Workshops Begin in Early August

Professional Development welcomes you back for the Fall 2011 semester. This Flex booklet provides information regarding the August workshops, upcoming semester events and information about various professional development programs. We encourage you to explore the numerous offerings and take advantage of these opportunities.

• The official calendar start of Faculty Flex Week is Thursday, August 11th. The activities shown in this booklet are opportunities for Flex credit, with the exception of Institute Day Activities which is required for full-time faculty.

• Activities presented during the five Flex days, August 11th – 19th, provide opportunities for full-time and associate faculty to gather Flex credit hours to fulfill their Flex obligation. All college employees are invited to attend and participate.

The Professional Development Program is located in the Center for Excellence (Library 210). The Program’s assistant, Magian Smith, can be reached at (530) 895-2854. Carol Stanley-Hall, Physical Education faculty member, is serving as Faculty Professional Development Coordinator. Ruth Ann Hansen is the Classified Professional Development Coordinator and Jack Lemley the Management/Supervisory/Confidential (MSC) Coordinator. David Danielson provides the administrative leadership.

Year-round Activities

Year-round activities provide professional development and personal growth opportunities for Butte College employees. Although some workshops are designed for specific audiences, most workshops are open to all college employees.

Appreciating Expertise, Creativity & Effort

Many members of the Butte College community will make presentations this August. Their expertise, creativity, and effort are rewarded by your participation in their workshops. Please plan to attend and to earn your Flex hours. By participating in the August Flex Days, you say “thank you” to our volunteers. Their continued willingness to share with us is vital for the continuation of Professional Development.

Professional Development Calendar, Flex Booklet & Forms available at our website:

- Butte College Home page
- Departments/Programs/Services
- Professional Development
- Also accessible from MyBC
- Groups and Committees
- Professional Development – Faculty

The goal of the websites is to keep you informed and to be sustainable in our effort to provide information and share opportunities.

Updates and revisions to the August workshops will be reflected in RED in the August 2011 Calendar at a Glance and the Flex Booklet posted on the sites above.

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- Excellence
- Respect
- Diversity in Community
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Great Teachers
Aug. 8 - 10, Flex #1000
Location: Lake Oroville Golf & Event Center.
Tony Wren - 18 hours Flex
Three-day seminar attended by faculty and administrators with discussion focused on teaching and learning as well as instructional issues at the college. Pre-registration is required.

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Tuesday, August 9

Wednesday, August 10

The Culture of Safety – Flex # 305
10am – 11am  SSG-102
Phil Clark, Keenan and Associates
This training is a modified version of the Safety ‘Smorgy’ Training and will provide information on IIPP (Injury Illness Prevention Plan), proper lifting techniques, minimizing slip and fall injuries, and managing stress. All employees should attend. Please RSVP in advance to Professional Development at x2543.

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Associate Faculty Orientation & Updates – Flex # 7
5pm – 7:30pm  Chico Center (CHC) Rm. 108
Gail Peters and Penny Lillie
This session is developed primarily for new associate faculty. All associate faculty are welcome and can benefit from the workshop. Don’t miss a wonderful opportunity to gain critical information that can decrease new instructor stress! Your faculty colleagues will answer questions about your first semester at Butte College and provide information about record keeping, rosters, grades, and so on.

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The All Faculty Kick-Off Social will be held
Friday, August 26th. More info available at the All Faculty Meeting, Wednesday, August 17th.

Flex – Day 1

Thursday, August 11

Chair’s Retreat – Flex # 22
8:30am – 5pm  CHC 116
Stacey Bartlett
Department Chairs & Coordinators will meet for the day to prepare for the academic year.

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New Full-time Faculty Orientation – Flex # 5
9am – 3pm  CAS/LRC 223
Suzanne Gripenstraw & Laura Rapozo-Davis
Newly hired full-time faculty will meet with New Faculty Orientation leaders for an extended tour of the campus, lunch and discussion of issues pertinent to newly hired full-time faculty.

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Stimulating Critical Thinking in the Classroom
Flex # 100
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 243
Shaaron Vogel
We want our students to be good critical thinkers but how do we get them there? Critical thinking can be fun, intriguing, and provide a lifetime of “ahas”. Creating high-thinking opportunities can be easier than you think and make the classroom come alive. This will be a time to share your ideas and techniques and also hear about a few more to add to your tool bag.

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STEPS TO GET TO PRO DEV ON MYBC
1) Log on to MyBC as you would to retrieve class rosters
2) Go to the Groups/Committees drop down menu
3) Select Professional Development - Faculty
4) Click on the Faculty Flex Workshop or the Calendar At A Glance Box
5) That will show you the entire booklet. Revisions will be in red.

Butte College Professional Development  Fall 2011 Flex Week Activities  August 11 - 19, 2011
Forklift Training & Certification – Flex # 306
10am – 4pm ARTS 170
Facilities Planning & Management
This training is required for any employees that operate a forklift during the course of employment. This training will include both classroom and skills portion. Please RSVP in advance to Professional Development at x2543. Limited seating (10).

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Seven Best Practices for Student Success
Flex # 101
11am – 12:20pm MC 244
Dawn McConnell
We will be going over “workshop to classroom” instructional strategies to enhance student self-directed reading comprehension of texts and course materials. This workshop is specifically targeted for instructors in 1) Academic Transfer (Sciences, math, business, social and behavior sciences, humanities) 2) Career / Tech. With just a few adjustments to your instructional sequence you will see students learn to monitor their own study and reading of course materials. “Best Practices” puts an emphasis on student success by “scaffolding” the learning process. The workshop will cover how to incorporate pre-, post- and during reading techniques into your instructional bag of tricks.
Increased student efficacy in reading is the goal here!

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Navigating MyBC – Flex # 403
11am – 12:20pm TTC/CFE
TBA
Want to get the most out of MyBC? Don’t know where you find your pay advices or leave summary? Need to connect your email? Come to our MyBC Q&A session to discover the answers and so much more!

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Update Your PowerPoint Skills – All Levels Welcome! Flex # 400
12:30pm – 1:50pm TTC/CFE
Sharon Ewing
I will do a quick review of the basics, assessing what you are looking for, and move into assisting you. I can tailor the workshop to incorporate your needs to include movies and sound, links to websites or external documents, and how to make the presentation a web page.

