Some Campuses At Risk](#)
- [Siskiyou Student Takes Top Honor At Ashland Film Festival](#)
- [More Fun Than Any Zoom Meeting: COS's 'Night Night, Roger Roger'](#)
- [New Program Enables California Students To Start College Abroad And Transfer To Any Public College In The State](#)
- [5 Things You Should Know About COS's Women's Basketball Team](#)
- [No fans, no problem for COS Basketball teams](#)
- [CA Community College Fall Enrollment Plunges](#)
- [Verto Education Aims to Make Study Abroad More Affordable](#)

Administrative Services

Associated Student Board (ASB) – ASB will hold its spring elections during the last week of April. Fifteen Senators and the Student Trustee positions are selected each spring. From this group, Officers are selected to serve over the summer months and in the fall, a second election cycle to fill the remaining 10 Senator positions will take place. Watch for election announcements on COS Connect, social media, email, and the canvas portal.

Facilities – Please welcome our two new team members to the campus community - Maintenance Specialist, Randy Shaffer and Groundskeeper/Maintenance Specialist, Adrian Ramirez. Both are an outstanding addition to an already magnificent team.

Update on projects:

- The Soccer Field Renovation Project will officially begin May 1. The existing practice field north of the football field will be off limits until August 1.
- The Timber Harvest Plan has been approved by Cal Fire and is in full effect on the Weed Campus.



- We were assigned a Licensed Timber Operator with the approval of the Timber Harvest Plan. Tristan Allen will be assisting us with the removal and sale of trees on campus.
- Eighty-eight trees were removed for the creation of our new Football Practice Field to be located behind the Greenhouse (Building 31).
- Eleven trees were removed for the new Fire Tower Training Prop Project that will begin the bid process after the DSA plan check phase.

Fiscal Services – It's officially 2021-2022 Budget season! Thank you to the budget managers and their staff for returning the permanent positions spreadsheets and for entering any necessary changes into the Banner Self-Service Budget Development module. Fiscal Services is reviewing all the department information in order to prepare a first draft of the 2021-22 Tentative Budget and the IPB committee has been reviewing and prioritizing CQIP requests.

The purchasing cutoff date was **April 16**. The only exceptions to this cutoff date are for perishable items (i.e. cafeteria, etc.) and emergencies (i.e. maintenance, safety, etc.). Any requests (of any size) made after April 16, will require a Vice President's signature in order to be considered for processing.

Please continue to check your budgets and that your spending is on track. If you have any budget or expenditure changes, please submit the approved forms to the Business Office. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannine (email is best).

Some housekeeping:

- Paychecks are available for pickup in Human Resources (HR) on payday.
- Purchase Orders (PO) are now being scanned into their **numbered folders** on the W drive and the requester is being notified by email. If you need to find out your PO number, please refer to the training guide sent out in November. Original PO's will be in your mailbox on campus after they are signed. If you do not have access to the W drive, please let Jeannine know and she will request access be given.

Food Services – The staff in Food Services has continued to meet and exceed the nutritional needs of students all year. As the summer approaches food services staff are preparing to support the summer camps and conference programs. Sometimes these program and catering events require additional support and having a temporary employment pool to call upon is a great place to get some extra hands. If you know of a person who likes to cook ask them to put their name on our temporary employee list at the Human Resources office.

Human Resources (HR) - Over the last year HR has been recruiting for several positions which has brought to the surface a need to hold another EEO training session so that our list of volunteers can be expanded. The HR department is looking to hold the EEO training either the second or third week of May and will send out additional information in the next few weeks. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has made time to sit on a hiring committee as a member or EEO.

Residence Life & Housing - On-campus, the housing staff is receiving lots of applications for fall term residents, and are looking forward to more students on campus. Current Lodge resident students are enjoying the spring weather by getting outside and opening up bedroom windows. The student staff is helping with an increased volume of lockouts because the spring breezes blow the bedroom doors shut.

