Board of Trustees Meeting
May 13, 2020

Debra Polak,
Vice President of Academic Affairs

Ulises Velasco,
Vice President of Student Services

Update on COVID-19 Response
Faculty have submitted one hundred (100) courses through the Curriculum Committee and Distance Education approval process for online instruction.

We continue to add training opportunities for faculty in online instruction. A new class is scheduled in the summer.

The Chancellor's Office will continue to provide new resources for online instruction, such as Labster for teaching science laboratories online.

New allowances from the Chancellor's Office will ensure that no student will need to receive a substandard grade this semester. Students will be able to receive an Excused Withdrawal (EW) until the end of the semester.

Students will be allowed to repeat courses taken this semester in future semesters.
Program Highlight: Nursing

- All students in the Nursing program are able to complete their coursework and clinical hours by the end of this semester.
- The Nursing Department is conducting a Virtual Pinning Ceremony.
- Our Nursing Faculty have been able to provide training at the Ukiah Adventist Hospital using SIM lab equipment.
- Through CARES funding, graduating Nursing students will attend an online NCLEX Prep.
- More training will occur this summer in our SIM lab (led by Mendocino College Nursing Faculty).
- Under the direction of Executive Dean/Nursing Director, Peggy Goebel, the Nursing Department is modifying curriculum in order to provide hybrid courses in the fall semester.
- Mendocino College is one of the few Nursing Departments in the State able to provide seamless instruction for its students!
Planning for Fall 2020

- Examining our options, but most likely...
  - Fall schedule will be primarily online
- Decision will be made before end of this semester to allow for faculty to plan with their Deans and to prepare a thoughtful schedule.
- Still in discussion about which classes cannot be taught online and how we can provide face-to-face instruction for core offerings in these areas.
- Tough questions will need to be asked about which classes to offer.
- Administration and faculty will work together to finalize fall 2020 schedule.
CARES Act and Emergency Fund Disbursements
Online Support Services
Celebrating Graduates
Updating Practices
CARES Act Funds

- $1.3 million to Mendocino College
- $650k in direct support to students
- Students must be eligible for Title IV funds
  - Excludes multiple student groups
- "Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to coronavirus."
- "Eligible expenses under a student’s cost of attendance such as food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care"
- Took into consideration student unit load and need as a result of the disruptions of campus operations.
Direct Student Aid

- $400K disbursed to students from CARES Act Funding
- $30K to students not eligible for CARES Act Funding
- $89K in emergency funds
- $11k in gift cards to grocery stores
- $250k remaining to spend in CARES Act Funding
Cranium Café allows for:
- Video Chat
- Screen Sharing
- Record Meetings
- Accessibility Features
- Confidential and Secure

Counselors and staff are adapting to use multiple ways of connecting with students:
- Zoom
- Google Voice
- Google Classroom

Technology Utilization
Commencement Survey

- Postpone: 62%
- No Preference: 24%
- Virtual: 14%
Celebrating our Graduates

- $50 Meal on May 22nd
  - 8 local restaurants
  - Locations in Ukiah, Lakeport, Ft. Bragg and Willits
- Free Lawn Sign!
- Ad in Graduation Magazine
- Banner on State St. in Ukiah
- Made possible with the assistance of the Mendocino College Foundation
Staff available by telephone

CARES Act and Emergency Funds to Students

Exploring options for submitting documents online

Considering alternatives to in-person Fall welcome
Challenges and Opportunities

- We need to stay focused on students and continually examine course access, retention and success through an equity lens.
  - Faculty, administration and staff will need to work together to stay connected with students in new ways.
- We are all developing new skills and ways of delivering instruction and services which will help us serve our vast district into the future.