


FLEX DAYS SPRING 2007

The Academic Senate welcomes Faculty, Classified Staff, Administration and Board of Trustees members to the 2006-2007 spring semester!

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th	
8:00	Informal breakfast <i>Near music hall</i>
9:00	Presidents' addresses (MPC, Academic Senate, MPCTA) <i>Music Hall</i>
10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15	"The Big Plan on Campus" PART 1 Bond Update (<i>Joe Bissell</i>) <i>Music Hall</i>
11:15	<u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> --Open discussion/Q&A: Bond Issues <i>Music Hall</i> --CPR (<i>must RSVP—Heart Saver course 11:15 am– 4pm</i>) Did you know that for every minute CPR is delayed, the victim's chances of survival diminish by 7-10 per cent? This 4-hour class in HeartSaver CPR will give the participant the necessary skills to perform adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation including use of the automatic external defibrillator. (Must attend the entire session; will break for lunch). <i>Nu 101</i>
12:15	LUNCH <i>Library patio (College Center if rain)</i>
1:00	<u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> --Web Development (<i>B. Wilder</i>) <i>LTC 203 & 204</i> --CPR continued <i>Nu 101</i>
2:00	<u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u> --Welcome to Moodle (<i>B. Wilder</i>) Moodle is a free software/open source e-learning platform designed to help educators create online courses with opportunities for rich interaction. Its open source license and modular design means that many people can develop additional functionality, and development is undertaken by a globally diffuse network of commercial and non-commercial users. <i>LTC 203</i> --CPR continued <i>Nu 101</i>

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DAY 2 THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th	
8:00	Informal breakfast <i>Near music hall</i>
9:00	<p>VP addresses (all VPs, special introduction for Dr. Gonzalez) Dr. John Gonzalez has spent 18 out of 33 years of his professional career at the community college level. Having held several positions in both student and academic affairs, Dr. Gonzalez is well versed with community college processes. His extensive experience includes institutionalizing programs that promote student success, retention and persistence. He credits his success with program implementation at the institutional level to his ability to work well with faculty and staff. <i>Music Hall</i></p> 
10:00-10:15	BREAK
10:15	<p>"The Big Plan on Campus" PART 2 Enrollment and Retention <i>Music Hall</i></p>
11:15	<p><u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u></p> <p>--Open Discussion: Enrollment and Retention "Keeping Students in the Game" <i>Music Hall</i></p> <p>--Email Management (<i>L. Sasaki/H. Schonwalder</i>) Unraveling the mysteries of Outlook including: Voice mail, archiving, junk e-mail, off campus e-mail access, distribution lists, signatures, rules, and how to import/export. <i>LTC 203 & 204</i></p>
12:15	<p>LUNCH <i>Library patio (College Center if rain)</i></p>
1:00	<p><u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u></p> <p>--"Bringing Steinbeck's <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> into the Classroom: An Interdisciplinary Approach" <i>(A. Johnson, Humanities)</i> Come and learn how you and your classes can join the "Big Read," a national program to encourage the rediscovery of America's great books. John Steinbeck's <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> will be the focus of a major NEA grant-funded program in our area, and there will be lots of opportunities for student and faculty participation with special events, national scholar panels, dramatic presentations and community gatherings. In our session we will share ideas about how to incorporate the ideas, themes and issues from Steinbeck's novel into your course curriculum, across the disciplines. <i>HUM 101</i></p> <p>--The fundamentals of STRS Find out about your retirement benefits in this informational workshop from STRS personnel. <i>LF 103</i></p>
2:00	<p><u>CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS</u></p> <p>-- ACORN – Or, How I Stopped Complaining and Learned To Love CAC (<i>T. Rebold</i>) You spoke and we listened! Come to this workshop to try out an innovative, automatic, web-based course revision tool. Developed by CAC, ACORN will save you time and preserve your sanity. Say goodbye to mindless copy/paste! <i>LTC 203/204</i></p> <p>--The fundamentals of STRS Find out about your retirement benefits in this informational workshop from STRS personnel. <i>LF 103</i></p>