

Faculty Participation - Full-time faculty are required to attend four campus in-service days and contract for the remaining six days in either optional workshops or individually planned activities. Adjunct faculty may participate in on- and off-campus in-service activities with approval of immediate supervisor for the number of hours equal to their weekly assigned hours for the semester and will be reimbursed for their participation at their hourly rate of pay.

Staff Participation - Classified and management staff are strongly encouraged to attend flex workshops and staff development activities. Released time should be arranged with their immediate supervisor.

Small Group/Individual Projects/Student Info Tables - Prior approval from division Dean is necessary for this option. Faculty may use up to six optional flex cal hours per day on optional days to work on curricular activities.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006
(Optional Day)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (6 hours optional flex credit)
Building 600, Rooms 626/603/604
New Staff Orientation (*Limited to 75 participants*)
RSVP by 8/7/06!! Call HR at x-169.
Richard Christensen, Director of Human Resources
(*Invitation only*)
An orientation session for all new staff. Required attendance for new contract faculty. Optional attendance for adjunct faculty.

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., (6 hours optional flex credit)
Building 500, Room 505 (*Limited to 40 participants*)
eCollege Training
RSVP by 8/7/06!! Call Sarah Nordin at x-276.
Jeff Borden, e-College
The morning will be dedicated to faculty who want to learn more about online education and how you can incorporate it into your face-to-face classes. Beginners are welcome!! Afternoon session will be dedicated to introducing the new additions to the eCollege platform, Elluminate and exam statistics. Every teacher who uses eCollege will love to learn about what has been added. Lunch will be provided and the sessions are limited to 40 people so RSVP soon to ensure a spot.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (3 hours optional flex credit)
Tennis (tennis courts)
Alan Jian and George Daugavietis, Math Instructors
Come join like-minded enthusiasts at Solano College for some recreational tennis. All ability levels are welcome.

Tennis balls will be provided but please bring your own tennis racket. Showers are available after tennis.

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (2-1/2 hours optional flex credit)
Building 600, Room 605 (*Limited to 30 participants*)
CalSTRS Retirement Check-Up
Reservations required!! Call HR x-169.
Janet Doerfert, CalSTRS Benefits Counselor
This workshop provides details about the CalSTRS system, the benefits and programs available to CalSTRS members, the CalSTRS formula, lifetime benefits for another person, post-retirement employment, and information sources for prospective retirees. This workshop provides valuable CalSTRS information to both new members as well as those thinking of retiring within the next few years.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006
(Optional Day)

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (6 hours optional flex credit w/prior approval of Dean)
Building 1400, Cafeteria
1st Annual Solano College Preview Day
Nick Cittadino, Counselor
This new event replaces our previous “Open House” held for new incoming students. This valuable college orientation will assist students with their questions; English/math assessment testing; provide an opportunity to meet other students, faculty and administration; assist with registration; and a free barbecue!

9:00 a.m. – 12 noon (3 hours optional flex credit)
Green Valley Falls Hike (*Limited to 30 participants*)
Meet at 9:00 am at parking lot #6 near Horticulture building 900 for trailhead directions and to self-arrange leaderless carpools. Need walking shoes and water. Take this amazing hike to a pair of 60+ foot waterfalls on Vallejo Watershed Lands. A moderate 4 mile round trip hike follows Wild Horse Creek into a fern filled canyon misted by Green Valley Falls. **RSVP required!! Contact Suzanne at sespillner@aol.com or 707-645-1206 for a reservation.**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (3 hours optional flex credit)
Building 600, Room 626 (*Limited to 74 participants*)
Academic Senate Meeting
Gail Kropp, Academic Senate President

--Postponed to September--

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (1 hour optional flex credit)
Building 800, Room 804 (*Limited to 45 participants*)
Ethnic Minority Coalition Meeting
Sal Alcalá, Dean of Special Services

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., (3 hours optional flex credit)
Building 1600, Room 1646 (*Limited to 68 participants*)
Contract 101
Diane White, CTA President

