

The Buzz: Academic Affairs Weekly Newsletter

June 18, 2020

From the Provost's Office

2020-2021 Academic Calendar: Find the fall 2020 schedule and spring 2021 schedule online on the [registrar's webpage](#) in addition to the latest information about [fall 2020 planning](#), with [FAQs for students](#) and [FAQs for faculty and staff](#). See the email sent out by Barb May on June 17, 2020 for more information.



COVID-19 Response Team

The team has worked with Marketing and Communication to develop the [COVID-19 Response and Fall 2020 Information](#) page. This page has resources for [faculty and staff](#), [current students](#), [prospective students](#), and [alumnae/i and friends](#). We will continue to add information as we receive questions via the [forms manager link](#) sent out by Richard Ice.

Recent Actions:

- Announced the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar
- Sent the first draft of the block schedule to department chairs
- Asked department chairs to send out messages to their majors and minors about the block plan
- Announced additional Faculty Development opportunities
- Announced the Faculty Development Canvas page
- Met with Dining Facilities and Orientation to plan for Fall semester

Ongoing Work:

- Continue to work with Marketing and Communication to develop
 - Informational videos to various groups
 - FAQs for various groups
- Work with the Faculty Development Team to plan and schedule Faculty and Staff training opportunities for July
- Work with the Covid Coordinator, Facilities Directors, and Academic Affairs team to develop classroom safety expectations that align with student development plans
- Work with IT Services to finalize technology needs in laboratory and studio spaces
- Work with the Registrar's Office and Academic Affairs to finalize the Fall 2020 schedule
- Work with C-CAPS to develop policies for the 2020-2021 school year
- Continue to work with Human Resources to develop a Back to Work plan
- Continue to work with Student Development to identify safety issues and expectations and to develop plans for co-curricular activities including athletics

- In consultation with APBC and FCBC, continue work on development of institutional budgets that will address the structural portion of anticipated budget shortfalls at CSB and SJU resulting from sustained enrollment declines.
 - Continue work to estimate the potential range of pandemic-related one-time expense and revenue impacts under various states of campus operations. Accordingly, a supplemental budget plan is being developed to address these one-time extraordinary impacts in a temporary way.
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Academic Center for Excellence and Skills (ACES)

Libraries

Online Book Displays: Check out the libraries' online book displays on [Juneteenth](#), [Pride](#), [Again](#), and [Gardening](#).

Curriculum and Assessment

Carie Braun's term as Assessment Director will end June 30 so assessment-related questions should be directed to Holly Christie or Barb May. Thank you for your service, Carie!

Faculty Governance

June Joint Faculty Senate meetings: June 23 from 1-2:30 on Zoom. Watch for agendas and Zoom links from JFA chair [Greg Schroeder](#).

Faculty Development

Canvas Site: In addition to the workshops and courses that have already been announced, the Faculty Development team has created a Canvas page with resources. You've now been added as a student to the Canvas course "[Teaching and Learning Training Resources](#)." When you next login to Canvas you'll see the course on your Dashboard. If you have trouble accessing the course, please contact Miranda Novak (mnovak@csbsju.edu). This Canvas page will be updated regularly with resources to assist you as you design your courses for the coming academic year. Please contact Miranda if you are aware of really helpful materials that should be added.

Faculty Development Training:

- Course Design Workshop on Wednesday, June 24, facilitated by Ken Jones. Complete [form](#) by Thursday, June 18, at 12 noon.
- Remote Institute on Block Plan and Intensive Teaching & Learning on July 6 & July 7 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (see email from Terry Check on June 17, 2020). This information is also posted in the Canvas course "[Teaching and Learning Training Resources](#)."
- IT Services Training Workshops. Register here: <https://www.csbsju.edu/instructional-technology/technology-training/training-workshops>

Feedback: If you attended the workshop entitled “Teaching and Learning in Intensive, Time-shortened Courses,” facilitated by Traci Freeman and Jane Murphy from Colorado College, please be sure to complete this very brief [survey](#) of the workshop, which will help the faculty development team determine what training is still needed.

Becoming Community

Becoming Community Summer Workshop Opportunity: On Tuesday, June 30th at 3:00p - 4:30p CT / 4:00p - 5:30p ET Dr. Thomas J. Tobin presents a webinar on "3 Ways to Support Students during COVID-19 Remote Instruction." Sign up [here](#).

Contemplative Action Groups:

- Becoming Community announces summer 2020 Contemplative Action Groups, gentle holding spaces for your reflection, growth, and action planning in this dynamic summer of uprising and pandemic. These are reading groups on zoom with space included for intentional contemplation. Becoming Community will buy you the reading material. Choose from a rich selection of readings at this [link](#). Sign up by July 1 if possible.

Additional Professional Development Opportunities:

- Academics for Black Survival and Wellness (beginning on Juneteenth): <https://www.academics4blacklives.com/?fbclid=IwAR34L-IEkil0-rZgwJLpTafQ159KCVUG6lz6vqPk6pdPXjx9wdxppjF0oiM>
- Free Racialized Trauma e-course offered by Resmaa Menakem: <https://www.resmaa.com/courses>
- Trans/forming Allyship Online Intensive offered by Think Again Training, Three Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, and July 14, 6-8pm (central)
Sliding scale \$0 – \$125, CEUs available: <https://transformingallyship.brownpapertickets.com/>
- Summer course offered by Monica Coleman and Tananarive Due on Community, Resilience, and Healing Inspired by the Works of Octavia E. Butler: <https://hipshot9.clickfunnels.com/product-launch-sales-page1590693792421>

Travel and Professional Development Funding:

- If you are interested in these or any other professional development opportunities or virtual conferences related to inclusion and need funding, please complete the Becoming Community request [form](#).

For more information, see the email sent by Mellon Grant on June 18, 2020.