



Academic Affairs Update

April 23, 2021

AVC Community,

As the Spring semester draws to a close, I would like to thank many of you for helping me learn about AVC's culture and assisting me with various tasks. We have accomplished quite a bit together and will hopefully do a lot more, hand in hand, in months to come.

The gradual reopening of the AVC campus has given me the opportunity to meet additional colleagues and expand the small circle of a dozen or so employees with whom I have interacted "live" in my first 16 weeks on the job. Until earlier this month, I had only met one faculty member in person; that number was quadrupled last week when I finally met Professors Burd, Jehlicka, and Rider at the April Board of Trustees meeting. In fact, I did not recognize Professor Jehlicka until he rose to address the Board. Such is the nature of beginning a position in the middle of a pandemic. I very much look forward to meeting many more of you during the summer months and beyond.

Tomorrow, we will host the second faculty meeting and look forward to bringing you relevant information on a variety of topics. The goal is to establish these monthly gatherings on an ongoing basis on the fourth Friday of each month and keep the channels of communication open between various constituencies. While tomorrow's event will be delivered once more via Zoom, we plan to continue these meetings in a HyFlex model in the post-pandemic era so as to allow everyone, especially our valued adjunct faculty, to attend remotely if they so wish. Should you wish to join us tomorrow at 9 am, the meeting ID is: 927 5642 3769.

Preparations for summer are well underway and you will hear from campus leadership on a number of matters, including all safety measures that are being implemented. Furthermore, Dr. Parisky will guide us through a few items related to distance education and the delivery of instruction in the HyFlex model. All materials will be posted on the Academic Affairs website; please visit the site often as it is updated on a regular basis.

Below please find additional information pertaining to Summer Session:

In-Person HyFlex Training:

In addition to the training video, in person training will be available for faculty with a summer assignment during the dates and times indicated below.

Hyflex Hands-on Orientation: Groups of 3-5 in one-hour sessions

<https://forms.gle/wd4fJkSA1M3VH3rA7> (Sign up Sheet)

April 26, 28 (Monday, Wednesday)

May 3, 5 (Monday, Wednesday)

May 10, 11 (Monday, Tuesday)

Times

1pm-2pm

2pm-3pm

3pm-4pm

4pm-5pm

Many thanks to Dr. Alex Parisky for assisting faculty with classroom technology.

Labs:

instructional labs will all be available for in-person instruction, although limited to the set maximum capacity percentages. The remaining devices in the unoccupied seats of each lab will be available via the virtual/remote labs service (labs.avc.edu). These virtual labs are configured/displayed by their room number and the desktop accessed will be the same as the one physically located in the lab.

Canvas Shells:

All HyFlex courses will have two CRNs with the corresponding Canvas shells merged so as to allow you to enter the information only once. Canvas shells for Summer have gone live and been tested for the dual CRN combination. So far, no issues have been detected; however, if you encounter any, please let Academic Affairs and IT know. Please be advised that unlike merged Canvas shells, the rosters for the face to face and remote sections will be separate.

Sincerely,

-Isabelle Saber
Vice President of Academic Affairs