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THE FOOTHILL COLLEGE FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER

May 22, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Graduation time is upon is and we are going to do our best to provide our students the same sense of celebration and accomplishment that we do in person. You can watch our students get recognized at one of the year-end celebrations or celebrate with us at the commencement ceremony on June 26. If you'd like to participate in a celebratory video for the graduates, please contact Vanessa Smith. If you have photos of students in classes, at events or participating in off-campus activities, you can can submit those to foothillgraduation@foothill.edu.

Comings & Goings

Interim Associate Vice President of Instruction **Paul Starer** will return to his role as Dean of Language Arts and the Language Resource Center as of July 1, 2020. Thank you, Paul, for your service in the AVPI role and your commitment to our students. Thank you to **Valerie Fong** for serving as Acting Dean of Language Arts and the TLC for the past 18 months. Valerie will be returning to faculty.

Executive Vice President **Kristy Lisle** is working closely with faculty leadership and the instructional deans to assess the status of the AVPI position and whether or not the college should identify a new interim AVPI. Please expect a decision soon.

Debbie Lee, Acting Dean of Fine Arts and Communication and Kinesiology and Athletics, and **Simon Pennington**, Interim AVP of College and Community Relations, Marketing, and Communication, have both agreed to stay in respective roles until December 31, 2021.

Governance Update

On Friday, May 22, the Advisory and Revenue and Resources Councils convened a joint meeting to discuss their role in the upcoming discussions (and recommendations) necessitated by the COVID-19 emergency and the looming state budget shortfalls. Both councils agreed that Institutional Planning and Budgeting would be the focus of their work and that combined meetings on budget reductions would streamline the process and allow shared governance to make recommendations in a more timely manner. The separate councils would continue to meet as scheduled to continue with other matters of college business. The tri-chairs will be reaching out to Equity and Education and Community and Communication to ensure that both these councils have a strong voice at the combined AC/R&R meetings.

The group agreed that they would meet every week until the end of the quarter. The meetings will take place at 9 a.m. (May 29, June 12, June 19, and June 26). A June 5 meeting will be scheduled from 10:30 - 11:30 only, as there is an All-District administrators meeting earlier that day. The council will decide on possible summer meetings on May 29.

The combined tri-chairs are currently drafting a memo to be submitted to President Nguyen and the campus outlining the scope of these combined-council meetings. You can review more detailed minutes of all council meetings on the governance website.

Transition in Umoja Community Program

Foothill College has been fortunate to have professor **Sam White** as a core member of the Umoja team since the program's inception in 2016. His dedication and mentorship to students, his efforts in coordination and planning for the program's activities, and his leadership in the classroom have all contributed to the strong foundation and successful outcomes of the Umoja Program. Sadly, Sam has decided to step down from his reassignment role as co-coordinator and will be going on sabbatical for fall 2020 quarter. Sam has shared that he plans to enroll in the certificate in Teaching Post-Secondary Reading at San Francisco State University and was looking forward to being back in the classroom and engaging as a student. Through his sabbatical work, he hopes to revive the Reading Initiative at Foothill College, a program for faculty looking to help students be more engaged in reading. While the initiative has faded away, Sam looks forward to bringing it back with a fresh perspective and stronger than ever!

Upon reflecting on his time with the Umoja Program the last four years, Sam said, "I have learned so much from this experience, from students, from my colleagues that run the program, and from faculty. I've learned what it means to have a deeper level and ethic of love. If we don't approach our work with love, we are wasting our time. The 18 Umoja practices truly helped me to become a better person, period. Not just with Umoja. I'm more mindful of approaching with an ethic of love. Love is paramount. Our greatest gift is that students are prospering and excelling. Umoja has helped me to grow as person, as a humanitarian. Its kept me aware of social justice and equity. I am forever grateful for the experience."

Of course, this is not farewell, as we know that Sam will continue to be a fierce advocate and partner for Umoja as he goes back to his full-time role in the English department. We look forward to continued collaboration and approaching our work with the ethic of love, right alongside you Sam! The Office of Equity and the Umoja family express our heartfelt gratitude to you, thank you!

