

A Faculty Professional Development Academy

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West Los Angeles College | Fall 2016

Each year, West welcomes a group of outstanding new faculty to our academic community. **The Faculty Professional Development Academy: West Connect** includes events for new and tenure-track faculty to provide information and resources; opportunities to expand perspectives by interacting and exchanging ideas with peers; and workshops relating to practical topics, instructional strategies, and implications for teaching.

The events are intended primarily for new and tenure-track faculty, and all faculty are welcome to attend. According to our Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in Article 13.8.d. full time tenured faculty members are obligated contractually to serve in one committee. The participation of these faculty members in three events per semester organized by the Faculty Professional Development Academy, during their first year as probationary faculty, meets this contractual obligation. Faculty not using the Professional Development Academy to fulfill their committee obligation may use attendance to these workshops for Flex Credit.

Unless otherwise noted, workshops are scheduled on Fridays at 10 am.

Please RSVP to Mary-Jo Apigo at apigomj@wlaac.edu.

Welcome to West: An Overview

Office of Teaching & Learning | September 2 | 10:00 am-11:30 am | Winlock

Join us for an orientation to the campus. Meet with key people from campus areas including Distance Learning, the Learning Resource Center, and more. Learn about the various services offered and available resources on campus. An overview of LACCD Benefits will also be shared.

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Participatory Governance: The Importance of Getting Involved

Academic Senate and AFT Guild | September 16 | 10:00 am-11:30 am | Winlock

West's presidents of the AFT Chapter Guild and the Academic Senate will discuss the role of shared governance and opportunities for faculty to become involved at West. Faculty will choose which committees they plan to visit for their end-of-semester report to the group.

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Meet Your Mentor Social

Office of Teaching & Learning and Academic Affairs | September 16
| 11:30 am-12:30 pm | Winlock

Faculty mentors will meet the newly-hired tenure-track faculty to get to know each other and share advice about working at West.

District Academic Senate Summit

District Academic Senate | September 30 | 9:00 am-3:00 pm | LA City College

Join us for a District-wide meeting focused on student success, teaching and learning, and promising practices. The event is sponsored by the District Academic Senate.

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Things to Know During the Tenure Process

Recently-Tenured Faculty | October 14 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

Join a roundtable discussion with recently-tenured faculty who will share what they wish they knew during the tenure process. We will also review the AFT Agreement, Article 42, "Tenure Review and Evaluation."

Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSPS)

DSPS Office | November 18 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm | Winlock

Learn about the services that the DSPS Program offers for students who have special needs because of physical, communication, or learning challenges.

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Semester Wrap-Up

Office of Teaching & Learning | December 2 | 9:30 am-11:00 am
| HLRC-4CD

Faculty will share their experiences visiting various participatory governance committees.

Tenure-Track Faculty Social

West Administration | December 2 | 11:00 am-12:00 pm | HLRC-4B

Join us to recognize the completion of your semester at West. Tenure-track faculty, mentors, Division Chairs, and administrators are invited.