

August 11, 2011

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Flex Day Activities

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DAY/DATE:
Friday,
August 19, 2011

Begin Time:
7:30 AM

Place of Meeting:
LRC 604

7:30 – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

8:00 – 9:00 AM LRC 604: "The New Normal: Access, Success, and Completion"

9:00 – 9:15 AM Break

9:15 – 10:30 AM Workshops, Session 1

- LRC 709: Luminis Training (SunGard)
- LRC 710: Using Turnitin.com's Grading and Anti-Plagiarism Features (Swiridoff)
- LRC 631: Curricunet: It Pretty Much Works Now (Sellers)
- EW 210: Your Faculty Contract – What It Is Now and What the Future Holds (O'Neal)
- EW 206: Introducing the East Wing Smart Classrooms (Campbell, Horton)
- EW 204: Releasing the Trap: There's Nothing "Basic" about Success (Vasquez)

10:45 – 12:00 pm Workshops, Session 2

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- LRC 710: Increasing Student Engagement with Adobe Connect (Ama)
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12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 4:00 PM Department Meetings





Flex Day Activities

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Thursday

August 18, 2011

Begin Time:
7:30 AM

Place of Meeting:
LRC 604

7:30 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:45 AM	Welcome Back/State of the College <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff Recognition/New Faculty Introductions
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Basic Skill Introductions (Vasquez/Mendoza)
10:30 – 11:45 AM	Sheila Pisa – Math Professor at Moreno Valley College <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic: Jump Start (Accelerated Math Classes)
11:45 – 12:45 PM	Lunch (brought in)
12:45 – 1:30 PM	Agnes Jose-Eguaras – Director, Basic Skills – (Antelope Valley College) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topic: Contextualizing/Acceleration at AV/Success Strategies
1:30 – 1:45 PM	Break
1:45 – 3:15 PM	Hands-on Workshops (Vasquez/Mendoza)



Bakersfield College
Cerro Coso Community College
Porterville College



New Faculty Orientation and Flex Day

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Thursday

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Begin Time:
7:30 AM

Place of Meeting:
LRC 604

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00 AM	State of the College. President Board
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Staff Recognition/New Faculty Introductions
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Faculty Expectations at Cerro Coso: “Not Just Checking the Box” (Board)
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Brief Tour
12:15 – 1:00 PM	Lunch in the LRC Foyer
1:00– 3:00 PM	Afternoon Session, LRC 709 or 710 or 631 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro Luminis / Ban Web• Particular Institutional Policies and Guidelines• Business and Human Resources Documents
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Informal Panel Discussion, LRC (TBD) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cliff Davis, English Faculty Professor and Chair• Shannon Bliss, Science Faculty Professor and Chair• CTE (Ama/Darty)• Paula Suarez, Dean of Students and Counseling Services• Julie Cornett, Librarian/Faculty



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January 6, 2012

Dear Faculty:

Happy New Year! You are invited to take advantage of professional development activities this coming **Friday, January 13, 2012** that your colleagues have planned for you. To review, those attending the fall flex activities viewed Dr. Terri O'Banion's "A New Normal" that spelled out the national shift in the community college's mission from 'access' to 'access, success and completion', ending our time by committing to support the national completion agenda. Since then, faculty have attended workshops provided by colleagues and administration which focused on various strategies that are geared toward increasing student success.

This coming Friday will be a continuation of our efforts to spend time fine tuning the classroom experience, be it on ground, or in a distance education medium. There will not be an address by the President, rather we are going to come together for a few brief announcements and directions for the day and then commence focusing on our topic of the day. In brief the day's schedule will resemble the following:

7:30 - 8:00 Coffee/Breakfast – Gathering in the LRC Foyer
8:00 - 8:30 Welcome – Room 604
8:45 - 10:15 Session 1
10:30 - 12:00 Session 2
12:00 - 12:30 Lunch
12:30 - Department Meetings

In closing, we extend a thank you to CCA for sponsoring lunch for the day. We continue to be enthusiastic about working together to move the college forward, and we encourage your attendance so you can benefit from engaging with your colleagues, and so they can benefit from your expertise as well.

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