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All That & More!

From Katie & Marina

Fall is upon us. The leaves are turning. The smell of rain cleanses the air. Produce is in abundance and now is the time that we give thanks for all that we have. If the last two or three years have taught us anything, it is to slow down a bit more, to cherish the smaller moments with loved ones, and to be thankful for what we do have.

Some activities to consider: 1. Step away from screens and get outside! Get your family or friends out to one of our many parks for a walk, hike, game of disc golf or pickle ball! [Josephine County Parks](#) or [Jackson County Parks](#) offers a look at what's available. 2. And if you're looking for locally sourced food in your area or any area to travel to in Oregon, try this amazing website [The Oregon Farmer's Markets Association](#) and use their interactive map to locate a market any time of year in any town! Finally 3. Find some time and an organization that you can get behind. Give your time and volunteer. Even a few hours a month can make a difference. Donate goods. We all have "stuff" around the house that we no longer need or use. Put it in the car and drop it off on your way to campus. However you choose to give, give with a whole heart. We hope this newsletter finds you all safe, healthy, and happy. -Your RCC Faculty Senate

Blackboard

Hot topic of the term

Blackboard continues to pop up as challenge for students.

-How do we make Blackboard a navigable tool for students without requiring standardization?

-How do we model its use and provide opportunity for practice within our classes?



ILO 22/23:

Message from OAT:

The Outcomes & Assessment Team reminds us about the ILO for this year: COMMUNICATION....primarily with our students, providing us a rubric and assessment for our practice. Other areas of communication to improve: answering emails and Blackboard messages in a timely manner, answering zoom/phone calls in a timely manner. Communication is our key to success!

RCCEA

Message from Mary M.

On November 2nd there is a discussion on the film *A Place at the Table* about food insecurity. This community college discussion will take place at 4pm online, but you can watch the film anytime.

Also, don't forget about Student Loan Forgiveness! We're planning another social for Jackson County, stay tuned! And if you're not an RCCEA member, please contact mmiddleton@roguecc.edu for info!

September Faculty Senate Meeting

Notes and Goals

Updates:

-Enrollments: Up in CTE and down in Transfer/GE, but overall still up. Almost all CTE depts are up in enrollment.

-ERP update: Intent to Award has been given to Jenzabar (<https://jenzabar.com/>). Now we're in the appeal period. Next is contract negotiation, and then it will be official or not.

Have input for the in-service planning committee?

Email [Sally Snyder](#) or [Cara Lumpkin](#) to join the committee.

Or share with the FS in-service planning liaison: [Marina Whitchurch](#)!

Discussion of this year's FS goals yielded some of these themes:

- Blackboard: maintaining consistency, student training and in-class training, explore best practices
- Ambassador: Extreme challenges for students. How can we better meet the needs of students and easier acquisition textbooks/materials?
- Foster more student community and connection across campuses
- Faculty Senate Awards: logistics and planning
- Help develop policy deciding on modality in which courses offered (web, Zoom, in-person)

Next meeting: Friday, October 28, 2022
(10am-11:50 pm)

[Click here for the Zoom link](#)



STUDENT RESOURCES

Looking for the current
RCC Student Resource Guide?

[Click here!](#)

OSSIES'S CUPBOARD

Donations:

Stop by either pantry on the RWC or TRC
during open hours ([see hours here](#)).

We welcome almost all donations. Our most in
demand items tend to be **dairy, dairy
alternatives, hygiene/household items**
(toothbrushes, deodorant, etc), bread, and
Grocery Bags (paper or plastic).

We cannot accept opened items, expired
items, items that have been repackaged or
need repackaged, baby items (food and
formula) and items that are generally
unwieldy (25-pound bags of rice or dried
beans are just a challenge to manage).



Keep an eye out in your email for upcoming information about this year's Friendsgiving
and volunteer opportunities.

Questions? Contact ossiescupboard@roguecc.edu