



Spring 2025 Professional Development

Thursday, January 9th and Friday, January 10th

Fairfield Campus
4000 Suisun Valley Road
Fairfield, CA 94534

What is Professional Development? Who Participates?

Professional development (PD) is the continuous process of building knowledge, skills, and abilities as related to one's role in the institution. Not only does professional development benefit the individual with enhanced expertise and sharpened skills but it also supports the mission of the entire organization. Solano Community College supports the professional development of its administrators, faculty, and staff.

All are welcome to participate!

Staff Participation

Classified and Management Staff are strongly encouraged to attend PD workshops and staff development activities. Participation should be arranged with the immediate supervisor.

Full-Time Faculty Participation

Full-time faculty are required to complete six (6) hours of flex activities for each designated flex day over the course of the academic year. Regular faculty not completing the flexible activities can use appropriate leave (Article 23.3).

Adjunct Faculty Participation

Adjunct faculty are not required to complete any Flexible Calendar hours or activities. However, the college encourages the participation of all faculty in campus dialogues and professional development activities and will compensate adjunct faculty for their participation according to Article 23.2.5 of the Faculty Contract.

If any accommodations are needed, please contact pdfc@solano.edu as soon as possible.

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Thursday - January 9, 2025

8:00am - 8:50am

Presenter: Alina Castillo	Welcome 2025 with Root & Rise Yoga	Room 1746
	Start the New Year with a blend of energizing movement and deep intentional rest, designed to set the tone for a year of good health & wellness. This class will guide you through rejuvenating poses and breathwork to awaken the body, paired with grounding relaxation techniques to reset the mind. Whether you're looking to build strength, find balance or simply relax, this class is the perfect way to refresh and realign for the year ahead. Join us to cultivate a practice that supports you on every level – mind, body, and soul.	

9:00am - 9:50am

Presenter: Ashlie Lawson	Common Course Numbering is Here - Now What?	<u>Zoom</u> 822 9040 0420
	You've all heard about it, and now it is officially here. Common Course Numbering for the California Community Colleges "Phase I" is in progress, with "Phase II" coming soon. Find out more about what we can expect in the next phases, and what we have learned so far - aka the "Do's" and "Don'ts"	

9:00am - 10:50am

Presenter: Josh Scott	Academic Senate Meeting	Room LRC 113
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10:00am - 10:50am

Presenter: Denise Martinez	Empowering Student Success: The Essential Role of the Club Advisor	Room 1421
	Are you a Club Advisor? Would you like to be? Join us for an insightful and dynamic conversation designed specifically for current and aspiring club advisors. We will delve into the multifaceted responsibilities and impactful contributions of club advisors in fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and educational extracurricular environment. The Student Development team will provide you the resources to understanding your role as advisor to best help student leaders achieve their goals.	
Presenters: Laura Maghoney John Perez	Flex - Accessibility	<u>Zoom</u> 850 3974 8210
	All online content must be accessible so that all students have the same experience regardless of their abilities. This flex session will cover some of the simple ways to make course content accessible.	

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	<p>We will have time for lots of questions to help you with your specific accessibility concerns.</p> <p><i>This session counts towards maintaining online currency</i></p>	
11:00am - 11:50am		
<p>Presenters: Laura Maghoney John Perez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Canvas Updates</p> <p>There are new features and changes to existing Canvas components. Join us to learn more about these new and updated features in Canvas.</p> <p><i>This session counts towards maintaining online currency</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zoom 889 4396 3283</p>
11:00am - 12:20pm		
<p>Presenters: Ferdinanda Florence Tonmar Johnson Lauren Taylor Erin Farmer Darla Williams Laura Pirott</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sabbatical Report Roundtable</p> <p>Hear what your colleagues have been doing on their sabbaticals! At this panel discussion/roundtable, presenters will share their sabbatical work and reflect on their achievements and challenges.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room 1301</p>
11:00am - 1:00pm		
<p>Presenter: Josh Scott</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic Senate Meeting with Administrators</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Room LRC 113</p>
12:00pm - 1:00pm		
<p>Presenters: Erin Farmer Amy Obegi Erica Beam Ruth Fuller</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Solano College Faculty Association: Eat and Meet!</p> <p>Faculty, join the Solano College Faculty Association (SCFA) for a Napa Deli lunch on January 9th before the start of the spring semester. This is an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and talk about your goals and hopes for the direction of our faculty union. If you aren't a SCFA member, come learn more about us and consider joining. Together we are stronger as we continue to see the benefits of our team advocating for the hard work and dedication of our faculty (we are getting one more step in the 2025 - 2026 academic year)!</p> <p><i>This session is not eligible for Flex credit.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bldg 1400 Faculty Lounge</p>

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<p>Presenters Jessica Kuo Matthew Schweitzer</p>	<p>ZipGrade: A Quick and Easy Way to Grade and Analyze MCQ Assessments</p> <p>ZipGrade is a mobile app designed to streamline the grading process for multiple-choice assessments, and eliminates the need for traditional scantrons and grading sheets. In this workshop, you will learn how to use ZipGrade to quickly and accurately grade quizzes and exams. Discover how to create custom templates, analyze student performance data, and generate detailed reports. By the end of this workshop, you will be able to use ZipGrade to save time, improve efficiency, and gain valuable insights into student learning.</p>	<p>Zoom 897 1812 5255</p>
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1:00pm - 2:20pm

