

Bienvenidos! Welcome!

As your District Academic Senate President, I want to welcome you all to our Academic Year 2022-23. After the whirlwinds of the last two years, we are all adjusting to ongoing change and disequilibrium. And yet we created a more steady-state last year and will continue to do so at all three of our community colleges.

That being said, we are taking some big breaths and finding ways to connect, both with continuing colleagues and processes and new ones. On behalf of all those in charge of teaching and learning, I have both confidence and enthusiasm for our next steps as we start-up together. Our students are ready for courses and activities, our classified professionals are preparing to meet everyone, our administrators are practicing their best smiles, and we faculty are preparing to do our best.

Keep both warmth and standards!

We have been doing that since Spring 2020, so we have all developed ways to both keep providing quality educational experiences for our students. We will need to still be flexible, treating them, each other, and ourselves with grace and courtesy.

Please support your faculty and classified Senates this year as they lead us in participatory governance at every level.

*College Faculty & Classified Senates meet regularly,

***District Academic Senate meets every 2nd Monday 2:15-4:30 pm.**

We will meet both in-person @ District Board Room and offer virtual, teleconference/Zoom option, as will our Board of Trustees. Our Standing DAS Committees are Curriculum and Teaching & Learning. Please consider joining us as we post/send you DAS Agendas the week before each meeting. DAS also connects regularly with *Distance Education, Equal Employment Opportunity, Participatory Governance Council, AFT, Chancellor & Board of Trustees*.

*Flex Days are August 15 & 16, October 12; January 12 & 13, April 20
Looking forward to 'seeing' you.... here, there or everywhere!

-Kate Williams Browne, DAS President

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Memorandum

TO: All SMCCD Faculty

FROM: Kate Williams Browne, District Academic Senate President, SMCCCD

RE: Flex Obligations for 2022-2023 Academic Year

CC: College Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Deans, and Flex Coordinators

The SMCCCD provides a flexible calendar for staff development in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Division 6, § 55724*. There are six (6) Flex Days in the 2022-2023 academic calendar:

- Monday and Tuesday, August 15 and 16, 2022, and Wednesday, October 12, 2022
- Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13, 2023, and Thursday, April 20, 2023

Per Title 5, all Flex Day obligations are on “flexible time.” All faculty members are encouraged to attend Opening Day activities on Monday, August 15, 2022 and other special activities at each college on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. As of 2018, SMCCCD requires mandatory attendance at two Flex Days for full-time faculty, while the other four Flex Days remain on flexible time. The mandatory Flex Days for full-time faculty are August 16, 2022 and January 13, 2023.

Per article 7.11 of the AFT contract, faculty members on a regular academic year contract shall participate in Flex Days as part of their basic assignments. Regular faculty will be expected to participate in Flex Day activities for five (5) hours per Flex Day (for a total of 15 hours per semester). Apart from the two mandatory Flex Days per year, additional activities may be conducted at any time during the year between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023. Activities will be self-certified, reported on the form attached, and submitted to the appropriate Division Dean upon completion. *The AFT and District Senate has also agreed that any course preparation due to the COVID-19 pandemic can be counted as flex time. Per the Fall 2021 MOU: “Faculty who participate in any other training [outside QOTL] provided by the District regarding the use of distance modalities, for which the faculty are not being separately compensated, may count that time as flex without pre-approval.”* Failure to report can result in the loss of time or wages, e.g., paid or unpaid leave.

Full Time Submission Due Dates: FALL - December 15th SPRING - June 15th

Post-retirement and part-time faculty who are scheduled to teach on the same day of the week that a Flex Day occurs may receive compensation for reported Flex activities up to the total number of hours normally worked on that day(s).

Further, hourly faculty who are NOT scheduled to teach on the day of the week a Flex Day occurs may participate in the District-sponsored Flex activities and receive compensation at the special rate for up to 5 hours per Flex Day.* All Flex activities must be conducted during the year between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023. Additional hours will not be compensated. In addition to the reporting form, hourly faculty must submit a timesheet to their Division Dean in order to receive pay. *Flex Days for post-retirement and hourly faculty MUST be reported during the semester in which they were observed but NO later than December 15th for Fall semester and June 15 for Spring Semester.*

The purpose of flex days, according to Title 5, is to provide time for faculty to participate in “development activities related to staff, student, and instructional improvement.”* The activities below can be used to meet the Flex time obligation. Please check with your college Academic Senate President if you are in doubt about any other activity.

Questions about this obligation or the process can be directed to your college Academic Senate President or your Division Dean.

Activities which college personnel will be engaged in during flexible staff, student and instructional improvement days may include, but need not be limited to:

1. Course instruction and evaluation
2. Staff development, in-service training and instructional improvement
3. Program and course curriculum or learning resource development and evaluation
4. Student personnel services
5. Learning resource services
6. Related activities, such as student advising, guidance, orientation, matriculation services, and student, faculty & staff diversity
7. Departmental or division meetings, conferences and workshops, and institutional research
8. Other duties as assigned by the district
9. The necessary supporting activities for the above

*citations: California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Article 2. Flexible Calendar Operations, Section 55724) & per AFT contract

SMCCCD Flex Activity Reporting Form

Name: _____ Division: _____

Date of Activity 1: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Description of Activity 1: _____

Date of Activity 2: _____ Number of Hours: _____

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Date of Activity 3: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Description of Activity 3: _____

Date of Activity 4: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Description of Activity 4: _____

Date of Activity 5: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Description of Activity 5: _____

Date of Activity 6: _____ Number of Hours: _____

Description of Activity 6: _____

Faculty's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Division Dean's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please use additional sheets as necessary.

Please return this form to your Division Office no later than the end of business day December 15th (FALL) or June 15th (SPRING).