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Overview of the Flex Calendar Program - Title 5 Regulations – Flex # 700
12:30pm – 1:50pm CFE
Carol Stanley-Hall
As Coordinator of the Faculty Professional Development Program and the Flexible Calendar Program, Carol will review the Title 5 language which allowed for Flexible Calendars state wide beginning in 1982-83. The numerous options available to meet the expectation of professional development, in lieu of classroom days, will be reviewed.

Strategic Initiative:
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The Spill – Deep Water Horizon Explosion in the Gulf – Flex # 102
2pm – 3:30pm (CHC 108)
Thomas Masterson
Long before the Deepwater Horizon explosion in the Gulf, BP was widely viewed as a company that valued deal-making and savvy marketing over safety, a "serial environmental criminal" that left behind a long trail of problems--deadly accidents, disastrous spills, countless safety violations--which many now believe should have triggered action by federal regulators. Could the spill have been prevented? Through interviews with current and former employees and executives, government regulators, and safety experts, FRONTLINE correspondent Martin Smith joins with the investigative non-profit ProPublica to examine the trail that led to the disaster in the Gulf. From BP's vast oil fields in Alaska to its refineries in Texas and its trading rooms in New York and London, the film raises new questions about whether BP's corporate culture will finally be forced to change.

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TMI Symposium - New Tools for a New Era
Technology Mediated Instruction (TMI) Flex# 250
8:30am – 3pm  LRC 1st Floor
David Danielson, Dave Stephens, Chris Palmarini & Dan Barnett.
Please join TMI and your faculty colleagues as we focus on the new features, tools, and strategies for using Blackboard 9 to best serve our students. As with past Symposium events, an emphasis will be placed on faculty sharing their experiences and best practices. With the recent upgrade to Bb 9, there is much to share and learn! TMI staff will also present on the subject of assessing appropriate levels of Bb usage for our campus’ diverse student population. All Faculty Invited. http://www.butte.edu/tmi/events.html
Also, may contact Jane Alt for more information at 530-879-4077; altja@butte.edu

Visit a Sustainable Home – Flex # 103
3pm – 5pm, meet in the CFE
Tip Wilmarth
Meet at the Center for Excellence at 3pm to carpool over to Tip’s home for a tour of his “off the grid” sustainable home.
Please RSVP to Magian Smith at smithma@butte.edu.
Limited to the first 25.

Creative Teaching Strategies for the Millennial Generation – Flex #103
9am – 4pm  Chico Center 107
Michelle Deck
Seeking new and creative ideas to breathe new life into some tired content? This program is full of the latest and greatest ways to engage and involve learners when teaching critical content in fun and creative ways. In this session, examine what is of value and importance to millennial learners and how those values can sometimes be in conflict with those who are of older generations. Gain a deeper understanding of how this generation reacts to differing situations. Learn the 7 things that members of the Millennial Generation want from those who teach and manage them. Lunch Provided.
About Michelle Deck, RN, Med, BSN, LCCE, FACCE: Michele Deck, an internationally renowned presenter, author, and educator is the co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of G.A.M.E.S., a company that provides seminars for any organization, specializing in adult learning and interactive teaching methods. She is also CEO of Tool Thyme for Trainers, a company she founded that supplies the most innovative and creative presentation tools available to educators worldwide. Michele is known for her innovative teaching methods in the field of health care education and training. Space is limited to 60 people. Please RSVP to 879-9049 or OldTr@Butte.edu.

Coffee’s On Us – Flex # 701
7:30am – 9:20am  Center for Excellence
Carol Stanley-Hall, Jack Lemley, Ruth Ann Hansen, David Danielson, and Magian Smith
Start the semester off right! Drop by the Center for Excellence (CFE) for coffee and conversation.

Club Advisors’ Meeting and Breakfast – Flex # 200
9:30am – 11am  SS-F New Time & Location
Kelly Munson and Yvette Zuniga
Join advisors from all the clubs to network and get important club updates. This meeting is strongly recommended for all club advisors. Please RSVP to Kelly Munson at x2945.

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Magic in the Classroom – Flex # 104  
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 243  
Steve Hall  
This workshop is an introduction to active learning and its potential for increasing student learning. Active learning refers to learning activities that engage students in the use of “higher-order” thinking skills. Practical examples will be shared and the basics of designing your own activities will be presented. See if it will work for you and your students.  
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Admissions & Records: Services provided to Students and Faculty – Flex# 202  
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 244  
Clinton Slaughter  
This workshop was ranked high as an area needed in the recent Faculty Flex Survey. Clinton, the Director of Admissions and Records (A & R) will provide an overview of the A & R operations and services as well as address the compliance aspect of Title 5. An opportunity for questions will be available.  
Strategic Initiative:  
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What Computers (still) Cannot Do – Flex # 105  
11am – 12:20pm  MC 248  
Ric Machuga  
In 1950, Alan Turing predicted that in the year 2000 computers will be able to match human’s linguistic abilities. By the 70s and 80s Artificial Intelligence was said to be “just around the corner.” Yet, we are well into the new millennium and computers are nowhere near AI as defined by Turing’s famous test. With Watson’s (a computer) Jeopardy victory, the hype has begun anew. A recent cover of Time magazine proclaims—2045: The Year man Becomes Immortal—(i.e., humans will be able to download “themselves” onto a computer. Come hear why 2045 will also be a big bust.  
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Learning Styles: What They are & What They Mean for Teachers – Flex # 106  
11am – 12:20pm  MC 247  
Jason Reisinger  
This workshop will cover learning styles, the implications they have for students and their study strategies, and teachers and their teaching strategies. Come find out your learning style and how it may affect your teaching.  
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Exploring Google Docs – Flex # 402  
11am – 12:20pm  TTC/CFE  
David Welton  
Google Docs offers powerful free tools for word processing, spreadsheets and presentation (similar to Word, Excel and PowerPoint). Documents are stored on Google servers and accessible to by any online computer. Google Docs fosters collaboration by allowing files to be simultaneously edited by multiple users.  
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ASK ME Project - Flex # 368  
Monday, August 22 to Tuesday, August 23  
Carrie Grahlman  
Help students find their way around campus during the first couple days of class. Sign up to work a one-hour shift at one of the three information stations:  
- Business Education building  
- Bus Stop  
- Learning Resource Center  
Earn flex credit and be entered to win one of two $25 gift cards to Food Services for volunteering!  
Contact Carrie at 893-7550; grahlmanca@butte.edu

