



Message from the President
May 15, 2020

“Cal Maritime's clear and enduring responsibility is to train, educate and develop graduates for positions of progressively challenging leadership responsibility in the global maritime profession. Cadets experience intellectual learning in high-technology classrooms and hands-on application of theory in modern simulators and laboratories as well as career-oriented internships. Graduates receive extensive coaching, mentoring and attention from a world-class faculty and staff.”
- Cal Maritime Vision 2029

Dear Keelhaulers,

The unprecedented and difficult events of the last three months have tested our campus community – and I must share my belief that your responses have been strong, correct, wise and caring. Thank you for your dedication to the mission of Cal Maritime during these extraordinary and uncertain times.

The Fall 2020 semester approaches and, although we don't know all the answers yet, we do know more than we did last week. I want to share with everyone that we continue to intensely plan for our Fall 2020 semester through numerous shared governance bodies. I remain ever confident that our faculty and academic leadership will overcome the challenge of advancing our cadets academically through innovative approaches and with the strongest possible support of the rest of our campus community.

On May 12th, Chancellor White announced that due to the uncertainty of the virus, CSU campuses must be prepared to deliver courses in Fall 2020 in virtual modality. This does not mean Cal Maritime cannot plan to offer in-person courses for fall, rather we must plan ways to do it safely and prepare as much as possible for “exit ramps” to alternative instruction modalities should they become necessary.

In his most recent statement, [Fall 2020 University Operational Plans](#), Chancellor White provided guidelines for our planning teams -- the Health and Safety Task Force, the Long Range Planning Group and the Remote Learning Task Force (see attached membership). Although we do not have firm plans fully developed, we are much closer to shaping our path forward. I am confident that these planning groups of faculty, cadets and staff will bring forward good plans that take into account our community's safety, while keeping cadets on track for academic progression and maintaining the quality of instruction. For this purpose, training for course delivery in alternative modalities is being planned to support faculty before the start of Fall semester. The three planning teams mentioned above will be communicating with all of you on their collaborative plans for our return to the Academy in Fall 2020.

This extensive and complex planning is in the context of COVID-19 predictions and the best public health advice from state and county advisors. Our primary goal is to help our cadets achieve academic and professional success in a safe environment. We will achieve this goal by ensuring we create a healthy and safe community for everyone, including our neighbors in Vallejo. Our plans continue to be driven by current information from a variety of sources. I appreciate the commitment all of you have made to Cal Maritime. Our leadership team will continue to share our progress as the planning matures.

All the best,
TC



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