Other activities include weekly events with socially distance activities such as singles table tennis tournaments and virtual floor meetings.

Technology Services (IT) - IT has completed its operational plan for FY2122. It may be viewed online at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/tech/documents/operationalplan.pdf>. The College will be launching an Enterprise Application Steering Committee to oversee the general course of operations with the College's enterprise applications, especially Banner. The Committee will consist of representatives from all user groups. Its initial focus will be on creating and maintaining a shared production calendar. Over time, it will develop a run book to document all regular business processes that run through the College's enterprise applications. The College is continuing its migration to a new firewall. For those using Virtual Private Networking (VPNs), this will require uninstalling your existing Cisco Any Connect VPN software and installing a new Palo Alto Global Protect VPN. IT will continue reaching out to VPN users to assist them in completing this change.

Student Services

"This past month, the Student Services folks (both current and former) have been incredible in guiding, supporting, and assisting me in navigating my new role overseeing the area. This team of people are just that...a team. I truly do know how many committed people we have on this campus working for our students, each other, and District. That said, it never ceases to impress me when I see it in action. Let's take a minute, which many of us feel like we don't have, to notice the commitment and effort of our colleagues. It will go a long way in keeping us all positive and forward moving." Val Roberts, Vice President of Student Services

Basecamp - Basecamp HQ celebrated "National Burrito Day" on the evening of March 31 with a free burrito dinner for students. The event was held outside of the Learning Resources Center (LRC) with social distancing and masks required and was well attended. We heard from quite a few students how happy they were to participate and how nice it felt to be outside with others sharing a meal. It was a bit of much needed normalcy and I think the students really appreciated that. Because of the success of it we are hoping to plan a few more COVID-safe events through the end of the semester.

Over Spring Break our Eagle Ambassadors were busy filming a new Virtual Campus Tour that we are creating so students who are unable to attend an in-person campus tour can get a glimpse of our beautiful campus and all we have to offer. This will be a great marketing tool that we can use when recruiting students and we are excited to share it with the campus community once editing is completed.



High School SOAR season is upon us and staff are working to prepare all of our new 2021-2022 Siskiyou Promise Students for their sessions by offering three Pre-SOAR FAQ Zoom sessions. These sessions are for students and parents and we will cover topics such as logging into their mySiskiyous, completing their Financial Aid file, how to apply for Special Programs, as well as answer general information questions. Normally conducted at the high school, due to COVID, all students will be completing their

SOAR sessions online through Canvas and then will meet with an Advisor or Counselor to schedule their classes.

We were very sad to say goodbye to one of our own, Beckie Hobbs, as she moved on to new adventures and she will be greatly missed by all! We are working diligently to fill the open advisor position and hope to have that position posted soon.

College of the Siskiyous recently received a Dream Resource Liaison Support Allocation which is intended to provide student support services for immigrant and undocumented students in community colleges. The College is very lucky to have Alysia Garcia serve as our Dreamers Resource Liaison, and she will be working closely with these students to ensure they have the support and assistance they need to make the transition to college.

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) - DSPS would like to thank all of our note-takers for their support in helping with the academic success of their fellow students. DSPS is exploring the possibility of expanding the role of student note-takers to include peer mentoring of DSPS classmates. Training will be available for student workers. (Please note that note-taking and peer mentoring is a different role than tutoring.)

DSPS is proud to recognize Paloma Herrera-Thomas who is a peer tutor in the Academic Success Center (ASC). We asked Paloma Herrera-Thomas to share her experience of assisting students, including DSPS students. "The past two and a half years of being a tutor at COS has been an incredibly fulfilling experience. The experiences that I have while working as a tutor allow me to develop my own skills as a student, a critical thinker, and a communicator. A highlight has been working with students who are a part of the DSPS. In my work, I have come to understand how students tend to be highly dedicated and academically grow exponentially when given proper support, understanding, and confidence development, especially those who have had difficulty in education previously. My personal experience as a disabled student has informed my understanding of alternative learning needs of many DSPS students, which greatly assists my ability to help them. Whether you have experience working with disabled students or not, if you are interested in tutoring, working with DSPS is a wonderful opportunity that not only would benefit your resume, but will bring motivation and excitement to your life. "

If you are interested in becoming a student worker for DSPS email dsps@siskiyous.edu or call (530) 938-5297.