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (3 hours optional flex credit)
Building 600, Rooms 603/604 (*Limited to 89 participants*)
Adjunct/Part-time Faculty Forum
Todd Davis, English Adjunct Faculty and CTA negotiating team member
All adjunct faculty are invited to this forum to learn how the Solano College Faculty Association works for them, and to voice their needs and concerns regarding instruction and employment issues.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006
(Required Day)

~~COLLABORATIVE COMMUNICATION~~



9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (3 hours optional flex credit)
Solano College Swimming Pool
Back-to-School Division Relay Mini Triathlon
½-mile swim, 10-mile bike ride, 4-mile run
Open to Solano College employees only.
Ron Beverly, PE/Athletics

- All divisions will be represented.
- If not enough in one division, crossovers will be allowed.
- Team competition only...one individual per event.
- If unable to participate, come and support your colleagues...

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (2 hours optional flex credit)
Building 1600, Room 1625 (*Limited to 55 participants*)
Book Review, “Nonviolent Communication,” by Marshall Rosenberg
Jim DeKloe, Biology Instructor and Angela Apostol, DSP Counselor
An enlightening look at how peaceful communication can create compassionate

connections with family, friends, and other acquaintances. This book uses stories, examples, and sample dialogues to provide solutions to communication problems both at home and in the workplace. These nonviolent communication skills are fully explained and can be applied to personal, professional, and political differences. Included in the new edition is information on how to compassionately connect with oneself.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (1 hour optional flex credit)
Building 1500, Room 1530 (*Limited to 42 participants*)
Writing Your Own Textbook
Carlos Esteve, Math Instructor
Christine Ducoing, Chemistry Instructor
A panel of Solano instructors including Christine Ducoing (Chemistry) and Carlos Esteve (Math) will discuss the textbooks they have written for use in their classes. A discussion of the process involved and the possible benefits to students.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (1-1/2 hours optional flex credit)
Building 1400, Cafeteria
Faculty Meeting Luncheon
Diane White, CTA President

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. (1/4 hour required flex credit)
Building 1400, Cafeteria
SLO Orientation
Gail Kropp, Academic Senate President

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **SLO trainers**
Division Meetings (4 hours required flex credit)
Business/Computer Science (Room 506)
Career Technical Education (Room 1818)
Counseling/DSP&S (Room 135)
Fine & Applied Arts/Behavioral Sci (Room 1301)
Health Occupations (Room 804)
Health & PE (Room 1725)
Technology & Learning Resources (Room 129)
Humanities (Room 1426/back half of cafeteria)
Math & Science (Room 308)
Special Services (Room 1102)

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Division Meetings (2 hours required flex credit)
Same location as afternoon meeting.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006
(Required Day)

Janene Whitesell, Master of Ceremonies

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Building 1200, Lobby

Coffee hosted by Superintendent/President

(3-1/2 hours flex credit for morning activities)

9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m., Building 1200, Theater

Welcome

Janene Whitesell, Master of Ceremonies

9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Welcome and College Update

Dr. Paulette J. Perfumo, Superintendent/President

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Academic Senate/Intro of Distinguished Faculty

Diane White, Full-time/Lisa Giambastiani, Adjunct

Jeff Lamb, Senator at Large

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Distinguished Faculty Presentations

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Latin Guitar Presentation

Steve Holland, Adjunct faculty

11:00: a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Introductions-Classified Employee of the year,

Chris Kucala and Manager of the year, Fran Brown

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

No Straight Roads Take You There: Some Ideas about Making Art and Making History

Keynote Speaker, Rebecca Solnit

“Ms. Solnit is one of those freelance intellectuals you hardly hear about anymore—unattached to any academic institution, dependent (I’m guessing) on the kindness of publishers. An apprentice to the world at large, she has made a life’s work out of scavenging for connections. Solnit’s offbeat oeuvre veers through history, politics, nature writing, literary criticism, and memoir. Even a partial list of her recent books—*River of Shadows*, a lauded biography of Eadweard Muybridge; *Hope in the Dark*, a tiny treatise on contemporary activism; and *Wanderlust*, a voluptuous history of walking—boggles the mind with the tantalizing promiscuity of subject matter.”
Joy Press, *The Village Voice*, 6/2805

Solnit will offer some ideas from her writing and work. On teaching she comments, “I’ve been

noticing, this semester that (teaching) is an utterly mysterious task. The fruits of your labors aren’t yours and may not ripen while you’re around to see....”