<p>Presenter: Isabel Anderson</p>	<p>English Department Housekeeping</p> <p>This meeting is open to all English faculty. We will start with an introduction and department overview to welcome recent adjuncts, before moving on to wrap up our Academic Program Review report. The final 30 minutes will be restricted to full time faculty and will be used to discuss the upcoming FT-TT hire for Fall 2025, including advice to the hiring committee on job description and screening criteria.</p>	<p>Room 507</p>
<p>Presenter Lisa Neeley</p>	<p>Cultivating Community: Approaches for Managing and Redirecting Challenging Student Behavior</p> <p>Workshop participants will explore effective strategies for managing and redirecting challenging student behavior in ways that promote a positive, inclusive, and supportive campus environment. Through a combination of presentation and interactive discussion, we will focus on real-world challenges faced by faculty and staff, and participants will leave with actionable strategies to strengthen student relationships and cultivate a more resilient, collaborative campus culture.</p>	<p>Zoom 812 957 00448</p>

1:00pm - 3:00pm

<p>Presenter: Erika Black</p>	<p>Program Review: Counseling & More</p> <p>Calling All Counseling Faculty - Don't miss out on this opportunity to continue working on Program Review! Also, this is a grand opportunity to talk about upcoming best practices that will holistically serve our students.</p>	<p>Room 443 & Zoom 223 159 7934</p>
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2:00pm - 2:50pm

<p>Presenter: Darah Macaraeg Yusra Ghaleb</p>	<p>EOPS: Breaking Down Financial and Academic Barriers</p> <p>Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) is the oldest equity program in the state of California that started in the heels of the Civil Rights movement in 1969. EOPS today continues to address the equity gap in the educational system by breaking down financial and academic barriers.</p> <p>In this EOPS info session, the EOPS coordinator and staff will discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How faculty and staff can be part of its legacy by encouraging students to apply • Review eligibility requirements • Review the robust amount of financial aid and vouchers to pay for books, course materials and school supplies • Review on other services and opportunities 	<p>Room 437 & <u>Zoom</u> 817 6099 3142</p>
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2:00pm - 2:50pm

<p>Presenters: Laura Maghoney John Perez</p>	<p>Regular Substantive Interaction</p> <p>Regular Substantive Interaction (RSI) is required in all online courses. We will look at using Canvas Studio videos integrated with discussions and quizzes as a tool for meeting RSI</p> <p><i>This session counts towards maintaining online currency</i></p>	<p><u>Zoom</u> 816 4796 1520</p>
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2:00pm - 3:50pm

<p>Presenters: Jessica (Chieh) Kuo Patrick Grant</p>	<p>Excel Your Grading: Leveraging Spreadsheets for Efficient and Insightful Assessment</p> <p>Grading is often the bane of every instructor's existence. It's time-consuming, tedious, and can detract from valuable teaching time. This workshop offers practical Excel techniques to automate grade calculations, streamline your grading workflow, visualize class performance with ease to identify trends and patterns, and gain deeper insights into student performance.</p> <p>By mastering these Excel skills, you'll reclaim precious hours to focus on what truly matters: teaching and engaging with your students.</p>	<p><u>Zoom</u> 898 7308 1689</p>
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8:00am - 9:30am

Sponsored by the Office of the Superintendent/President	Breakfast (bacon and vegetarian options available)	Cafeteria
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9:30am - 12:00pm

CONVOCATION

Presenter: Janene Whitesell Master of Convocation	Pre-Opening	Theater
Presenter: Lisa Neeley VP - Student Services	Welcome - Land Acknowledgement	Theater
Presenter: Josh Scott Academic Senate President	Faculty Senate Welcome	Theater
Presenter: Rei Leal	CSEA Welcome	Theater
Presenter: Darah Macaraeg	Celebrating 55 Years of EOPS	Theater
Presenter: Jeff Lehfelddt	Local 39 Welcome	Theater
Presenter: Andrew Wesley	Distinguished Adjunct Faculty	Theater
Presenter: Dr. Kellie Butler Superintendent-President	S/P Remarks	Theater
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marcela Cuellar <i>UC Davis School of Education</i>	Keynote Presentation: “What are Hispanic Serving Institutions and Why Do They Matter”	Theater

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12:00pm - 1:00pm

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1:00pm - 1:50pm

Presenters: Michael Reilly and Sheila Smith	Syllabuster: Deconstructing the Traditional Syllabus In this practical workshop, we will critically examine the traditional syllabus and re-imagine what the syllabus could be: a source of welcoming, inspiration, and possibilities. Bring a recent syllabus - and we will provide the scissors, tape, and good vibes.	LRC 113
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1:00pm - 2:20pm

Presenter: Dr. Marcela Cuellar <i>UC Davis School of Education</i>	Follow-Up to Keynote Presentation: “What are Hispanic Serving Institutions and Why Do They Matter” In this workshop, Dr. Cuellar will flesh out the content from her keynote presentation. In addition, she will provide faculty and staff with resources and tools for increasing our 'servingness'.	Faculty/Staff Lounge
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2:00pm - 4:00pm

School & Department Meetings

Presenter: Jose Cortes	Career and Technical Education	Room 505
Presenter: Murrell Green	Counseling	Room 446
Presenter: Sheila Hudson	Health Sciences	Room 812
Presenter: Neil Glines	Liberal Arts	Room 1301
Presenter: Ruth Fuller	Library	<u>Zoom</u> 868 9084 4554

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Presenter: Joe Ryan	Mathematics & Science	TBA
Presenter: Sandy Lamba	Social & Behavioral Sciences	Room 713

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