EOPS/CalWORKs - The EOPS Program has been busy with students completing their required counselor contacts. The timeframe for the first counselor contact has passed and 99% of EOPS students completed this requirement! Nice work EOPS students, counselors and staff!

When the students meet with their EOPS counselor they benefit greatly from things like creating and updating their Education plans, exploring transfer and career options, and receiving guidance and help if they are struggling in any classes.

Val Roberts, Michelle Knudsen, and Marlena Shaffer attended the 2021 CCCEOPSA Annual Spring Training virtually on April 14 with the focus being on "Remaining Rooted in the Midst of Uncertainty". EOPS and CalWORKs programs can purchase graduation cap and gown packages for their students! The students have been notified of the process to get this exciting memorabilia at no cost to them. They

were encouraged to order a packet even if they are not planning on participating in the virtual celebration as a way to remind them of all the hard work they endured to complete their degree!

The Chancellor's Office has been holding monthly EOPS and CalWORKs Program meetings via Zoom in order to keep everyone aware of any changes to the program guidelines, due dates, or Executive Order extensions.

International Student Services - We have been steadily processing applications for the 2021-2022 year and we are looking to have close to 15 international students, at the very least. Ed Kephart and the other coaches keep us busy with their efforts in recruiting for athletics internationally.

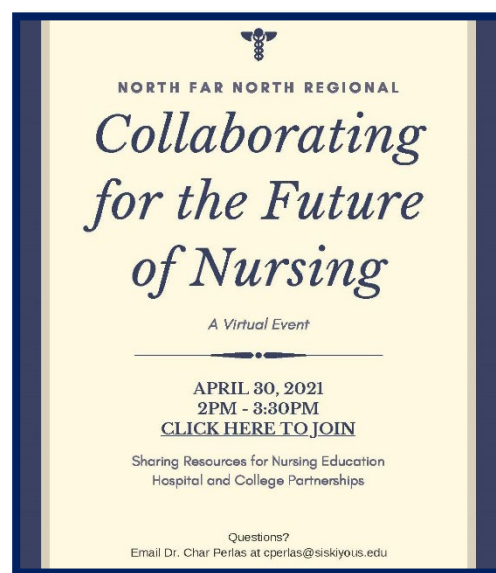
We have also been working on creating more accessible ways for students to meet the English Proficiency requirements. Thanks to Liz Carlyle, we are looking to put together a long list of English Proficiency tests that we will accept from students. This will give students options based on their regions and the affordability of the exams. We are grateful for the discussions we have had with Liz regarding this effort. She has a lot of experience and knowledge concerning the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), which is currently the only exam we officially list as meeting our International Admissions requirements.

Commencement - Once again, the College will hold the annual commencement virtually due to COVID-19 gathering protocols. Siskiyou Media Council (SMC) will be producing and filming the event again this year. They did a beautiful job on such short notice last year. We know this year's video will be just as well done as last year. The video will premier May 21 on Facebook and YouTube. Stay tuned for a formal announcement on the time it will be aired.

A drive-thru graduation celebration for our graduates will take place Friday, May 7 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. All of the campus community is invited to celebrate. Email Janice Porterfield at studentservices@siskiyous.edu if you are interested in participating.

