

ASC April 6 Meeting: COVID-19 related decisions and thoughts:

Resolution adopted by Contra Costa College Academic Senate Council on April 6, 2020 for SPRING 2020 Courses.

Whereas, the shelter-in-place order to combat the spread of COVID-19 has made it impossible for students to complete in-person lab hours as initially scheduled this Spring, 2020 semester; and

Whereas, the Contra Costa College Academic Senate Council (CCC ASC) recognizes that not all lab courses can provide adequate education and training for students when delivered in a completely remote format; and

Whereas, the CCC ASC commends the tireless work that all CCC faculty have done in this emergency to convert Spring 2020 courses to a remote format, endorses CCC's faculty's student-centered focus and efforts to ensure students have opportunity to meet their goals, and also champions faculty purview and each faculty member's expertise in their respective discipline; and

Whereas, the CCC ASC considers of utmost importance that course and program completions accurately represent, at minimum, the most essential objectives laid out in the course outlines of record;

Be it resolved that

The CCC ASC recommends that, in consultation with department chairs, and ASC and CIC members as needed, faculty who teach lab/performance/activity courses carefully analyze the course outline of record to determine the essential elements of the laboratory objectives and student learning outcomes for each course to determine if the course can be completed remotely for the Spring 2020 semester, and if it cannot, determine the exact content and in-person student lab time needed for adequate completion of the course; and

The CCC ASC recommends that clear, specific expectations and instructions for completion option(s) be provided to students well in advance of the May 15 withdraw deadline so that students can make the best choice for their educational goals.

The CCC ASC recommends that faculty teaching a lab/performance/activity course determined to be impossible to complete without additional in-person student lab hours continue to provide as much remote content as possible for students wishing to continue the course, prepare a specific plan for student completion of in-person lab hours, and that the

College administration work with and assist faculty in scheduling the necessary class components for a time after the shelter-in-place order has been lifted. (option 1)

The instructor prepares a specific plan for student completion of in-person lab hours during the course offering in a future semester, awards incompletes to those students, and makes plans to accommodate these additional students during future semester lab sessions (option 2)

The CCC ASC supports the decision of a department to immediately cancel a lab course determined to be impossible to complete without additional in-person student lab hours