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Hello Siskiyous,

It has been an emotional start to the week.

Today is Chinese New Year and, it's the year of the Tiger. People born during a Tiger Year are thought to be natural leaders who are both brave and thrill-seeking. In reading this, I am not sure when Mike Wilson was born but, it sure sounds like him.

This week's updates:

Follow-up

- **Spanish Translator:** Our Noncredit ESL Instructor is translating questions and answers and will be providing the scripts to Admissions and Records on both campuses. We are also able to take the students' information and share with the Instructor so he can reach out to students. Our ESL Instructor is very excited to work with COS in supporting our students!

New Items

- **Enrollment Report:** Is posted and can be accessed [here](#).
- **COVID Status:** Currently, we have 17 positives. We will drop down to 0 on Sunday, Feb 6th (pending any additional cases). VP Melby will be sending an updated email shortly.
- **Additional COVID Resources:** Please visit the [College's COVID-19](#) page for this week's Expanded On-Campus COVID-19 Testing Schedule and Steps to Access Campus (which includes QR codes for Pre-Registering for COVID Testing & Accessing Company Nurse). Also, attached to this email is a 'How to' flyer on Company Nurse. Please feel free to share widely with students!
- **Convocation Day Survey:** To help us plan our next Convocation/Flex Day, please tell us how we did by completing this survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/EjyFHfkzWs>. Thanks in advance!

Suggestion Box (x5):

- **Reminders regarding Suggestion box use:** 1. Remind people that the suggestion box is designed to provide ideas for improving our campus culture. Complaints should be directed to the appropriate supervisor. 2. Perhaps we don't need to see the specific suggestions in the all campus emails, but just the suggestion "themes" instead, and how

the District is choosing to prioritize/respond to the suggestions. 3. And perhaps there should be suggestion periods.....Thank you to the person who posted this! I have it agendaized on the President's Cabinet agenda and will provide an update next week.

- **Vetting of COS Connect Messages:** I believe when this was brought up last semester and I had asked the individual to reach out to Dawnie. Some COS Connect messages need to be sent out immediately or, in a timely manner and therefore forming a committee to review is not feasible. I do believe we received feedback on the 'Inclement Weather' message prior to needing to send it. If interested in working with Dawnie on messaging, please email Dawnie at Slabaugh@siskiyous.edu.
- **Leave forms to be available as an MS form and add 'COVID' leave:** I have this on this week's Exec agenda. In thinking about this, I am not sure if an MS Form will work as, MS forms are typically a one-way process (an individual completes the form and it goes to the creator of the form and not directly to the supervisor for approval). In regards to adding 'COVID Leave', we currently have a separate form for, I believe, auditing purposes but, we will discuss and I will provide a more definitive update next week.
- **Social Distancing:** The College is following both SCPH and CalOSHA guidance and, at this time, social distancing has not been made a requirement (but that could change). Although it's not a requirement, we encourage social distancing when possible. In an effort to be precautionous, we have implemented social distancing markers for COVID testing. If you would like social distancing markers placed in your area please contact Veronica Rivera at vrivera@siskiyous.edu.
- **Scheduling of hiring committee meetings:** It was recommended to avoid scheduling hiring committee meetings the week prior to the start of the semester and the 1st week of classes (since these two weeks are extremely busy).

SJEDI Corner

- **Keynote Speaker Presentation:** In case you missed it or, would like a resource, Donald Proby's presentation is attached. Thank you to everyone who attended. His presentation is a good reminder to breathe, connect and communicate.
- **Black History Month:** February is Black History month and, as such, we will be featuring an influential Black individual each week. This week, we are featuring **Booker T. Washington**: Booker Taliaferro Washington was born on April 5, 1856 in a hut in Franklin County, Virginia. His mother was a cook for the plantation's owner. Washington was only allowed to go to school after working from 4-9 AM each morning in a local salt works before class. It was at a second job in a local coalmine where he first heard two fellow workers discuss the Hampton Institute, a school for formerly enslaved people in southeastern Virginia founded in 1868 by Brigadier General Samuel Chapman. In 1872, Washington walked the 500 miles to Hampton, where he was an excellent student and received high grades. He went on to study at Wayland Seminary in Washington, D.C., but had so impressed Chapman that he was invited to return to Hampton as a teacher in 1879. Booker T. Washington became the first African American to be invited to the

White House in 1901, when President Theodore Roosevelt invited him to dine with him. Roosevelt saw Washington as a brilliant advisor on racial matters. (Source: *History.com*). My favorite Booker T. Washington quote: 'Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.' - Booker T. Washington



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