With transition comes renewed energy and fresh perspective! The Office of Equity is excited to announce that **Dr. Tiffany Rideaux** has accepted the reassignment role of Umoja co-coordinator beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year! Tiffany will be joining our existing well-known and loved Umoja team: **Kimberly Escamilla**, Umoja co-coordinator, and **Tracee Cunningham**, Umoja counselor.

Tiffany Rideaux has been a full-time instructor in the Psychology Department since fall 2014. She earned her bachelor's degree in Italian studies from Stanford University and her doctorate degree in clinical psychology from the PGSP - Stanford PsyD Consortium program at Palo Alto University. Prior to teaching she worked for the San Francisco non-profit Institute on Aging conducting in-home cognitive assessments and published research with colleagues at the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System. She brings a breadth of Foothill College experiences to the Umoja co-coordinator position, including serving as a mentor in the Humanities

Mellon Scholar program, collaborating with Psychological Services on two mental health awareness events, and co-representing the Division of Business and Social Sciences on the College Curriculum Committee. Her commitment to equity and Umoja principles are evidenced by her ongoing engagement with the Equity Team on the Equity Strategic Plan, her professional development training in Culturally Responsive Teaching, and her participation in the Equity and Assessment Project. She is passionate about positive psychology and helping students use mindfulness and meditation skills to manage their social and emotional experiences. Her favorite shelter-in-place activity: sitting still.

While Tiffany has long been a partner and member of the extended Equity family, please help us officially welcome her to the Umoja team! Congratulations Tiffany!

Student Emergency Relief Fund

Students who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for emergency relief support from the college. Please encourage students to fill out this short application. All requests will be reviewed and we will contact students as soon as possible.

Virtual Commencement Ceremony on June 26 at 6 p.m.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Friday, May 29: Deadline to petition to graduate

Friday, June 12: Deadline for students to register for graduation
Monday, June 15: Deadline for students to order regalia

Math instructor **Patrick Morriss** has been selected as the faculty speaker! Additional details are on the graduation page.

Pharm Tech Students Support Local Communities

Pharm Tech program director **Angela Su** shared the following news about our students:

Given the COVID 19 situation, there has been a tremendous need for more support in the community pharmacy setting. That said, all of our PHT students have stepped up to serve the community as pharmacy technician externs at 11 various Bay Area Walgreens Pharmacies and at TruePill Pharmacy in Hayward. They have been at these sites for the past five weeks.

Dr. Clarrise Tu, the Regional District Manager of Walgreens Pharmacy raved about all our students and was delighted with the tremendous amount of positive feedback she received from individual Walgreens Pharmacists/Managers. She said it was unprecedented that EVERY Walgreens site (all 11) wanted to hire our FH extern permanently because of their exemplary performance, teamwork and patient service skills. In fact, our students have been offered permanent positions and some have accepted part-time positions. The TruePill Pharmacy administrators also echoed the same sentiments about our students.

I have been going to all the pharmacy sites to witness/observe our students in action. It is particularly gratifying to see how their education and training has prepared them for success in the

real world of pharmacy. We are so proud of our students for their courage and willingness to serve the community despite COVID 19. Read more about our pharmacy technician students on the website.

What's Happening This Week?

Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day Holiday

Wednesday, May 27

- UC Berkeley Rep Visit
- Latinx Heritage Month Closing Ceremony

Thursday, May 28

- Let's Chat With Psychological Services
- ASFC Campus Council Meeting
- 5 Short Plays From the Marketplace

Friday, May 29

- Deadline to petition to graduate
- LHM Foodie Series: Argentinean Cuisine
- 5 Short Plays of Life, Love & A Few Things In Between

In Other News...

