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Hello Siskiyou and Happy National Raspberry Bombe Day!

We are 1.5 weeks away from the start of the semester. Where did the Summer go? This week's updates:

Follow-up items from last week:

- **16-unit complex** - The complex was researched by a few employees and, because of the major upgrades it would need as well as DSA requirements, purchase of this property would not be in the College's best interest.
- **Lateral Moves** - It was brought to my attention that, in the past, an email was sent to internal employees notifying them of an opportunity to transfer laterally (same position and classification but different department). If interested, the individual would have a deadline to submit application materials prior to the position being posted externally. Thank you for this information! We are currently revisiting this past practice.
- **Aug 19th and Aug 20th - Convocation and Flex Days!** The agenda for convocation and flex days can be accessed [here](#). Although all sessions are being conducted via Zoom, some Zoom sessions can be viewed on the Weed Campus in room DLC 3 and Yreka Room 119. Outlook calendar invites to follow shortly!

New:

- **Suggestion Box (x4):**
 - *2 Recommendations were related to mask guidance:* We have been monitoring the County's positivity rate and researching safety protocols at our North/Far North colleges. After receiving feedback from constituent groups, we have updated our mask guidance (see below and attached).
 - *2 Recommendations were related to outreach and COS's reputation:* Even with the best intentions, certain events which hope to market College of the Siskiyou to gain enrollment and interest, do the opposite. There was an event last week that was mentioned in the comments. This event was not a College organized event but, some College employees did volunteer. We are working to streamline our Outreach efforts through innovative PIO and Student Services strategies. Some of these strategies are apparent in our Strategic Enrollment Management plan (which will be going through the participatory governance process this semester). If you plan to represent the College at a function/event, please inform Dawnie so that she can assist you with understanding protocols as well as, possibly provide you with swag.

- **Nursing Program Update** - Our request to pause the LVN to RN program, for one-year, was officially approved by the BRN last week!! Kudos to past Director Rhonda Brown and Director Hallie Coppi as well as Stephanie Richardson and Karen Bezzam for not only providing the needed justification that gained the BRN's approval but, for their patience and resiliency through this difficult time. As a reminder, we are still in need of (2) LVN to RN faculty. Please encourage those that might be interested to apply [here](#)!
- **Pathways to Equity** - The California Community Colleges is hosting a Pathways to Equity Learning Series on Aug 31st from 10a - 11a. To learn more and to register, go to: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cPuWckEwQLmjH18q8blISQ.
- **Updated mask guidance (take 2)** -
 - As a result of the increase in positive COVID cases and, after receiving feedback from SCPH and constituent groups, we are reverting back to our previous protocol which **requires all individuals to wear a mask indoors (regardless of vaccination status)**.
 - This new guidance will be effective starting **Thursday, August 12th**. Masks may be removed if alone in an office or while actively eating or drinking. We expect those who are working alone in the office will put their mask on when being visited by an already masked individual.
 - Since Athletes are tested weekly, Athletes will not be required to wear masks during competitions, but spectators will be required.
 - Governor Newsom is scheduled to make an announcement today regarding mandating of vaccines for all teachers. At this time, we are assuming this will apply to K-12 Districts only but, if it also includes higher ed, Exec will discuss and update the College early next week.

Because of the variety of COVID variants in this County, I am not expecting this to get easier. We will need to continue being resilient and flexible for our own safety and the safety of others. We will continue to provide all of you with updates as they arise.
- **Acknowledgement** - Thank you to the team who organized the Aug. 10th Ice Cream Social and Recognition event as well as to all the volunteers who will be representing College of the Siskiyous at the Siskiyou Golden Fair!

You might ask, what's a Raspberry Bombe (I didn't know either)? Throughout August, raspberries are ripening. You can take advantage of these delicious fruits by making a simple Raspberry Bombe: Recipe can be accessed [here](#).

ENJOY!



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