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**Resources for Non-SDC Instructional Accommodations
Sent to Academic Senate and Academic Federation Members**

Dear Colleagues,

With the election around the corner and uncertainty about our post-election atmosphere, you may receive instructional accommodation requests from students who feel affected or stressed by election outcomes or events. Such requests increased after the 2016 elections, so we should prepare ourselves to address similar increases.

Resources

- [Resources for Non-SDC Instructional Accommodations](#): Please note that these do not replace or supersede formal accommodations facilitated by the [Student Disability Center](#) (SDC). Rather, these resources explain your authority as instructors to facilitate non-SDC instructional accommodation requests, such as attendance excuses, assignment extensions, and incompletes.
- [COVID-19 Academic Policies](#): Students seeking election-related academic flexibilities might find that these existing flexibilities address their needs.
- [Mental Health Flyer](#) and [Tips for Managing Socio-Political Stress](#): These documents consolidate mental health wellness and support resources across campus. Student Health and Counseling Services has also provided a [Box folder](#) with additional faculty-oriented resources.

If unique circumstances arise that these resources do not address, please let me know. Thank you for helping our students navigate these times.

Take care,
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