Multi-Tasking: Myth or Reality?  
Flex # 107  
12:30pm – 1:50pm  MC 248  
Mark Hall  
Despite what our students claim, a Stanford University study suggests that human thinking is actually ill-suited to media multitasking; we're not very good at doing too many things at once. And we're more accurate and more attentive when we choose to engage in things selectively, even just slowly. The Stanford experiments found that “heavy media multitaskers” were slower and
Pathways to Success: Mentor Information Session
Flex # 1500
2pm – 3:20pm  MC 248
Angela Kraemer, Ann Shannon, & Miya Squires
Let us help you promote student success. Come and learn about our faculty/student community building project. Hear about the experiences of your colleagues who are mentors. All who are interested in mentoring will enjoy the helpful information available at this workshop. Refreshments will be served.
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CalPASS – Flex # 352
2pm – 3:20pm  MC 243
Les Jauron
This data tracking system enables faculty and staff to have access to a wide variety of data sets at the institution, discipline, and course level as well as the ability to track student outcomes from K-12 through the university. Participants in this workshop will learn how to use the CalPASS smart tool to customize data to meet their specific needs and will be provided with a password to use CalPASS.
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STRS/Retirement Information – Flex # 300
2pm – 3:20pm  MC 247
Howard Ferguson, STRS Counselor
Learn the fundamentals of retirement at this workshop. Please RSVP to smithma@butte.edu

*Individual STRS appointments are also available:
Monday, August 15, 10am – 1pm, SAS 327.
Tuesday, August 16, 1pm – 4pm, SAS 327.
Wednesday, August 17, 9am – 1pm, SAS 374.
Thursday, August 18, 2pm – 5pm, SAS 327.
Friday, August 19, 9am – 12pm, SAS 327.

*Contact Rosemarie Newcomb at 530-225-0203 for an individual appointment. All appointments will be held on the third floor of the Students & Administrative Services (SAS) building. Call soon, appointments go quickly.

Light refreshments will be provided for workshops on the 2nd floor of the Media Center. Enjoy!
BUTTE COLLEGE MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Help Make a Difference in your community by volunteering for Make A Difference Day 2011!
- Have your class or club adopt a project
- Inform your students how they can earn a unit of credit through IDST 94
- Assist in soliciting donations and materials

Watch for more details to come!

Restrepo – One Platoon, One Valley, One Year
Flex # 108
2pm – 3:20pm  CHC 108
  Thomas Masterson
  “Restrepo is a feature-length documentary that chronicles the deployment of a platoon of U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan’s Korengal Valley. The movie focuses on a remote 15-man outpost, “Restrepo,” named after a platoon medic who was killed in action. It was considered one of the most dangerous postings in the U.S. military. This is an entirely experiential film: the cameras never leave the valley; there are no interviews with generals or diplomats. The only goal is to make viewers feel as if they have just been through a 90-minute deployment. This is war, full stop. The conclusions are up to you.” After a short break, members of the group will discuss the presentations.

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3. Valuing a Culture of Learning

Revolution in Cairo – Flex # 109
3:30pm – 5pm  CHC 108
  Thomas Masterson
  FRONTLINE dispatches teams to Cairo, going inside the youth movement that helped light the fire on the streets. We follow the April 6 Youth Movement, which two years ago began making a bold use of the Internet for their underground resistance--tactics that led to jail and torture for many of their leaders. Now, starting with the "Day of Rage," we witness those same leaders plot strategy and head into "Liberation Square" to try to bring down President Hosni Mubarak. Also in this hour, veteran Middle East correspondent Charles Sennott of GlobalPost lands in Cairo for FRONTLINE to take a hard look at Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood--the most well-organized and powerful of the country's opposition groups--as a new fight for power in Egypt begins to take shape.

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Academic Senate Retreat – Flex # 25
4pm – 8pm  Off Campus
  President Kenneth Bearden
  The Academic Senate will meet to prepare for the upcoming academic year, establish Senate goals and to orient the new senators.

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Flex Day 4
Tuesday, August 16

Faculty Department Meetings – Flex # 902
8am – 10:45am  Various Locations
  Chairs and coordinators will inform faculty of locations and times. These meeting times are held open for department meetings required of full-time faculty. Individual departments may choose alternate meeting times.

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Club Advisors’ Meeting and Luncheon – Flex # 200
Rescheduled to Mon. 8/15 See Page 5.
  Kelly Munson and Yvette Zuniga
  Join advisors from all the clubs to network and get important club updates. This meeting is strongly recommended for all club advisors. Please RSVP to Kelly Munson at x2945.

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Making Teaching & Learning Fun Again
Flex # 110
11am – 12:20pm  MC 243
  Christina Barber
  This workshop will include a Students FIRST presentation:
  First Day Exercises
  Interactive teaching techniques
  Results and effectiveness
  Share and discuss
  Teaching excellence and inspiration

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The Israeli “New Historians” – Flex # 111
11am – 12:20pm  MC 248
Jeff Crawford
Israeli historians over the last 20 or so years have challenged the traditional narrative of Israeli survival in the face of the Arab onslaught.... For more info go to the Wikipedia site for new historians to see basic arguments.

Strategic Initiatives:
3. Valuing a Culture of Learning

Is a Gluten Free Diet Right for You? Health Benefits of Vitamin D – Flex # 500
11am – 12:20pm  MC 247
June Gnass
Come and find out why so many people have a sensitivity to gluten, symptoms of gluten sensitivity & celiac disease will be reviewed, as well as testing information along with benefits of gluten free eating and how to remove gluten from the diet. The importance of vitamin D will be reviewed with a review of the latest research.

