

Cañada College Science and Technology Division Updates-October 9th 2020

- **Economic Outlook and Resource Request Process for 2021-22**
During its meeting on October 7, 2020, the Cañada Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) considered information regarding the region's [Economic Outlook](#) and its implications for the College's fiscal year 2021-22 budget and beyond. This followed a campus-wide email from President Moore, sent on September 25, 2020, indicating that the COVID-19 pandemic and recent state-wide wildfires continue to threaten our economic future. While the College's Annual Update and Resource Request Process for the next fiscal year will continue, College stakeholders are encouraged to review the [Economic Outlook](#) and be aware that funding next year and the ensuing years may be severely constrained. For more information about this year's Annual Update process for programs requesting resources for the FY 2021-22 budget year, please visit the [Program Review website](#).
- **Flex Day-Thursday, October 15-** Our theme for this Flex event is Becoming an Antiracist Institution, and this will be balanced with sessions that include personal, practical and professional information and activities. Of special note for Professional Development will be a presentation and guided tour of the statewide revamped Vision Resource Center known as Cornerstone. VRC/Cornerstone is not only a resource for Professional Development for many, many topics, it also provides documentation and tracking of the PD that you have scheduled or completed.

As with our Fall 2020 online Flex Day, the Zoom links for our sessions will be added to the Flex Day Agenda on the [Flex Day website](#).

- **Spring 2021 Class Caps:** As you know, the Board accepted the recommendations of Chancellor Claire and the District Academic Senate to remain fully online for most courses (the exemptions are in essential healthcare, infrastructure, cosmetology, and STEM labs that support our healthcare programs). Luckily, this decision was made almost a month prior to spring registration, which means we can get a handle on Spring 2021 class caps before students start signing up for courses. If you are teaching a large class in Spring 2021, please reach out to your dean to discuss lowering the cap. Both Chancellor Claire and Vice Chancellor McVean have assured me that the administration is ready to work with the faculty on class size reductions (within reason).
- **Power Outage Guidance:** The District Academic Senate's Task Force on Teaching and Learning (TTL) has created guidance on what to do if your power or your students' power goes out, which impacts wifi connectivity and Canvas accessibility. Please review the document and reach out with any questions.

- **COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan**-The San Mateo County Community College District has created [a comprehensive health and safety plan](#) for employees working on our campuses and the District Office. These plans are based on the latest health and safety guidance from the CDC and San Mateo County Health. The plan includes guidelines and procedures for the following:

- Personal Protection Equipment
- Social distancing
- Health Screenings
- Physical Access
- Travel

This health and safety plan is continuously updated based on latest advice from CDC and San Mateo County Health.

- **Panopto Media server**-The District has purchased access to the Panopto media server.
 - Faculty can download and store media.
 - Lectures can be uploaded and are searchable.
 - Interested faculty should email David Reed (reedd@smccd.edu)