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Building 1400, Cafeteria

Community Lunch hosted by Staff Development (2-1/2 hours flex credit for afternoon activities)

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (2-1/2 hours required flex credit)

Building 1400, Cafeteria/1424/1404

Bringing Compassion to Work: Introduction to Workplace Communication (Limited to 74 participants)

Meganwind Eoyang, Facilitator

Lively explorations of the basic principles of Nonviolent Communication (NVC), a language and consciousness of compassion that can dramatically improve all of our relationships, from personal to professional. Live modeling demonstrates how the NVC process can be used in a wide variety of real-life situations. Participants have the option of using situations from their own lives as they practice. Come and learn principles of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and how you can apply them to your work world.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. (1-1/4 hours required flex credit)

Building 600, Room 605 (Limited to 40 participants)

Break Out Session with Rebecca Solnit

This breakout session will allow for further discussion of the themes of Rebecca Solnit’s presentation.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (1-1/4 hours required flex credit)

Building 800, Room 804 (Limited to 45 participants)

Reading and Writing Connections:

English 350/355 and 370 Workshop

Tracy Schneider, Josh Stein, Shari Pabst, and George Olgin, Humanities

The Lab Revision Committee invites everyone who works with our English developmental students to an informative and collaborative workshop to discuss changes in our 3-Part assignments and share best practices. Everyone who works in the reading or writing lab and/or teaches English 350/355 or 370 should attend, but counselors and other instructors will find the information helpful, and we welcome all input.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2006
(Optional Day)

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (1 hour optional flex)

Individual planned activities

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (2 hours optional flex)

Building 500, Room 505 (Limited to 40 participants)

Distance Education Dialogue

RSVP by 8/7/06!! Call Sarah at x-276.

Sarah Nordin, Online Education

The dialogue continues. Please join some of the online faculty for breakfast and to continue the dialogue about Distance Education at Solano. Converse with some very innovative and creative colleagues about the future of Online Education not just at Solano, but around the country. Come see why teaching online can be challenging and fun.

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m., Building 1400, Back half of the cafeteria

RSVP by 8/14/06!! Call HR at x-169.

CSEA and Local 39 Meeting/Luncheon

Cynthia Simon, President and Jeff Lehfeldt, President

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (3 hours optional flex credit)

Vintage Caffé, 2522 Mankas Corner Road, 425-3207

Solano Living Room Discussions

RSVP by 7/19/06!! Call HR at x-169.

Ever notice how hard it is to tear yourself away from great conversations with your colleagues in the lobby of the theatre in order to take your seats for more formal Flex Cal presentations? Those pre Flex Cal conversations are responsible for the generation of many a learning community and countless other collaborations between faculty and staff campus wide. Solano Living Room is a casual, relaxed gathering to take advantage of the natural synergy of our exceptional and dedicated staff. Come join the discussion fueled with great hors d’oeuvres and a no host bar. This gathering is dedicated to the reality that when we spend time enjoying each other’s company, great things result.

Directions: From Solano College, turn right onto Suisun Valley Road, turn right onto Mankas Corner Road, Vintage Caffé on right.

No activities planned at this time for November 22, 2006 (optional flex)

**~~Future Optional Flex Workshop~~
October 6 & 20, 2006**

CPR – Char McKeown, Health Occupations Instructor

1:00 – 4:00 p.m., (6 hours optional flex credit)

Building 800, Room 807-B (Limited to 15 participants)

Reservations required!! Call HR at x-169.

FALL 2006

STAFF DEVELOPMENT FLEX CAL ACTIVITIES

August 14, 15, & 18

(optional days)

and

August 16 & 17

(required days)



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Reservations required for workshops indicating RSVP, otherwise workshops are first come, first served!