THE BEAR'S TALE

CAL MARITIME NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 19, 2022

Important Dates

- January 21: Last day to add/drop a class
- February 7: Last day to withdraw from a class with a "W"February 18: Last date to remove Incomplete grades from
- fall 2021
- March 7: Academic advising begins for fall registration
- March 21-30: Registration period for fall semester
- March 31 April 1: Spring Recess No Classes

Academic Mentor Program

Job Opportunity (\$16/hour)

Through a new program, Academic Mentors will help support first-year cadets with study skills, school-life balance, time management, building study calendars, and other topics to improve grades and retention rates. Lead Mentors will codevelop training material and approaches based on existing resources available on campus. Materials could include short presentations, pod-casts, or other material. Mentoring of firstyear cadets will be one-on-one, in small groups, or other modalities. Prospective mentors must have excellent interpersonal skills; effective communication skills; and a strong understanding of study skills, school-life balance, time management, and building study calendars. Mentors from any major are welcome, as this is not a tutoring program. If interested, please email <u>Dr. McNie</u> by Wednesday, January 19.

COVID Booster Requirement and Reporting

As announced on January 5, all Cal Maritime community member are required to be in compliance with a new <u>CSU</u> <u>COVID policy</u>. "Fully vaccinated" is now defined as having received your most recent vaccination or booster within the last six months. Search for <u>local vaccination sites</u> or make a Friday or Saturday appointment at the Solano County <u>Mass Vaccination Clinic</u> to get your booster.

Log into your <u>PeopleSoft</u> account and select "CSU COVID19 Self Certification" under Self Service to upload your proof of vaccination. Follow the instructions for submitting your vaccine information and upload an image of your vaccine card. You need to upload your most current vaccination card if you have not already done so, and your Booster card if this is on a new card.

2022-23 Financial Aid

To be eligible for financial aid – grants, scholarships, and loans – at Cal Maritime, you need to complete **annually** the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Even if you are receiving aid in the current academic year, you will need to complete a new FAFSA every year. The 2022-23 FAFSA application will be based on 2020 tax year information. For more information and to start your application now, visit the <u>FAFSA website</u>. Do not wait until the March 2 deadline, because you will miss institutional aid opportunities!

Cal Maritime Scholarships

The <u>Cal Maritime Foundation Scholarship Application</u> for 2022-23 is now available and the deadline is February 15, 2022. With the consolidated application, all that is required is to submit essays in response to three questions. These essays should be thoughtful, well-constructed, and represent your value as a member of the Cal Maritime community. The Scholarship Committee considers the essays, cumulative GPA, major, and financial need when selecting recipients of the scholarships. Applicants must be current Cal Maritime students who are returning for the fall 2022 semester.

New Uniform and Grooming Standards

As announced by Dr. McMahon, VP for Cadet Leadership & Development, on Tuesday, January 18, the policy on new uniform and grooming standards has been approved by the President and will go into effect on Monday, January 24.

Fee Advisory Committee Volunteer Opportunity

Cadet volunteers are needed to serve on the Campus Fee Advisory Committee, which reviews new campus proposals and the modification of current category II and III student fees. The cadet-led committee provides advice to Pres. Cropper on how to proceed with adjustments to campus mandatory and course-based fees. Meeting dates – up to 5 in the semester – will be determined by the members and most meetings are anticipated to be held via Zoom. For more information or to volunteer, contact <u>Andrew Som</u>, Budget Director.