Academic Affairs

Virtual Regional Nursing Recruiting Event *Encore!* - Many California Community College Nursing Programs are threatened due to a shortage of qualified applicants for the faculty needed per the Board of Registered Nursing standards. Siskiyous as well as other rural California Community Colleges are not immune to this threat. In efforts to address the issue, Siskiyous along with partners from the Siskiyou Health Collaborative, have joined forces to offer a Virtual Nursing Recruiting Event. The first event was held March 26 and the second event will be held on Friday, April 30 from 2 to 3:30 pm. In preparation for the event, the Siskiyous Nursing Faculty brochure was distributed to each participant. We encourage our community members to also distribute the Siskiyous brochure widely! Contact Dr. Char Perlas by emailing cperlas@siskiyous.edu for more information. [Nursing Recruiting Brochure](#)



Smart Phone Training! Do you know someone that just doesn't make use of the features of their Smart Phone? Is Smart Phone an exaggeration for someone you know? COS can help with that. We are partnering with the California Telephone Access Program (CTAP) and hosting separate trainings for Android and iPhone users. The training is in two, one hour Zoom sessions (CTAP will reach out prior so everyone is comfortable with Zoom) on consecutive days. Following the training, the user will receive a booklet that covers what was taught in the training. These are also the people that supply specialized phones (amplified, big buttons, portable, picture dial, speech assist) at no cost.

Trainings will take place as follow:

- Android training – April 26 and 27 at 10 am
- iPhone training – April 28 and 29 at 1 pm

For more information, contact Suzanne Clark – 841-5834 or LClark6@siskiyous.edu

TRiO Center - We are excited to announce that TRiO is scheduled to be fully staffed by early May. Upward Bound now has two part-time Program Specialists to serve our 80 participants and TRiO now has a full-time Program Specialist and an Adjunct Counselor for our 180 participants. Shout out to Andrew Matheson and many others who served on the various hiring committees; you all were awesome!

“Alysia, Carly, Charlie, Marisol G., Katlyn, Shannon, Linda and Marisol J., on behalf of COS and Nor Cal WESTOP, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you all for the hard work and perseverance that you have shown throughout this pandemic,” said Stephanie Wroten, Director of TRiO. “The innovation and diligence within our team provided us with the opportunity to seamlessly transition services to students and remain flexible as more change came our way. Students and parents alike hold each of your personal touch on our services in such high regard, our TRiO community thanks you for your positive impact. I am honored and grateful to work with this team. You all are amazing individuals; keep up the great work.”

Academic Senate

Below are the activities and accomplishments of the Academic Senate over the past month:

- The Senate Exec teams from the Academic, Classified, and ASM Senates met jointly in the most recent Academic Senate Exec meeting. The goal was to promote healthy dialogue among the constituency groups on campus. We will continue to meet and work on projects together.

- Guided Pathways and SLO Coordinator positions have been approved in the new Collective Bargaining Agreement. The SLO Committee is meeting this week to identify the SLO Coordinator and start right away on our process with assessment.
- The Curriculum Committee is busy reviewing programs in eLumen and revisions to courses so they can be ready for the fall. Chair Katie Elwood is working on an Annual Training manual as required by the ACCJC. Senate VP Neil Carpentier-Alting is working on the form and process for Program Approval.
- The Distance Learning (DL) Committee has been working on Guidance for Remote Synchronous Classes at College of the Siskiyous, which has now been reviewed by the Senate. This document guides faculty on how to record their lectures for students to view later, while still adhering to FERPA guidelines.

In our next steps related to the recently passed Senate Resolution, the following items have taken place in pursuit of actualizing the commitments articulated in the document:

- The Academic Senate gave Senate Exec the charge to submit for funding a FT position in Ethnic Studies. The proposal was submitted to the appropriate committee for review.
- DEI Survey—the information collected in this survey will be used by the ASCCC to plan future professional development and develop resources for local senates. Ron Slabbinck, Liz Carlyle, Sarah Kirby, and Ann Klein from Senate Exec, and Doug Haugen and Stephanie Wroten from Diversity Committee attended a recent workshop and collaborated on completing the survey. The local results will be used to drive conversations in meetings on our own campus.
- Flex Committee: In an effort to expand conversations on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Social Justice, the May Spring Flex Day will include looking at steps toward conducting a [campu-wide Cultural Curriculum Audit](#).