

Monday Message

April 12, 2021



President's Message

Dear all,

As you may be aware, the higher education budget was defeated in the Idaho House of Representatives last week. The budget now goes back to JFAC (the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee) and will be revised and then rerouted through the Senate and House. Ultimately, legislatively approved budgets must be signed by the Governor (see [how a bill becomes a law](#)). Until a budget is passed we don't know what will be available for CEC (despite the broader state-level approval, each agency budget must be approved), and what legislatively approved operating funds we will have for next year. LC State was well positioned in the budget that failed. It is likely that our positioning will not be as favorable as revisions are made. It is also likely that there will be intent language attached to the budget that addresses legislative concerns associated with social justice issues. We do not yet know when JFAC will reconsider the higher education budget – maybe sometime this week (see: <https://legislature.idaho.gov/lso/bpa/jfac>). The State Board of Education (SBOE) typically considers tuition/fee setting during its April meeting. Because of the delay in state budget setting, tuition/fees will not appear on the April 21-22 SBOE agenda. We do not yet know when the SBOE will take up the tuition/fee issue. The bottom line is that much remains unknown.

In other news as you can see from our COVID-19 dashboard, coronavirus protocols (face coverings, social distancing, enhanced cleaning, etc.) continue to help safeguard our campus community. I know we are all tired of living protocol-compliant lives. It is tedious, frustrating and even maddening at times. That said, stay the course Warriors. We are almost there – just two weeks until our LC State 2021 Spring Break!

I will close by personally thanking all who took advantage of our LC State – Public Health vaccine clinics these past two Fridays; as well as those who have already taken advantage of vaccine availability as per their eligibility (see below for ongoing vaccine availability). The less virus hosts available, the less chance for contagion spread and virus mutation; and the sooner we get our lives back.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.
President

Events

- **April 13 – Tuesdays at Two** – President Pemberton's Tuesdays at Two will continue through Zoom (<https://csc.zoom.us/j/861031866>). All are welcome to join the conversation. **Special Guest:** Human Resource Services.
- **April 23 – LC Connection** – [LC Connection](#), a preview event for prospective high school students, will be held on Friday, April 23. Please join the Admissions Office in welcoming these students to our campus by wearing LC State attire and your nametags. You may even consider a welcome sign in your office or lobby, providing giveaways that highlight your program, or adding a welcome slide to monitors in your buildings. Please contact the Admissions Office if you have any questions.
- **May 14 – Commencement** – LC State's 2021 [Commencement](#) ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 14, at Harris Field. [Read this letter sent to graduates \(PDF\)](#) for details.

Announcements

- **Coronavirus Updates & Risk Level:** For the latest coronavirus updates and information visit www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus. The page will continue to be updated with resources and FAQs. In accordance with its [Operational Levels](#), LC State's current risk level is: Minimal.
 - **Cases Update:** Currently there is **one** active case and **no** students in isolation in campus housing. The college has had **26** confirmed cases this spring. For the latest numbers visit the coronavirus webpage.
 - **Vaccine Availability:** Public Health - Idaho North Central District has opened vaccine availability to ages 16 and over. To schedule an appointment visit www.idahoprepmo.com or call 208-799-3100.
 - **Resources:** [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ \(PDF\)](#) now available.
 - **Cleaning Supplies:** If your office/building ever runs low on things like hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies, please let the Physical Plant know by sending a quick email to plant@lcsc.edu.
- **Registrar Position:** Ted Unzicker has been named LC State's registrar and began his position on April 5. He previously served as assistant registrar at the University of Idaho. Prior to this, he enjoyed a 25-year career in the U.S. Air Force and three of those years were spent as the department chair in Aerospace Studies for the University of Idaho and Washington State University.
- **Recruitment at LC State:** The Admissions Office is offering four segments on recruitment and enrollment. Here's the third installment:
 - After a student navigates the prospect/inquiry stage, the student enters the applicant stage. The steps to apply for admission are showcased in all official marketing pieces and mentioned in emails, postcards/letters, and texts/phone calls. Students have the option of applying online or submitting a paper application. Idaho high school seniors can apply using the State Board of Education's Apply Idaho application. This application allows students to apply to as many Idaho institutions as desired. To help students move to the admit phase, the Admissions Office contacts them about additional documentation needed for their file. Admissions communicates via physical mailings, emails, phone calls, and texts. Once all documents have been received and the application file is complete, admissions evaluates the student's file for tentative or full admission. Once admitted, the handoff to the Advising Center and divisions occur.
- **Professional Clothing Closet:** LC State students are getting great use of the Professional Clothing Closet and more donations are needed. The LC State Student Employment & Career Center is in need of men's and women's suits. Clothing currently accepted includes: full suits, suit jackets, slacks, professional shirts/blouses, professional skirts. Professional women's plus size attire is in high need. Interview-ready attire may be dropped off at the Student Employment & Career Center, SUB 202 or Call Makenzie Hollingsworth at 208-792-2550 to arrange on-campus pick up.
- **Week of the Young Child:** April 10-16 is officially the Week of the Young Child at Lewis-Clark State College. [Read President Pemberton's Proclamation \(PDF\)](#).

- **Advance Registration, April 12-15:** Advance Registration Week is here! Now is the time to reach out to advisees and students you see on campus to put this on their radar. Early registration is not only the best way for students to obtain their most ideal schedule, it is the best way for us to begin measuring the health of our fall enrollment. To help us celebrate Advance Registration week, all staff and faculty are encouraged to wear LC gear or LC colors during the week. For more information, visit www.lcsc.edu/registrar/student-information/register-for-classes. Help us make Advance Registration for fall 2021 our most successful week yet!
- **Volunteer for Commencement:** Volunteers are needed for LC State's three [commencement](#) ceremonies on May 14 at Harris Field. Those interested are asked to obtain supervisor approval and then reach out to Caroline Hatfield in the Office of the Provost at cshatfield@lcsc.edu or 208-792-2213.
- **Sexual Assault Awareness Month:** April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. There is a display in the SUB for the "What were you wearing" campaign. This is an art exhibit based on student-survivor descriptions of the clothes they were wearing during their sexual assault. The stories are collected from survivors and used with their permission. You will also notice teal ribbons placed around campus in an effort to raise awareness of sexual assault. Throughout the month, students will receive information about sexual assault, consent, resources, and how to support a friend as part of the all-student email they receive each Wednesday. Lastly, April 28 is Denim Day. Please join millions of people from across the world in support of survivors, and educate yourself and others about all forms of sexual violence (denimdayinfo.org). For more information on resources, support, or how to report a sexual assault, visit www.lcsc.edu/office-of-equity-inclusion-and-compliance.
- **HR Updates:** For Warrior Wellness and Professional Development opportunities [view this week's flyer](#).

