



College Update
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Happy Monday!

TSJC will be well-represented at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Assessment and Persistence conference being held in Denver later this week. Robert Martinez, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, has been organizing this effort. He will be joined in Denver by Victor Salazar, Juliana Chaparro, Ellen Hanson, Luron Singer, Victor Gutierrez, Peggy Weurding, Tori Eckes and Amanda Vigil-Alcon. According to the NASPA website (<http://www.naspa.org/programs/apc/default.cfm>), this conference “*is designed to promote student learning and success by strengthening assessment, quality improvement, and intentional persistence and retention programs.*” This is right in line with our ongoing Case Management project and, in the long run, should prove to be beneficial to our students.

At the most recent State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education (SBCCOE) meeting, action was taken to adopt Board Policy 3-80, Faculty and Instructor Workload, <http://cccs.edu/SBCCOE/Policies/BP/PDF/BP3-80.pdf>. During this discussion, the chair of the State Faculty Advisory Council (SFAC), Stephanie Irwin, raised a potential issue related to the calculation of work hours for online vs. face-to-face laboratory courses. This discrepancy was acknowledged and may be addressed more fully in the future, but for now, the policy was adopted as presented.

The TSJC NRA Summer Program is nearing its halfway point. According to Donna Haddow, Program Coordinator, we are offering 39 classes this summer, with 161 students signed up for a total of 361 registrations. Of those, 250 registrations are for continuing education and 111 are receiving credit. In addition, three students will earn the Gunsmithing Technician Certificate entirely this summer. Please join me in thanking Donna for her ongoing work with this program. As usual, she has done an outstanding job for our instructors and students.

Please be especially mindful of the TSJC students, faculty and staff being impacted by the recent fires near our Trinidad and Valley campuses. Above all else, please stay safe.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week!

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