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Attachments: 2023 CC Veg Fest Flyer.jpeg

Hi All – below are a few notes in lieu of our meetings today. . .

TL;DR Version:

No meetings today. Included is what I know so far about simple syllabus which will be required for all faculty and all courses and sections starting Fall of 2023, as well as highlights of upcoming events.

Key Dates

Below are key dates for the next six weeks:

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| • Friday, March 10 | ALL SoPAS Meeting Cancelled |
| • March 13th - 19th | College Closed! ENJOY SPRING BREAK |
| • Monday, March 20 th | Last day to withdraw - Spring Full term |
| • Tuesday, March 21 st | Priority Registration Begins |
| • Wednesday, March 29 th | Last day to withdraw - Spring Mini B |
| • End of March | Evaluations Due (CC Reviews, Form 2s and Form 3s) |
| • Friday, April 14 | SoPAS School/Department meetings |

**** Simple Syllabus ****

It looks like the committee has been working behind the scenes to approve and set-up Simple Syllabus for a **FULL FALL Roll Out**. Dr. Jester has sent out the links for training, so faculty will know how to use it, **but I don't yet have the date where the system will be live so you can actually set up your courses**. The reality is that I don't think this will be at the School and Department Level to verify the master syllabus information and approve our content before the end of Spring. . . **so I estimate it will be June/July before we can start using it in our Fall Canvas shells (hopefully earlier)**. What does this mean for faculty??

- All courses/sections and faculty will be required to submit Syllabus through Simple Syllabus for FALL of 2023.
- This will not affect summer classes – those will be submitted as normal.
- Please do your best to attend the training as soon as you can so you are familiar with the program and the basics of how it will work.
- Once the system is ready to go live, all of the content currently found in the course master syllabus will be pre-populated into all course sections in Simple Syllabus within Canvas.
- **Since the system will not likely be ready before faculty depart for summer, I recommend you draft your Fall syllabus in Word as normal, and then be prepared to cut and paste the details into the system when it becomes available – for those not teaching this summer, this will be the week of faculty duty days in August.**
- For this first go-around, cutting and pasting current syllabus information should be all that is needed to populate the required fields. . . if you want to use all of the new features, please explore!

- Syllabus approval will be done within Simple Syllabus now – so you will click a button when ready instead of emailing files to Department Chairs.
- I will publish details of the roll out plan at the 14 April School Meeting (or at least as they are known at that time!)
- I will schedule SoPAS-specific Simple Syllabus Training within the first two days of the Fall duty week to facilitate the transition, and I am sure eLearning will be scheduling lots of walk-in help and training events too!

Summer and Fall Schedules

I have built out most of the summer and fall schedules, and sent out drafts or emails to all, **so please help me do a good quality control check on days/times and modalities before the schedule is visible to students. I am still coordinating with our adjuncts to add additional sections to the schedule, and will continue to reach out over the next few weeks.**

Upcoming Events – See Fliers in Teams (Under General, Files, Current Event Fliers folder)

Admissions is doing more Career Day outreaches and Instant Decision Day Events and always welcomes faculty participation!

Faculty Events:

- March 12th Vegan Street Fest in Cape Coral – flier attached/details below
- March 14th Using simulations with statcrunch - details below
- April 20th – U 103 – Faculty Retirement

Community and Student Events: <https://fsw.presence.io/events>

- **Friday, March 17 - Charlotte Observatory Open - See the stars at the James & Barbara Moore Observatory on the FSW Charlotte Campus. Viewing begins 30-45 minutes after sunset. Feel free to bring anything to make the event more enjoyable (blankets, refreshments, cameras)! The exhibition lasts as long as the stargazers linger to enjoy the magnificent view.**

StatCrunch

Professor Michael Sullivan is giving a webinar on March 14 and using simulations with statcrunch - All FSW faculty are also invited to attend:

[Incorporating Simulation-Based Inference into your Introductory Statistics course](#)

Pearson Author and Statistics Instructor Michael Sullivan III will present Simulation and Randomization techniques so you can incorporate Simulation-Based Inference into Introductory Statistics courses.

A note from Marcela about Vegan Street Fest:

As some of you may know, Dr. Sal Lacagnina founded a new local non-profit that is hosting a free Vegan Street Fest in Cape Coral on Sunday 3/12/23, focusing on whole food, plant-based (WFPB) nutrition education. The flyer is attached, and the complete details are available below and at <https://lifestylesolutionshealthyplanet.org/cape-coral-vegan-street-fest/>. As you will see, there will be cooking demos/samples and lectures by Dr. Sal and other healthcare professionals.

New Leave Request Process (highlights repeated)

There is a new leave request and reporting process that affects all exempt (full time faculty) employees – which means us! All faculty are exempt employees and will need to use the new system starting 1 March. I encourage all of you to watch the training video below. The video is also on the IT site for future reference, and should cover the vast majority of questions. https://fsw.mediaspace.kaltura.com/media/t/1_ahej4vlp

And finally. . . Please have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!!

Best Regards,

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And in honor of both daylight savings time and spring (if not yet summer!) break. . .

<http://blog.teachersource.com/2016/06/14/summer-science-humor/>