

Subject: 5-04-21 All-College Update
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Hello Siskiyous and Happy Teacher's Appreciation Week!!! Faculty, as a reminder, you can pick up your 'Siskiyous Faculty ROCK!' pen in the Office of Academic Affairs. THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!!!

This week's updates:

- **Campus re-opening:** Due to the additional number of campus COVID cases, the approximate date of reopening the campus is now Monday, May 10th (barring no further positive campus cases). This is a good reminder to abide by safety protocols. The [number of cases in Siskiyou Country](#) are, once again, on the rise. Now is the time to be diligent. Your patience is appreciated!
- **Support for COVID positive students:** I learned this week that we have a support team who has been delivering food/thermometers to our COVID positive students. Kudos to Regina Weston for making the deliveries to our current COVID positive students and for Janice Porterfield serving as backup when needed. Also, HUGE kudos to Rhonda Brown and Karen Bezzam for their numerous hours conducting contact tracing. Thank you for going above and beyond for the safety and support of our students!
- **Suggestion Box:** This week, we have two new suggestions:
 1. *Improve hiring practices to eliminate unconscious bias* – Thank you to whoever posted this! I believe this has been a previous topic of conversation among the Diversity Committee. In alignment with this recommendation, Desiree sent a reminder email on Monday soliciting Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) training. If interested, please complete this [survey](#) and reach out to Desiree for training dates and times.
 2. *Request to change font size on website* – The current font size on the website was to address a previous complaint regarding the font being too small. Users, however, can adjust how websites are viewed by using the 'ctrl' '+' (to enlarge) or '-' (to decrease) your screen view.
- **AY 21-22 Admin. Structure Proposal:** At this week's IPB meeting, I will be proposing an administrative structure proposal for AY 21-22. This is only temporary as we move forward with posting and hiring the permanent president position. Because this proposal is being presented prior to our Town Hall (in which some were planning to voice thought on the administrative structure), I felt it necessary to mention it in this email. Due to the budget development timeline, this needs to be presented at this week's IPB meeting. As mentioned previously, this is only temporary. We still encourage dialogue at the Town Hall to help inform permanent position postings.

With 4 weeks left of the semester and in celebration of May 4th:



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