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Faculty/Staff Rights & Student Due Process – Flex # 201
12:30pm – 1:50pm  MC 244
Al Renville
Student discipline problems are on the increase, and the number of student appeals and complaints have gone up dramatically. What you don’t know about your rights and student due process can cause both you and the student unnecessary problems. Topics of discussion will include:
- What constitutes disruption?
- Can you suspend a student?
- How do you report an incident?
- What records do you need to keep?
- What key elements should be in your syllabus?

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What is the Future (If Any) of Nuclear Energy? – Flex # 112
12:30pm – 1:50pm  MC 243
Michael Panunto
Nuclear energy currently provides Americans one-fifth of their electrical energy needs. Most Americans appreciate its benefits, but are preoccupied with images of mushroom clouds and genetic mutations.

Catastrophes at Chernobyl and Fukushima merely complicate the problem. Nuclear power can provide abundant energy for the future, but will this only happen if Americans can accept a whole new approach to reactor design, utility regulation, waste disposal, and fuel reprocessing. This workshop will examine the costs and benefits of nuclear power with emphasis placed on new designs and new ways of handling waste and new approaches to preventing proliferation.

Strategic Initiatives:
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Learning Community Projects – Learn More!
Flex # 113
12:30pm – 1:50pm  MC 248
Kelly Fredericks
Interested in learning communities? If you have not previously participated in a learning community, this workshop will provide general information about the program. If you are a veteran participant, this workshop is also for you because we have new projects! Come learn about the ButteCLIP inquiry project and book in common confluence links; plus, we will discuss innovative approaches to interdisciplinary learning.

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“Succeeding Together – 2012”
The five strategic initiatives provide the basis for our strategic direction. These initiatives were developed using the Appreciative Inquiry (AI) process in January 2007. The initiatives shape Butte College’s strategic direction by serving as the lens through which our processes will be viewed. Professional Development has aligned August Flex Workshop offerings with the five strategic initiatives.

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MetLife/Long Term Care
Flex # 302
12:30pm – 1:50pm MC 247

Mike Murphy, MetLife Resources Financial Services
What is Long-Term Care? Why should a Long-term Care policy be part of a retirement plan? These are a few of the questions that will be answered during this workshop covering the Butte College multi-life, Long-Term Care discount program.

Strategic Initiatives:
3. Valuing a Culture of Learning

Hot Off the Press: The Latest on the Budget and Legislation at the State Level
Flex # 306
12:30pm – 1:50pm MC TBA

Jonathan Lightman FACCC Executive Director
Things change so quickly at the state level and staying informed is difficult. FACCC works our fellow Academic Senate leaders, state union leaders, and the Chancellor’s Office to advocate for community colleges, our students, and faculty. Jonathan has his finger on the pulse of the legislation, the latest on the budget news, pension reform legislation and much more. Come get engaged and informed on the news from Sacramento.

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Safe Zoning Training. Are you an LGBTQ Ally?
Flex # 353
1pm – 5pm MC 253

Aydin Kennedy
A faculty or staff ally is someone who is supportive of and educated about issues that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning students in the classroom. This Safe Zone training, modeled on the national Safe Zone program in schools, is meant to identify a network of concerned, empathetic, and knowledgeable LGBTQ allies at Butte College. Upon completion of the training, participants will be asked to post a Safe Zone placard in their office. (We have solutions for adjuncts with no permanent office, too!) Because we believe true allies must also have some training on LGBTQ issues, it isn’t possible to get the placard without attending the training. Please join us!

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The Ancient Maya and December 21st, 2012
PART ONE – Flex # 114
2pm – 3:20pm LRC 109

Mike Findlay
A great deal of buzz has been circulating over the last few years regarding the assumed end of time (or great transformation) date of December 21st, 2012. Some writers, such as John Major Jenkins and others, claim that the ancient Maya isolated this date as cosmically significant—as either a catastrophic end of time or a great transition to a new golden age. These ideas, mostly from western traditions, are not new. This discussion will be organized for a general audience and will focus on the ideas of Theosophy, Karl Jung, recent “New Age” writers and others, in terms describing recurring appeals to ancient peoples to fill perceived spiritual gaps in our modern context. I will also mention actual Maya texts gleaned from monuments, ceramics, and books to test what the ancient Maya can and cannot tell us.

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Employee Orientation
Join Professional Development for the comprehensive orientation program that covers everything you need to know about Butte College departments and services. This four-part program is chalk-full of valuable information, even if you’ve been working here for a while! The District would like to see EVERY employee go through this orientation. Keep an eye on District Announcements for the schedule of half-day workshops.

Professional Development Programs
IACs – Individual Activity Contracts
Partnerships
Learning Groups
Learn more about these programs by referring to page 19 of this Flex Booklet.
Sustainability Curriculum: How to Painlesslly Add Sustainability into your Classes – Flex # 115
2pm – 3:20pm  MC 243
Cheryl Battles
Butte College is a national leader in sustainability in terms of our facilities, and we are striving to do the same in our curriculum. For those who want to incorporate sustainability (and systems thinking) into their courses but don’t want to take on the huge amount of work that creating new curriculum requires, we’ve put together a bunch of resources. Join us to discuss where those resources are, how to access them, navigate through them, and to see how others have applied sustainability successfully to their courses. Readings, class activities, outside assignments and assignment arcs – as well as the possibility of learning communities and cross-disciplinary projects – will be reviewed in the service of seamless integration of sustainability.

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Light refreshments will be provided for workshops on the 2nd floor of the Media Center. Enjoy!

Microsoft Office Round Table – Flex # 404
2pm – 3:20pm, TTC/CFE
Kasey Crosby and Sandy Sloan
Have a question about Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, or Outlook, but don’t know who to ask? Come to the Microsoft Office Round Table and bring those questions with you! We’ll be hosting an open forum and let You run the show. What’s new in 2010, how do I insert a table in Word, how do I create an equation in Excel, how do I insert sound in PowerPoint? The possibilities are endless!

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Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CSSE) – Flex # 354
2pm – 3:20pm  MC 244
Les Jauron
In Spring 2011 Butte College administered the CCSSE for the second time. Participants in this workshop will discuss the 2011 Butte College CCSSE results and their possible implications.

