



Weekly Update 5-8-20

Dear Campus Community,

Thank you for all that you have done to ensure that our students continue to receive the support necessary for quality, higher education. Resilience is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. I am very proud to be part of a community of learners that defined the word Resilience through hard work, perseverance and determination. We know that these past six weeks have not been an easy transition for you, but we are so proud of each of you! As we begin the close-out of the academic year, I would like to say thank you for all that you do for the students of Cañada College.

Virtual Connect to College: Thursday, May 14

Cañada will hold its annual Connect to College next Thursday at 6 p.m. Due to the Shelter in Place, we will hold the our campus open house virtually and the community will learn about Cañada College's student support services and academic programs. Community members can RSVP [here](#). For questions about the event, please contact [Mayra Arellano](#).



New Participatory Governance Structure Approved by PBC

In fall 2019, the Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC) named a Task Force, led by Dean Carranza, to review the roles and reporting structure of college committees. On April 29, 2020, the PBC officially adopted the [Task Force's recommendations](#) which include revising the purpose and reporting relationship of college-wide committees, as well as establishing templates for committee bylaws and the plans they develop to ensure consistency and alignment in college planning and implementation. These recommendations will be [implemented as of this summer](#).

Strategic Enrollment Management during COVID-19

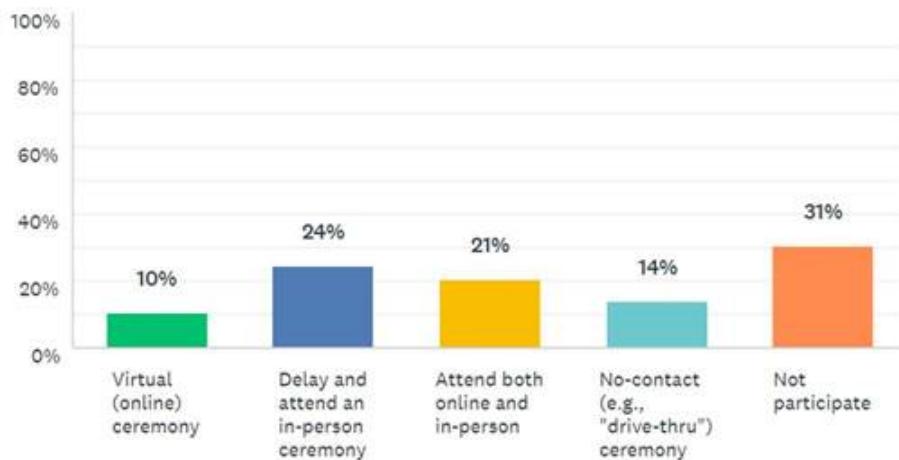
To better address the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency on Cañada's enrollments this summer and fall, the PBC approved an [addendum to the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan](#). These action steps will be implemented immediately and for the next 3-9 months.

Student Feedback

The PRIE Office has conducted a number of surveys this spring, including two of our students. The first sought to [assess their experiences with the emergency transition to online instruction](#). The second was sent to students district-wide who have petitioned to graduate in 2019-20 about their perspectives on how to handle commencement. The results as of May 7 are:

Student preference about 2020 commencement ceremony

Answered: 1,099 Skipped: 0



College and District leadership are using this input from students to determine the best course of action regarding how best to honor the Class of 2020.

Budget Update

Chief Financial Officer Bernata Slater and District Budget Officer Peter Fitzsimmons attended the April 29, 2020 PBC meeting where they presented the latest revenue projections and budget scenarios for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2020-21 Tentative Budget. In light of the current economic uncertainties, Ms. Slater presented the following three scenarios:

Exhibit 1

Property Tax	Prior To	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3
Year	COVID-19	Grimmest	Grimmer	Grim
FY20-21	6.50%	4.50%	5.50%	6.50%
FY21-22	6.25%	-1.50%	1.50%	4.50%
FY22-23	6.00%	-3.50%	0.50%	4.00%

Ms. Slater informed PBC that prior to COVID-19 (February 2020) they were projecting assessed property tax value increases of approximately 6.5% for FY 2020-21 and slight decreases to non-resident and resident student enrollment.

However, the economic impact of COVID-19 has required the District to reconsider potential changes to its revenue resulting in revisions to its multi-year revenue projections as illustrated in Exhibit 1.

In terms of revenue, the two largest variables are property taxes and international student enrollment. The District Finance Office has been working with the College VPAS and International Student Program Directors to develop assumptions used in revising and projecting student

enrollment. Resulting in non-resident enrollment currently estimated to decrease by 40% or \$3 million (district-wide) as compared to prior year. Additionally, the District has learned from the County Assessor's Office that property taxes are a lagging indicator and the secured portion of the property taxes may not be affected next year but might be impacted in the following, subsequent year (FY 21-22 and beyond).

Overall, the District projects a \$4 million decline in revenue and they project a \$470,000 increase in expenses due to managed hiring, some legal expenses, districtwide technology, and other items related to COVID-19. This will be reflected in the distribution of resources to the sites. As such, Cañada's site allocation for FY 20-21 is expected to remain nearly flat with a minimal increase for FY 2020-21. The District Office is hoping that the current recession will be shorter than previous (FY 2008-09) but cautioned that we might not see a recovery until 2022.

Student and Instructor Online Course Resources

There are a few sites available to assist with instructor continuity and student can visit the Virtual Campus. Students please visit: [Student Virtual Campus](#). Instructors please visit: [Instructional Continuity](#) on the SMCCCD website.

Virtual Office Hours

The Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services will be holding virtual office hours on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please contact Graciano Mendoza at mendozag@smccd.edu to schedule a 15-minute office visit during this time. We look forward to your visit!

The President's Office will be holding virtual office hours on Tuesday, May 12 through June 2, 2020, from 2pm to 3pm. Please contact Linda Bertellotti at bertellottil@smccd.edu to schedule a 15-20 minute office visit during this time.

The Office of Instruction would like to thank everyone for their flexibility during this time. We are continuing to be available for questions and have office hours on Tuesday/Thursday from 11a.m. - 12 p.m. Please set up a Zoom meeting and Dr. Robinson will join you. Or, you can email her at robinsontammy@smccd.edu and she can set it up. Thank you.

Thank you ALL for your hard work, support and your cooperation and understanding as we all work together to keep our community safe. I am grateful for the outstanding work of our faculty and staff throughout this event. Every day I am reminded of their dedication, resilience, and creativity in serving our students and our community throughout the most challenging times.

If we fail to address a problem or challenge you are experiencing, please reach out to me. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong and stay home!!!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President