To: CPP Faculty
From: Victoria Bhavsar
Subject: Faculty Day 2.0, ideas for student evaluations
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Dear faculty,

It was wonderful to see everyone who attended Faculty Day last week. I especially enjoyed meeting folks whom I had not met in person before! I hope you all enjoyed it as well.

However, I must apologize because…Faculty Day on April 20 was held on the last day of Ramadan. I sincerely regret my lack of awareness in scheduling an event that's meant to celebrate all faculty in a way that actually excluded many people.

Therefore I would like to invite everyone to a SECOND Faculty Day this semester. This will be **Tuesday May 9, 11:30am – 1pm** (come as you can and leave as you need to) at Centerpointe. Although everyone's invited, I hope that those who missed the April 20 event for any reason will feel especially welcomed. Please register, as this helps Centerpointe to prepare for us.

Going forward, I plan to consult this calendar (filtering for religious holidays) when planning CAFE's events so as not to make such a mistake again. Here's another calendar which is useful because it includes links to explanations of all the holidays. In addition, if there's a cultural event or observance that you would like me to be aware of, I warmly welcome being informed of it.

Changing the subject entirely – here are some ideas for getting good return rates for student evaluations.

Take care,
Victoria

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Effective Teaching Strategies:

- **NEW: [Pens & Pixels -- Generative AI in Education National Online Conference](#). July 13, 9am-3pm, fully online.** This free conference sponsored by UC Irvine and the Spencer Foundation brings together leading scholars and practitioners to discuss perspectives on generative AI in education and educational research. The conference will feature research talks by invited speakers and pedagogical lightning talks submitted by educators throughout the world. [Submit your abstract and/or register](#).

- A few spots remain! **[CAFE Summer Institute 2023](#):** *Discovering Stories: Scholarship of Teaching & Learning in Your Discipline.* May & June 2023, multi-week, fully remote. We'll treat our classrooms as spaces worthy of serious, systematic, publishable study. We'll plan "micro-SoTL projects" that can be carried out within one semester and written up the next semester, with special emphasis on projects that contribute to student success and/or build on our previous work in anti-racist teaching & learning.

- **[Syllabus workshop: Get a jump on an improved Fall 2023 syllabus](#): Friday May 19, 10am-12pm,** via Zoom; click link to register.
    - See the most recent research on what makes students read the syllabus
    - Learn the eleven things that CPP policy says must be in a syllabus
    - Make policy and grading system choices that hold students to high standards *and* provide flexibility
    - Craft language that you are comfortable with and is welcoming for students
    - Set up an appointment to get feedback on your syllabus

Technology:

- **Do you need Canvas help?** Email canvas@cpp.edu or call Studio 6 (M-F, 8am-5pm), at 909-869-3099.

- **Remember: The end of Blackboard approaches.** Faculty will lose access to Blackboard on Friday, June 2, 2023, 4pm. If you need to get materials from old courses or orgs in Blackboard, DO IT NOW. See CAFE's [Transitioning from Blackboard](#) site for more information, tutorials, and how to get help.

Faculty Community & Career:

- **NEW: [Faculty Day 2.0](#): Tuesday May 9, 11:30am – 1pm.** Faculty are invited to enjoy lunch and time with colleagues at the Centerpointe Dining Hall for this fully in-person event. Although we hope that faculty who could not attend our first Faculty Day event on April 20 for any reason will feel especially welcomed, this is for all CPP faculty -- full-time, part-time, retired, new, and all in between. [Please register](#).

- **NEW: Finding Retirement Fulfillment Learning Community (FRFLC):** Senior Faculty are a resource for students, faculty, and the overall campus community. Join others in your career stage to create strategies for contributing expertise, mentorship, and leadership in your last few years as faculty and after retirement. Mark your calendar to look for more information on this opportunity funded by the Kellogg Legacy Grants, coming August 2023. For questions and input or comments, contact [Lisa Kessler](#).

- **[“Leading while Brown” Discussion](#): Tuesday April 25, 12:00 – 12:50pm in person only, Library Room 4829.** Join new ENV Dean Mary Ann Akers for a short presentation followed by discussion

of the group's perspectives and experiences. Feel free to bring your lunch! Please register. Contact Lisa Kessler with questions.
- **Bronco Faculty Parenting Community Lunch**. **Thursday May 4, 12pm – whenever.** This community-building session is open to all lecturers and tenure-line faculty who are parents or parents-to-be -- with "parenting" defined expansively. If you consider yourself a parent, you are one! We're grateful to Provost Brown for sponsoring this lunch. For questions, please contact Julie Shen, Giselle Navarro-Cruz, or Sally Romero. **Rsvp by April 27.**
- *"Everybody's Mentor":* Lisa Kessler, CAFE faculty associate and retired interim Dean of Agriculture, provides individual, confidential consultation and coaching. Email Lisa directly to set up an appointment.

Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities:

- **Every Summer Needs a Plan** -- **May 11:** From the National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity. Thanks to President Coley, CPP has an institutional membership to the premier professional development provider for faculty success. Activate your membership to get extensive resources on scholarship, publishing, and mentoring.
- **Feedback on grant proposals:** Lisa Kessler will provide individual, confidential feedback on proposals. Email Lisa directly to set up an appointment.

From Friends of CAFE:

- **2023-2024 Service-Learning Faculty Fellows** **with the Center for Community Engagement:** All faculty are eligible to apply. Design and integrate service-learning into a new or existing course offered in Spring 2024, with a $1,500 honorarium plus $1,000 impact grant. Applications due Friday, April 28, 2023.
- **The We Are CPP website** is your source for stories about amazing Bronco alumni! Find classroom speakers, mentors or connections to industry, or to inspire your students. If you know an outstanding alum, please send a nomination to Alumni & External Relations.
- **Academic Innovations Summer Conference**, **May 31 – June 2, 2023:** Join faculty and staff in person from all over Southern California to *explore Pathways to the Future: Exploring the Intersection of Learning, Work, and Community*. Registration costs for CPP faculty and staff are covered (use promo code "CPP2023"). Get more information and register.

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