- With higher ed in limbo, students are switching to community colleges
- Vietnamese restaurants donate thousands of meals to Silicon Valley hospitals
- Foothill College to remain online-only for summer, fall

Join the Theatre Department for a Virtual Play Reading Festival **May 28-June 12.** Free of charge. Donations accepted. For details on making a reservation, visit the Theatre Arts website.

Keep Calm and Email On: Establishing a Protocol for how Foothill Does Email

Now that Foothill has moved to a fully virtual world, our email inboxes have exploded. Consider attending this optional workshop to learn tips for how to use email more efficiently. Presented by Dr. Laurie Scolari, AVP of Student Services.

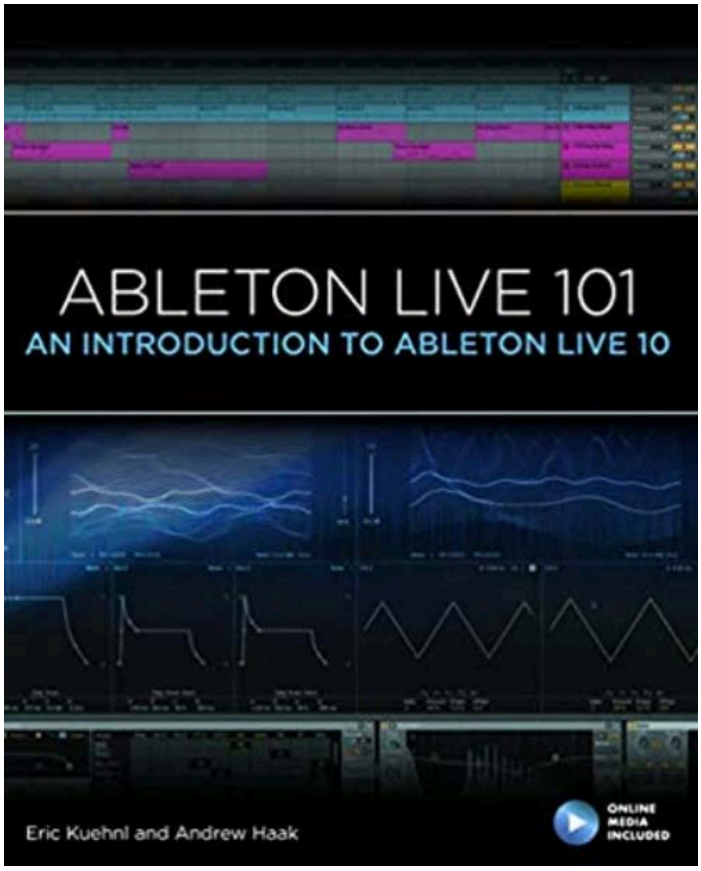
Topic: Email Protocol Workshop
Time: Thursday, May 28, 2 p.m.
Zoom Link: https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94460857588

Music Tech Instructor Releases Ableton Live Book

Music tech instructor **Eric Kuehnl** released his latest book on Ableton Live last year.

From Amazon: Learn the basics of producing music with Ableton Live software. Ableton Live has become one of the most popular platforms for music production since its introduction in 2001. Its intuitive interface allows beginners to make music right away, while offering deep functionality to satisfy even the most advanced user.

This quarter, Eric is teaching sound production and design. He has released several books on music production and technology and was previously the senior house engineer for Sony Computer Entertainment America.



Research & Service Leadership Symposium Recordings

The third annual (and first virtual) RSL Symposium was a success! More than 160 people attended the opening session. You can watch the opening recording on the symposium website. Recordings of the presentation sessions will be available soon.

Free Immigration Legal Services

The Immigration Institute of the Bay Area offers free immigration legal services to Foothill students and employees every Thursday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Schedule an appointment online at IIBAatFoothill.apptoto.com. Additional information available on the Family Engagement Institute website.

COVID-19 PSA Winners

You've seen the Zoom video, but have you seen the other entries? View the $500 prize winners on our website.

The *Foothill College Parliament* faculty & staff newsletter is published weekly. Have something you would like to share with the Foothill College community? Email Vanessa Smith.

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