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Subject: Cause for celebration: our first fully on-campus, in-person event!

Dear Colleagues,

We have not been together in person, as an entire Foothill community since before the start of the pandemic – more than two years ago! Thus, we have reason to celebrate by beginning Spring Quarter with two in-person professional development days, **April 4 – 5**. These are official days of Spring quarter but are non-instructional days that we've set aside for professional development for all faculty, staff and administrators and they provide the opportunity to renew our personal connections with one another. Instruction will begin on Wednesday, April 6th.

You should have received two **Save the Date** notices: One from the District for April 4th (another invite is forthcoming from the College for the afternoon of April 4), and one from Foothill for April 5. Events for both days will be held on the Foothill campus. The schedule of activities is below, and attendance is required for all full-time/contract employees. If you are not able to attend in-person, please work with your dean or supervisor on how to report online or make up your absence. Part-time faculty are very important to the college, and we strongly encourage you to participate as much as you are able, but you are not required to attend. Similar to District and College Opening Days, part-time faculty who are able to attend in-person or online will be compensated for their participation.

Please know, though we are doing our best to be inclusive by providing remote opportunities for some colleagues who are unable to come to campus, the college is not adequately equipped to support fully integrated virtual participation and receiving the full experiences of the days will be diminished.

The Foothill College Day on April 5 will consist of workshops and division/departments meetings. Because we want this day to be productive and meaningful, especially after all we have experienced over the last couple of years, we are asking faculty and classified staff to submit session proposals focused on the theme, **“Learning & Engagement: Past, Present, and Future.”** No doubt, times and needs have changed over two years and there's no going back to business as usual, so this is an opportunity to begin to reimagine our future. Ajani Byrd, our relatively new Dean of Institutional Equity, will be issuing the official call for proposals as part of his work with the Flex Day Planning Committee (Adrienne Hypolite, Amy Edwards, Carolyn Holcroft, Kathryn Maurer, Kurt Hueg, Lene Whitley-Putz, and Ram Subramaniam).

Here is a tentative schedule of events:

Monday, April 4th

8:30 – 1:15 p.m. (District-led events – details coming soon)

1:30 – 4:00 pm. (College-led events – details coming soon)

Tuesday, April 5:

8:30 - 9:00 AM - Check-In and Breakfast (Location TBD)

9:00 - 11:00 AM - Division/Office Meetings

11:10 - 12:00 PM - Concurrent Workshop Sessions #1

12:00 - 1:00 PM - Lunch (Location TBD)

1:10 - 2:00 PM - Concurrent Workshop Sessions #2

2:00 - 4:00 PM - Department/Division/Office Flex Time (details forthcoming)

I am very excited to welcome everyone back to campus! And I can finally, personally meet so many of you!

Best regards,

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