Renegade Roundup

After the first three weeks of Fall 2020



September 11, 2020

Dear colleagues:

Good morning! Three weeks down, 13 more to go.

Learning Together #BCLearns

We all received an email from Kirk Russell, Chair of the Library department, on wednesday updating us on the Learning Together year-long campuswide project being led by the library.

Here is an excerpt from Kirk's email:

The first community read is an essay from the June 22, 2020 issue of Time Magazine entitled "The Overdue Awakening" by Justin Worland. It can be found in the EBSCOhost database at the link below. You will be prompted for your BC email address and password to gain access. If you'd like to view the digitized version as it appeared in the original issue of Time, click the PDF Full Text link on the left side of the screen after clicking the link below.

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The librarians feel this essay is a timely and fitting introduction to the issues we will be discussing throughout this academic year. Our discussion on the 22nd will provide time for us to learn, reflect and increase understanding.

Also, the newly-created libguide "Race and Cultural Competence" is now published and available for you to review at

<u>https://bakersfieldcollege.libguides.com/culturalcompetence</u> Submissions from across campus allowed us to include a variety of perspectives on issues of race and equity. As mentioned before, our hope is that with ongoing input from the campus community this guide will grow during the year." Thank you **Kirk Russell** and **Mindy Wilmot** and the entire library faculty and staff for your leadership on this project.

I have a deep level of respect for libraries and their role in creating healthier, more informed communities. Even as the technology of information has evolved over the centuries between the printing press and the internet, libraries and

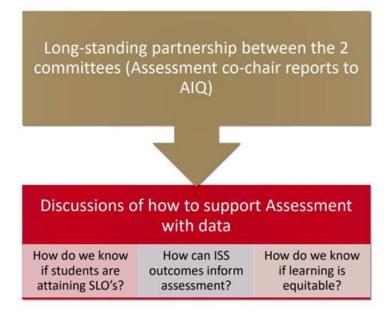


librarians have become more critical in accessing, validating and making smart use of information technologies. Now more than ever we need librarians as we engage in complex, data rich conversations, providing skills that help each of the voices in those conversations to feel respected and understood.

I can't wait to see how our faculty, staff and students engage with the essay, <u>The</u> <u>Overdue Awakening by Justin Worland</u>, which is the perfect introduction to the <u>Libguide</u> <u>on Race and Cultural Competence</u>. Check it out for a collection of books, journalism, scholarly articles, documentaries, podcasts and more. #BCLearns

College Council This week

We had our first meeting of College Council meeting on Wednesday, which was our first time coming together for the new academic year. During the meeting, we heard from **Cindy Collier** and **Bill Potter** on our COVID-19 prevention strategy (more on that below). We also heard from **Manny Mourtzanos** and **Krista Moreland**, chairs of the Enrollment Management team on how they've had to be more flexible and creative in their approach to making sure students stay on the pathway through higher education. Finally, the Accreditation and Institutional Quality committee gave an important presentation on Institution-Set Standards (ISS), which is going to be a crucial tool as we hold ourselves accountable for student learning and completion. Thank you to **Craig Hayward, Grace Commiso,** and **Jessica Wojtysiak** for taking a deep look at ISS.



AIQ supports the Assessment Committee with data. From the AIQ presentation on Sept. 9, 2020.

Panorama Creative Music Summit

Josh Ottum and Kris Tiner moved to the Panorama Creative Music Summit to a series of virtual forums throughout the fall, and the second concert in the series aired yesterday with singer-songwriter Amanda McCaslin, a BC alum who performs in an Americana group called the Charlie Zanne Band. <u>Check out the live performance on the BC Jazz</u> Studies Facebook page.



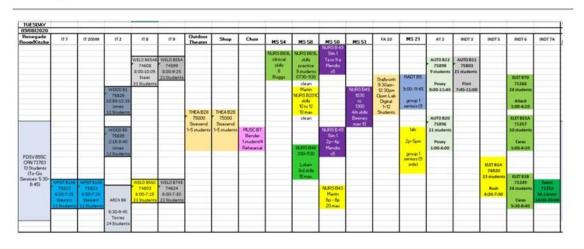
The Panorama Creative Music Summit continues on September 21 with Bennie Maupin, a jazz saxophonist who performed with Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock.

COVID-19 Protocols Ensure Student Safety

The COVID-19 update during College Council yesterday focused on BC's process of keeping the campus safe for those very few high-priority classes we're holding face-to-face. Students must check their temperature and fill out a questionnaire before they even come to campus, and they must wear a mask at all times. Students, faculty and staff must all fill out attestation forms for any business or activities conducted on campus.

The Maintenance and Operations team maintains a rigorous schedule of the courses available on campus at any given time to ensure the proper safety and sanitation measures are being met. There are also protocols in place for special "events" where classmates may need to drop off materials with their instructor.

Instructional Course Schedule – Day at a Glance



A document tracks every single class happening on campus each day

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our COVID-19 response team, we can proudly say that we have zero on-campus exposures to date. We all need to work together to demonstrate the importance of wearing masks, perform health checks on ourselves, and maintain a clean work area, especially as we approach cold and flu season.

Please plan on the Spring 2021 being primarily online. Cindy and Bill will keep monitoring and updating us if anything changes. But for now, I anticipate we will continue to be primarily remote.

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart distance, wash your hands, let's slow down the spread.

That's all for now. Until next time.

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