

Hello Faculty,

The Faculty Professional Development (FPD) Committee is excited to inform you of professional development opportunities and possible funding sources that may assist you in your ongoing professional development. This email contains a lot of important Professional Development information, so please save it for future reference.

- **Future Activities**

1. **It's back! Save the date** for the **2020 Faculty Retreat**:
March 6-8 at Avila Beach Lighthouse Suites.
Theme and registration information will follow.
2. **Cuesta FPD** (and FLEX) activities: We are currently working on the schedule for October Flex activities. Please stay tuned for more information.
3. **3CSN Regional Events**. See: <http://3csn.org/3csn-core-events-2019-20-be-in-community-with-3csn/>
4. **ASCCC Events**. See: <http://www.asccc.org/calendar/list/events>
5. **Guided Pathways Regional Meeting at Allan Hancock**:
See this [Registration link](#)

- **Funding Sources** for attending conferences and off-campus professional development

1. **Conference Funds**. The FPD Committee, through generous support from the Cuesta College Foundation, has \$8,500 to use for FPD in the 2019 / 2020 academic year. The FPD Committee has decided to award up to \$500 per applicant, dependent on availability of funds, to assist faculty in attending a conference. If there is any funding remaining it will be awarded to applicants on a first come first serve basis.

Applications will be accepted from October 14 (12 am) – October 17 (at 11 pm), 2019 and if the requests exceed the \$8500 we will use a random lottery. Applicants will be notified of their request status on October 18, 2019.

To apply for these funds, please review the [Funding Request Process Chart](#) and complete the [Faculty Professional Development Funding Request Form](#) which can be accessed from the [Professional Development Website](#). Email your completed form to the FPD Committee at email: cuestapd@cuesta.edu

Contact FPD Committee for more information. email: cuestapd@cuesta.edu

2. **Ask your Dean**. The Deans have access to various pots of money (i.e. student equity, student support and success, CTEA, their own budgets, etc.) that they

may be able to use to help fund your Professional Development. As the saying goes, it never hurts to ask.

Contact Your Dean for more information.

3. **Ask the VPAA.** If your Dean is unable to help fund your Professional Development, ask the VPAA. Like your Dean, the VPAA has access to various funds that may be used to help subsidize your Professional Development. Your Dean should be consulted first, then approach the VP.

Contact VPAA Office for more information. email [Melinda Weaver](mailto:Melinda.Weaver@cuesta.edu)

4. **President's Innovation and Motivational Fund (PIM).** The Cuesta Foundation provides the college President with a discretionary fund that can be used to help support Cuesta Employees' Professional Development. The application form is attached to this email. Please note the guidelines provided in the application form.

Contact President's Office for more information. email [Todd Frederick](mailto:Todd.Frederick@cuesta.edu)

- **Flex Activity Proposals**

If you have a great idea for a flex activity that you would like to present, please use the Faculty FLEX Proposal Form on the [Professional Development website](#).

- **Keep Updated**

For current information about Professional Development at Cuesta College, visit the Professional Development website at

https://www.cuesta.edu/about/depts/humanresources/Professional_Development.html

It is possible to navigate to this website from the Cuesta Home page by following:
About → Human Resources → Professional Development

If you have any questions about Faculty Professional Development, please email us at any time to cuestapd@cuesta.edu.

Sincerely,

The FPD Committee:

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