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VALIC 403B & 457 – Flex # 303
2pm – 3:20pm, MC 248
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Peer Evaluator Training:
Newly Tenured – Plan to Attend
Flex # 304
2pm – 4pm  MC 247
Kam Bull, David Danielson, & Jan McKissick
Evaluator training is mandated by faculty contract once a full-time faculty member reaches tenure. The training session must take place before a newly-tenured instructor serves on an evaluation team for a colleague, and the workshop also serves as a good review of the evaluation process for any instructor or administrator.

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Campus Location Key

Butte College is the national leader in sustainability in Community Colleges www.butte.edu/sustainability
New Curriculum Members – Flex # 903.1
1pm – 2pm  LB 106
Boyd Trolinger – Curriculum Chair
An Opportunity for new Curriculum Committee Members to receive orientation.

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CurricUNET Training for All – Flex # 903.2
2pm – 3pm  LB 106
Boyd Trolinger – Curriculum Chair
This is an opportunity for all faculty members to attend and receive updated CurricUNET training.

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Curriculum Committee Retreat – Flex # 903
3pm – 5pm  LB 105
Boyd Trolinger – Curriculum Chair
The Curriculum Committee will meet and review the goals for the upcoming year.

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Chemical Hygiene Basics: An Introduction to Safety Regulations and Safe Chemical Handling Practices in the Educational Laboratory – Flex# 308
6pm – 9pm  PS 131
Tony Wren
This introductory course is required for all who use chemicals in instructional laboratory settings (science instructors and support personnel). If you have not attended a Butte College Chemical Hygiene Basics course before, and work in an instructional laboratory, this class is for you.

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Wednesday, August 17

Institute Day

- Full-time Faculty are required to attend Institute Day 2pm to 8pm.
- Associate Faculty are invited and encouraged to attend the President’s Introduction at 2pm ARTS 160.
- Additional Associate Faculty workshops are available this day.

Book in Common, “Zeitoun” – Flex # 110
12pm – 1:30pm MC 243
Suzanne Grienstraw

Zeitoun is a nonfiction book written by Dave Eggers and published by McSweeney’s in 2009. It tells the story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, the Syrian-American owner of a painting and contracting company in New Orleans who chose to ride out Hurricane Katrina in his Uptown home. After the storm he traveled the flooded city in a secondhand canoe rescuing neighbors, caring for abandoned pets and distributing fresh water.

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President’s Introduction & Vice President’s Updates
Flex # 10
2pm – 3pm ARTS 160

Institute Breakout – Flex # 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5
3:15pm – 4:30pm ARTS building

4:30pm – 8:00pm
# 20 – Dinner, All Faculty Meeting, &
# 904 – Department Meetings

Locations TBA

Specific details of Breakout topics and evening activities will be provided in early August.

Associate Faculty Workshops on Institute Day

Take a Tour and Identify Campus Resources for Students and Faculty – Flex # 363
9am – 10:50am, CFE
Wendy Brown
Butte College has amazing resources to help both you and your students. Learn what and who is where. You’ll learn where to get a free TB test; where a student can get a tutor; how to put books on reserve; and where to acquire book loans, résumé training and transfer information. Join Wendy Brown for a campus tour to address your questions-and those your students are likely to have!

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Associate Faculty Orientation (Repeat)
Flex # 7.1 11am - 1:30pm MC 244
Gail Peters & Penny Lillie
This session is developed primarily for new associate faculty. Don’t miss a wonderful opportunity to gain critical information that can decrease new instructor stress! Your faculty colleagues will answer questions about your first semester at Butte College and provide information about record keeping, rosters, grades, and so on.

MSC Professional Development Activities
Every Month at the Managers Meeting
Opportunities to enhance job skills, expand campus knowledge, and increase productivity

Crisis Response/Disaster Preparedness, Conducting Effective Evaluations, Risk Management, Leadership Skills, and more

Butte College Professional Development Fall 2011 Flex Week Activities August 11 - 19, 2011
Flex Day 5  
Thursday, August 18

Academic Senate Forum – Flex # 900  
9:30am – 12pm  AHPS 118 A&B

  Kenneth Bearden, Academic Senate President  
The Senate will keep you informed about critical academic and professional issues. Emeritus Faculty will be honored. Plan to attend!

    Strategic Initiative:  
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BCEA Luncheon - Flex # 901  
12pm – 1:50pm  AHPS 118 A&B

  Mario Vela – BCEA President  
Faculty are invited to a luncheon with BCEA representatives. At the lunch, union leaders will give an update on “what’s new.”

    Strategic Initiative:  
    1. Inspiring Passion through Collaboration

Will We Be Wisconsin? Budget, Pension and Union Issues Statewide and National – Flex # 901.1  
2pm – 2:50pm  AHPS 118

  Jan McKissick, Shaaron Vogel, Dorinda Salvo and Alan Frey  
Now is not the time to sit back and not participate!! Unions are under siege in many states. Wisconsin and Florida have passed laws that effect unions of all types not just teachers (police, nurses, state organizations etc). What is happening in California? There are several bills that can affect our pensions/benefits and there are some in the legislature in the same mind frame as Wisconsin. We need to know what is happening and how the budget is impacting our colleges, students and unions. If unions lose their rights to negotiate we would lose our tenure and hiring process, evaluation process, grievance process, ability to decide the calendar, the 20 school average for wage and much more. Learn how the Academic Senate and BCEA work together to ensure the role of faculty on our campus and protect us.

    Strategic Initiatives:  
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So You Think You Know Your DSPS Student?  
Flex # 203  
2pm – 2:50pm  SAS 237

  Carol Oba-Winslow  
Trouble remembering what you’ve just read? Accident or illness that has changed your life? Trouble in one class while doing well in others? Often the last student finished taking a test? Do any of the students in your classes exhibit any of the above? This is an overview about Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). Find out how a student qualifies for services, reasonable classroom accommodations and how they’re implemented.

