

To: CPP Faculty

From: Victoria Bhavsar

Subject: Four useful notes including why not to suggest to students to withdraw

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Dear faculty,

I have several somewhat disparate but hopefully all useful notes this week:

1. Dr. Erin DeRosa from the Office of Student Success sent me this reminder: **Please do not suggest to students that they should petition to “Withdraw for Serious and Compelling Reasons” because they may fail the class.** [The withdrawal policy](#) explicitly prohibits withdrawing for this reason. If a student submits a petition with “failing the course” as the reason, the petition **must be denied**. If the student is failing a course because of a serious and compelling reason, they should give the serious and compelling reason. There are other options to support a student who’s failing, including course repetition and grade forgiveness. Please contact [Student Success](#) for help and ideas.
2. Here’s an oldie but goodie tip for wrapping up the semester: The [end-of-semester checklist](#).
3. If learning something new for yourself sounds good (after a semester of supporting others to learn, as amazing as that is!), consider attending the [Academic Innovations Summer Conference](#), May 31 – June 2: *Pathways to the Future: Exploring the Intersection of Learning, Work, and Community*. Registration for CPP faculty and staff are covered (use promo code “CPP2023”). [Get more information and register](#).
4. Finally, but not least importantly, **please feel most welcome to participate, or participate again, in [Faculty Day 2.0](#) next week!**

Take care,

Victoria

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Effective Teaching Strategies:

- [Syllabus workshop: Get a jump on an improved Fall 2023 syllabus: Friday May 19, 10am-12pm](#), via Zoom; click link to register. (There will be another workshop in July, btw!)
 - 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

- [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.](#)

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:

- **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: Kellogg Doctoral Mentoring Program for Faculty Diversity** seeks Faculty Mentors for the Doctoral Student Mentoring Program AY 23 cohort. Guide and encourage a doctoral student from a similar discipline regarding success in doctoral work, applying to faculty positions, etc. This academic year commitment comes with a small stipend and mentoring training. Interested faculty should email [Dr. Eligio Martinez](#).
- **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 years as faculty and after retirement. 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](#).
- **"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:

- **NEW: [The One Team Award](#):** CPP recognizes faculty and staff cross-departmental and cross-divisional teams that work diligently to make student success a reality. [Applications are welcome](#) from Monday, May 8 -- Friday, June 16. President Coley will recognize the selected team at Fall Conference on Monday, Aug. 21.
- **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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