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Hello Siskiyous and Happy National Dolphin Day (which is a coincidence because, like Josh Collins, I am a Miami Dolphins Fan....GO FINS!),

Updates for this week:

- **Save the Dates:**
 1. April 30, 2021 from 10a -12p World Café Session hosted by the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center (Outlook invite will be sent soon).
 2. May 7, 2021 11:30a – 2:30p Drive-Through Graduation.
- **Suggestion Box Comments – 3 new comments:**
 1. Hire more classified and ASM instead of Administration – As with other, similar comments eluding to an Administrative reorg, I am hoping we can have a broader discussion at the May 28th Town Hall.
 2. Stop or lessen COVID protocols on campus – We have consulted with legal and have been told that we cannot require vaccinations and we cannot ask if individuals have been vaccinated. Therefore, at this time, we cannot assume everyone is vaccinated. As such, we will need to keep certain safety protocols in place. As we near the June 15th State re-open date, we’re hoping that further restrictions will be lifted by Siskiyou County Public Health (SCPH). In the meantime, we are bound by SCPH guidance. We hope to continually update everyone as information becomes available. Currently, the Chancellor’s Office is researching the legality of mandating vaccines to staff/students and is expected to release guidance early this summer. Like the onset of COVID, things can change daily so, stay tuned! We appreciate your patience.
 3. Recommendation for Employee Recognition to be held on-campus instead of Weed Brewery – Thank you for the recommendation. We will definitely consider for next year (especially since we hope to be back to more normal operations). In the meantime, we do have two Recognition events: One virtual and one in-person.
- **Update on travel restrictions related to those vaccinated:** Per SCPH, if you are fully vaccinated (it has been 2 or more weeks since your 2nd inoculation) and, you travel out of county, you are not required to quarantine when you return. If you are not fully vaccinated, you will need to continue following the travel/quarantine guidelines as outlined in our [Siskiyous COVID-19 Mitigation, Implementation, and Recovery Plan](#).
- **Drop in Enrollment:** Many of you have read the LA Times article which mentions Siskiyous 56% drop in enrollment. The drop represents a comparison from 19-20 to 20-21. Many factors contribute to this significant drop but the main factor has been COVID. As we transition back to more normal operations, it is likely we will see an increase in enrollment from where we are today. Current enrollment efforts include Athletic recruitments, aggressive marketing campaigns, increase in F2F class offerings, and direct outreach to prospective and continuing students. Kudos to everyone leading these efforts!
- **Theater Building:** We have been made aware that there might be structural concerns

regarding the Theater Building. An on-site structural assessment will be conducted and we hope to have the results by the end of May. In the meantime, we are working with those impacted.

- **Equity and Mental Illness Webinar Series:** Thank you Val Roberts for sharing this information. For those interested, there's a number of trainings which provide an equity lens for mental health services. Click [HERE](#) to view the available trainings and register.



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