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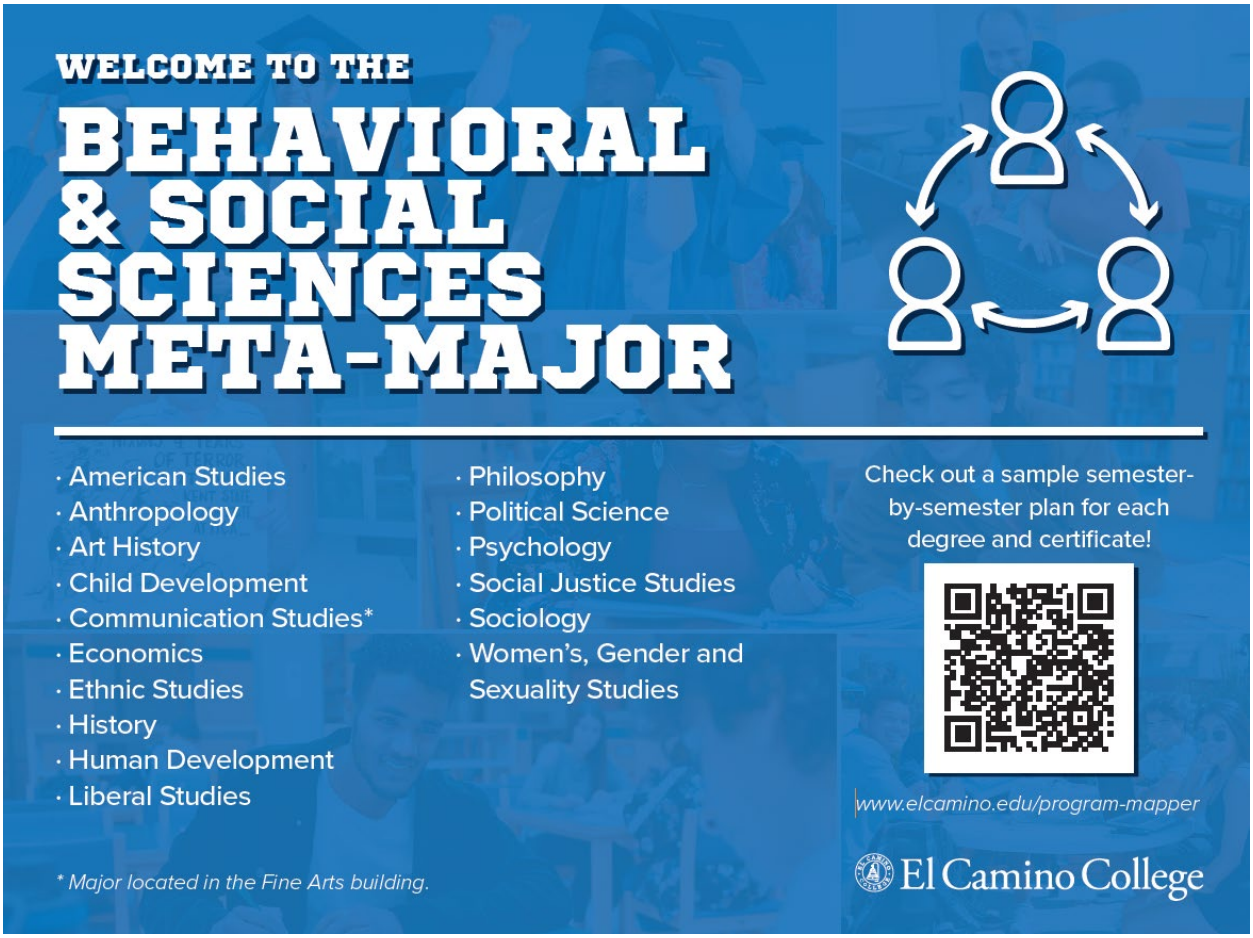
Announcements

- Yara Farah will be stepping back from the team
- We need to recruit a new data coach
- Reminder: Stipends have been phased out for all team members except the data coach and team lead
- Behavioral and Social Sciences Meta Major Posters are on their way (see below). We have ordered eight of these to post around the Social Sciences and Art buildings.



Discussion Items

California Community Colleges Zero Textbook Cost Program Grants

Mary McMillan presented an update on the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges' grants for planning and implementing zero textbook cost (ZTC) pathways to degrees. Most important for this is the new reporting requirements put forth by the state, which will hopefully ensure that we can gather more accurate and complete information on which materials are being used in our courses. This is necessary to prove that we actually have ZTC pathways, and to ensure that we keep them open. Crystal Martin is currently working on the reporting forms for this.

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In Phase 1, each college will get $20k for planning for ZTC development or implementation. In Phase 2, colleges can apply for up to $200k per ZTC program implemented. This will be a competitive grant process, and the application is due by the end of the Fall semester. In the newly announced Phase 3, each college will receive up to $180k to develop a work plan for ZTC program. The upshot is that El Camino College will likely receive close to $200k for developing and implementing ZTC pathways, and could receive more as part of the Phase 2 grant. As a condition for Phase 2 and 2 funding, we need:

- We need to be reporting the cost of each course (including textbook costs) to in the course listings
- To ensure accurate reporting (see previous paragraph)
- Ensure all OER materials are ADA compliant
- Ensure all OER materials are copyright compliant
- Prioritize classes with large enrollments
- Prioritize creating new pathways rather than copying existing pathways at other colleges
- Must share pathways/plans with all California Community Colleges and the California Open Library

Using this list, Mary has identified several potential degree pathways within BSS that might be eligible for funding (see table below).

Table 1: ZTC Pathways That Might Qualify for Funding

# of existing pathways	Majors	Colleges
0	Art History	NA
	Social Justice Studies	NA
	Ethnic Studies	NA
1	Economics	Saddleback
	Philosophy	Los Medanos
	Political Science	Saddleback
2	Anthropology	Glendale, Los Angeles Valley
	Child Development	Butte, Saddleback
	Childhood Education	College of the Canyons, Santa Monica
	Communication Studies	Los Angeles, Saddleback

Work Items

- Notify relevant departments about the possibility of receiving funding for developing ZTC pathways.
- Map Art History, Social Justice, and Ethnic Studies pathways, identify gaps using Mary's data
- Research existing pathways at other colleges for Economics, Political Science, and Philosophy to see if we can get funding for developing slightly different pathways
- Research certificate programs to see if there are any additional potential pathways