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Student Issues/Disruptive Behavior  
What to Do and Who to Call! – Flex # 204  
3pm – 4:30pm  AHPS 123

  Sgt. Doug Sloan, Butte College Police
  Maureen Hernandez, Butte College MFT Mental Health Specialist  
We have been seeing a marked increase in the number of students who act out in the classroom setting or are exhibiting mental health issues. This training is designed to inform Faculty on what to do, who to call and most importantly when to call for assistance with disruptive students. Early intervention is the key: It is vital that College Police and Student Services are notified of behavioral issues in the classroom.

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Diversity Committee Meeting – Flex # 350  
3pm – 4:30pm  AHPS 113

  Ayse Taskiran  
The mission of the Butte College Diversity Committee is to promote and foster a diverse, inclusive, and safe community. This meeting is open to all who are passionate about diversity issues and would like make a change on campus and the community.

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Classified Professional Development Week  
Coming to a classroom near you! Spring 2012  
Spring workshops for Classified Employees  
Watch District Announcements in January for topics, dates, times and locations!
Progressive Pilates – Flex # 501
8am – 9:20am  GYM 113
Dtim Chiraporn
An invitation to an hour and 30 minutes of Progressive Pilates workout utilizing mat and small tools such as stability balls, foam rollers, hand weights and resistance bands to energize, revive, stretch and strengthening your body muscles and mind - a unique opportunity not to be missed to discover the power within you!

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Fitness Center Open House -
Flex # 506
9:30am – 10:50am  GYM 117
Jim Lauer
Faculty and Staff are invited and encouraged to workout in the Fitness Center/Health Club on Campus. All you need to do is sign a liability waiver. Drop-in and check it out as you plan your work-out schedule for the semester!

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Female Body Modification Practices – Flex # 502
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 244
Jeanne Thatcher
Content: An examination of female body modification practices worldwide, including historical perspectives, methods, health and psychological impacts, social pressure, female participation. From female circumcision to cosmetic surgery and starving to be thin, many of these practices can have devastating consequences. The constant efforts and preoccupation of millions of women, worldwide, to conform to body altering techniques and practices become obsessions, the worst consequences of which effect a nation’s children.

Questions will be asked regarding why women, particularly, subject themselves to such practices and why cultures demand such sacrifices. Further questions include - What is wrong with women's bodies in the first place that require them to change their bodies in order to be accepted in society, and what can be done about the problem?

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The Ancient Maya and December 21st, 2012
PART TWO – Flex # 117
9:30am – 10:50am  LRC 109
Mike Findlay
This discussion is a follow up to part one of the Maya enigma (given earlier in the week). I will focus on the more technical aspects of Maya texts as a way of testing the claims of New Age writers associated with the end of time/great transition scenarios. This discussion will involve some understanding of the Maya ‘Long Count’ calendar, Maya writing, and archaeo-astronomy. I certainly don’t expect folks to be experts, but some familiarity with these areas of inquiry will enhance the discussion.

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Faculty Blackboard Demos – Flex # 405
9:30am – 10:50am  TTC/CFE
John Blachley
This workshop is for faculty and Blackboard staff to help other faculty tweak their courses. Faculty who have developed their courses under the new Blackboard will give demonstrations on specific items such as “Gradebook” and “Safe Assignment”.

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Helping Students to Acquire Research Skills
Flex # 116
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 243
Louise Lee
Are you tired of your students’ low quality research papers? Most students have no research skills when they come to college. As an instructor, you are in the best position to help your students acquire research skills – a critical skill for college success and lifelong learning. In this workshop, we will discuss creating effective research-based assignments; show you the newly developed bibliographic instruction video clips that you can use in your class of embed them in Blackboard; and present useful resources and tools for building research skills.

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Parliamentary Debate Seminar – Flex # 119  
9:30am – 10:50am  LRC 137  
Stephen Ban  
Parliamentary debate is loosely based on the British model of parliament, with a bit of US-American academic debate style (such as the specific “flowing” of arguments) thrown in. This 90-minute seminar will provide perspective in the following areas:  
- Format of Parliamentary debate.  
- Roles of each debater including specific terminology.  
- Instruction on how to “flow” a debate  
- Guidelines for judging, evaluating arguments and providing feedback.  
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Learning and the Brain – Flex # 118  
9:30am – 10:50am  MC 247  
Monica Brown  
Recent brain research in the fields of neuroscience, psychology, and education has given validity to the idea that learner-centered instruction enables students to retain and recall information at a much better rate than traditional approaches to teaching. In this workshop, you will review key findings in the field of educational neuroscience, you will explore a variety of “neuromyths” and their relevance to teaching, and you will develop a promising list of teaching strategies and activities that will promote student learning in your classroom.  
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Brain-Friendly Instruction – Flex # 120  
11am – 12:20pm  MC 247  
Kathleen Turner  
When it comes to student engagement in the classroom, education is not a spectator sport! In this workshop, you will learn specific research-based principles for brain-friendly instruction that facilitate student learning. You will experience structures and strategies that will enable you to better engage the brains in your classroom—both your students’ and your own!  
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Use of Data Available to Support Faculty  
Flex # 406  
11am – 12:20pm  MC 248  
Les Jauron  
This workshop will describe the data that is available to support faculty and participants will discuss ways this data can be used to generate dialogue to improve institutional effectiveness as well as future data collection needs.  
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Butte’s Virtual Library: We Never Close! Flex # 121  
11am – 12:20pm, LB 206  
Morgan Brynman  
Did you know that most of the same services offered in person at the Library are also available online any time of the day or night? Did you know that 99% of our newspapers, journals and magazines are available online? Or that 31% of our books are available to read online? Learn about 24/7 Live Chat Reference Services, scheduling a research instruction session tailored to your class, requesting books or articles not held by the library, online tutorials, types of databases available, search tips, Google Scholar’s partnership with Butte and much more.  
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African American Mill Workers of Quincy
Flex # 122
11am – 12:20pm  TBA
    Jeff Crawford
The African American mill Workers of the Quincy Lumber Company 1926-55
1. Great Migration history - millions of African Americans leave the South for better opportunities (1914 to 1950s). Overwhelmingly these histories focus on major industrial cities of the North and Midwest. Fewer concern western cities like L.A., the Bay Area, and Seattle. Nearly nothing exists on small western towns that were part of the Great Migration (except my history...)
2. Small town race relations are different from big cities: shared spaces - jobs, schools, stores, etc.... In Quincy shared community space bred familiarity AND good paying jobs during the Great Depression combined for a rather positive evolution of a multi-racial community.

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Facility Use Requests – Flex # 304
1:30pm – 2:50pm  MC 243
    Christie Lee
If you’re planning an event on campus, this workshop will introduce the facility use request process to help identify what forms you need to complete and who you will need to connect with. This workshop will also go over the requirements needed on a facility use application. Please RSVP in advance to Professional Development at x2543.

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Lockdown and Evacuation: What to Expect, What is Expected of You – Flex # 205
1:30pm – 2:50pm  CFE
    Casey Carlson, Butte College Chief of Police
If you hear “Lockdown, Lockdown, Lockdown,” what do you do? What is your role in an emergency? In an emergency, your students will be looking to you for guidance. This workshop will familiarize you with Butte College’s lockdown and evacuation procedures as well as prepare you for what may occur during and after a lockdown or evacuation. Workshop outcomes:
1) Gain familiarization with policy and procedures.
2) Gain knowledge of why we do what we do in an emergency.
3) Increase campus safety by preparing Faculty to deal with an emergency on campus.

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Student Professionalism – Flex # 123
1:30pm – 2:50pm  MC 247
    Teresa Ward
Are your students arriving late to class? Texting under their desks? Using inappropriate language? Unable to disconnect from social networking long enough to do their homework? You are not alone. Across the country, instructors are noticing the same phenomenon. These ideas can be adapted for use in many learning situations in which instructors would like to positively influence student behavior. Focusing on encouraging professionalism (a positive) rather than discouraging annoying behaviors (a negative), instructors help students shift their behaviors in a positive direction.

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Faculty Flex Calendar Basics
Fall 2011

The August 2011 Flex Workshops “Calendar at A Glance” was distributed to all employees May 2011. The Flex Booklet, which includes workshop descriptions and professional development program information, is available on-line in two locations.

- Butte College Home page
  Departments/Programs/Services
  Professional Development
- MyBC
  Groups and Committees
  Professional Development – Faculty

The purpose of the college’s Flexible Calendar
The Community College Flexible Calendar Program allows a college to use up to 15 classroom days (out of the mandated 175) for faculty participation in developmental activities related to “staff, student and instructional improvement” (Title 5, section 55720). The Flexible Calendar Program is a component of the college’s overall Professional Development overall program for faculty and staff.

Butte’s 11 Flex Days
Butte College has agreed to take eleven days of the state-mandated 175 instructional days, as Flexible Calendar Days. Six (6) in fall and five (5) in the spring. The state average for flexible calendar days is six.

Butte College:
- 164 instructional days + 11 days flex = 175 Days.
- 6 hours = 1 Flex day - Determined by the Board
- 11 X 6 = 66 hour Flex Obligation

Institute Days (2) and Flex days (11)
Two days, Institute Day Fall & Spring, bring the total to the 177 day Butte College faculty contract. Full-time faculty have a contractual obligation to attend Institute Day.

Flex Calendar Record Keeping
Sign-in on Flex Workshop Attendance Forms
The college is required to accurately track and account for those flex hours for which we are paid in lieu of instructional time.

Full-time Faculty: Full-time faculty’s hours are tracked and recorded by the Professional Development Office. Sixty-six hours (66) for the academic year. Your name and signature on the workshop attendance sheets, verifies your participation.

A summary of individual full-time faculty Flex hours will be mailed inner campus several times each semester. Please make corrections and updates at that time and return to the Professional Development Office.

At the end of the academic year, a report of all full-time faculty flex hours is submitted to the Vice President for Learning and Economic Development.

Associate Faculty: Associate faculty’s flex opportunity/obligation is determined by each semester’s instructional contract. The Mandatory Meeting and Flex Payment Form, accessible on line, http://www.butte.edu/prodev/forms/ is used to report your flex activities. This form is signed off by your department chair/coordinator and routed to payroll for flex payment. Remember, you can only be paid for the number of flex hours indicated on your contract. It is allowable to complete fall 2011 flex hours during the spring semester 2012 if you are contracted for that semester as well. However, it is not allowable to carry over flex hours between academic years.

Professional Development
Flex Opportunities
To fulfill the flex obligation, faculty may use a combination of activities such as:

- August/January Flex Week Workshops
- Semester Flex Workshop
- Partnerships
- Travel & Conference
- Learning Group Activities
- Department Planned Projects and Activities
- Individual Activity Contracts.
- Academic Course Work
- Other workshops as planned by the flex committee.

Forms, applications and additional information for these programs are available on-line at the Professional Development web site. http://www.butte.edu/prodev/
Forms and applications.

-August/January Flex Workshops Pre-approved
Flex credit activities described in the August 2011 Flex Booklet, all have assigned flex numbers. These workshops have all been reviewed by the Faculty Flex Committee to ensure compliance with the Title 5 Flex Calendar Program Guidelines. The Professional Development Office will keep records of attendance at these flex workshops.
**-Individual Activity Contracts (IAC)**

Pre-approval required:
- Full-time Faculty – Deans & Directors
  Up to 50% of Flex Obligation
- Associate Faculty – Chairs & Coordinators
  Up to 75% of Flex Opportunity

Flexibility and choice in determining what is best for your own professional development and growth is supported and encouraged. Faculty may choose to do individual projects for a portion of the overall flex obligation. However, Title 5 language and Butte College Policy do not allow an IAC’s to fulfill 100% of your flex obligation. For full-time faculty, up to 50% of your obligation may be in the form of IACs. (Deans & Directors may make exceptions up to 75%). For associate faculty, up to 75% of the flex opportunity is allowable in the form of an IAC. Completed IACs are to be submitted to the Professional Development Office (CFE/LB) within 10 day of completion.

Guidelines are included on the Individual Activity Contract (IAC) form. If you are not sure your project qualifies under the guidelines, full-time faculty - ask your dean/director; associate faculty – ask your chair/coordinator or call the Professional Development coordinator before you begin on your IAC.

**-The Partnership Program**

Partnerships offer faculty the opportunity to share ideas on classroom teaching, to improve skills, enhance knowledge, explore issues, and increase collegiality.

Faculty may participate in any number of partnerships per academic year, but not with the same individual. The partnership program allows faculty to receive from a minimum of three up to ten hours Flex credit per partnership.

Associate faculty have an opportunity once each semester to earn a stipend for a partnership.

**Step One - Form the Partnership**

“Forming the Partnership” establishes the partnership for each person. Each partner needs to complete this form. Deliver to the Professional Development office at the beginning of the partnership.

**Step Two - Track the Partnership**

“Tracking the Partnership”, keeps an ongoing record of the meeting dates, time spent, and the content and value of the discussions. Each partner needs to complete and sign this form. Deliver this completed and signed form to the Professional Development office at the end of the partnership.

**-Learning Group Program**

- Four to twelve faculty (full and/or associate) may form a learning group.
- Pre-approval by the Faculty Professional Development Coordinator.

Learning groups offer faculty the opportunity to collaboratively pursue an activity that leads to the improvement of the institution. The activity should lead to one or more of the following: 1) staff improvement 2) student improvement and/or 3) instructional improvement.

Faculty may participate in two learning groups per academic year. The program allows the faculty participants to determine the number of flex hours required for the group’s activity (up to 49.5 hours per year). These hours will be earned through reading, group discussion, and other activities the group may determine are worthwhile.

**Step 1: Form the Learning Group**

This step names the group members and establishes the texts or materials needed for the group’s activities. Initially, a Members and Project Plan Form (check Pro Dev web site for forms) must be completed and submitted to the Professional Development Faculty Coordinator for approval. At the completion of the group’s activities, each member must fill out an individual participation form.

**Step 2: Track the Learning Group**

The second step tracks the learning group throughout its duration. This step provides an accounting to the Chancellor’s Office for flex hours. Those hours will be awarded at the close of the group’s activities.

The learning groups are expected to meet together at the same time to fulfill the requirements of the program. The number and duration of the discussion sessions will be set by the group. A record of these meetings must be kept by each group member. Each group member will submit the “Tracking the Learning Group Form” to Professional Development at the conclusion of the group.

**Flex FAQs**

Is Institute Day mandatory?
Institute Day, beginning at 2:00 p.m. is mandated by the District for full-time teaching faculty. Institute Day participation does not count toward the 66 hour flex obligation for full-time faculty. Associate faculty are invited and encouraged to attend the President’s Address and the Institute Day Presentation held in ARTS 160 (Black Box Theatre). Associate faculty will receive flex credit for their attendance.
What is my Professional development obligation?
The full-time faculty obligation is 66 hours for this academic year, July 1 to June 30. If you are teaching an overload class, you will have an additional Flex opportunity. Associate faculty Flex hours are based on load and determined by the Office for Student Learning and Economic Development.

What if I have reassigned time?
Flex hour requirements are reduced for full-time teaching faculty who have reassigned time outside of the classroom. For example: a coordinator with 25% reassigned time is responsible for 75% of the Flex hours (50 hours of Flex); a chair with 50% reassigned time would need to complete 33 Flex hours.

When can I fulfill my Flex Calendar obligation?
The Flex calendar year runs from July 1 through June 30. You may not participate (count hours for flex) at times you are scheduled to teach or hold office hours. Other than those two restrictions, you may participate in Flex activities, workshops, and individual activity contracts at any time during the day or evening.

Are Flex Calendar hours required of all employees?
Classified employees, non-classroom faculty members, and members of the management unit have no Flex calendar requirements. However, all are welcomed and encouraged to attend workshops.

Do mandatory State and insurance carrier workshops count towards Flex hours?
Yes. Professional Development and Human Resources work together to coordinate the schedule of mandatory workshops required by the State of California, BC Board Policy, and our insurance carrier. These mandatory workshops are eligible for Flex credit hours.

How do I learn about activities for Flex?
The schedule of workshops “Calendar at a Glance” will be provided in hard copy to all employees. In an effort to be sustainable, the Flex Booklet with workshops descriptions and Professional Development program information, will be available on-line at two web sites
- MyBC at the Professional Development - Faculty site under Groups & Committees
- Butte College Home page
  Professional Development - under the drop down menu for Departments/Programs/Services

What if I plan to do an activity that’s not scheduled? Can I create my own project?
If you are planning to do an individual activity, details for this contract—which require pre-approval—are clarified on page 16 of this Flex Calendar Basic document.

Who can offer workshop?
Professional Development welcomes new ideas for workshops and encourages faculty and staff to share their expertise. Contact, Carol Stanley Hall, the Faculty Professional Development Coordinator 895-2543 or email stanleyhallca@butte.edu.

Can Flex hours carry over from one academic year to the next?
No. Neither full nor associate faculty may carry over flex hours from one academic year to the next.

Associate faculty may carry over flex hours from fall to spring as well as apply spring hours back to the fall if needed.

Are department meetings eligible for Flex credit?
Full-time faculty are required to participate in day-to-day management of their department. Regularly scheduled department meetings, usually monthly, are not appropriate for Flex credit. Meetings above and beyond the norm (some departments hold weekly meetings) may be accepted for Flex. These “above and beyond” hours are approved in advance with the professional development faculty coordinator and then recorded by chairs/coordinators.

Besides Institute Days, which scheduled Flex activities are required for full-time faculty?
Department meetings, held on the last Tuesday before the beginning of instruction, are considered required for full-time faculty. Some departments schedule their meetings at other times.

How are all these decisions made?
California Code of Regulations Title 5, specifies criteria to participate in the Flexible Calendar Program. Actual number of flex days and the specific days are negotiated by the BCEA and the Board of Trustees. Faculty policies for Professional Development have been recommended by the Faculty Flex Committee and approved by the Academic Senate and supported by the administration.

Do You Have Ideas?
Contact Carol Stanley-Hall at the Professional Development office with your suggestions and ideas for Fall 2011 workshops. Carol can be reached at the Professional Development office or E-mail her at stanleyhallca@butte.edu.

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