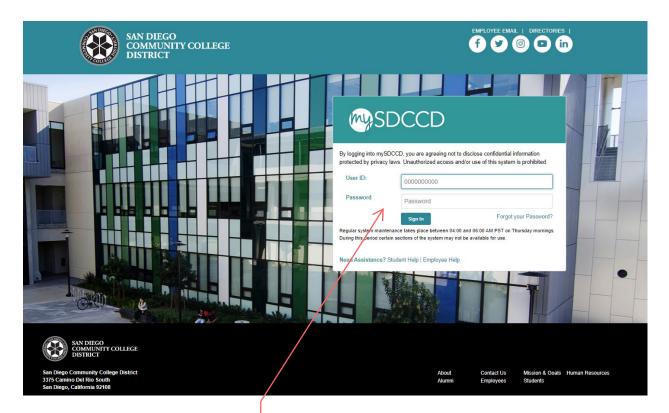
#### What is "Flex"?

"Flex" is a local term that stands for "flexible instructional improvement". Flex is a professional learning requirement for all faculty who have a classroom assignment. San Diego City College participates in the <u>Flexible Calendar</u> program at the state level which provides flexible instructional days each academic year for designated professional learning opportunities.

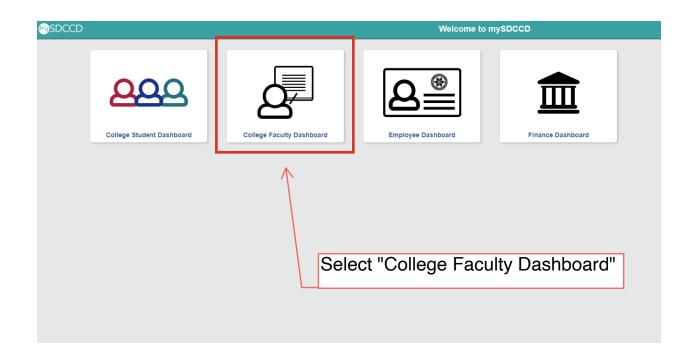
There are five (5) designated flex days in our District. The designated flex days occur on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the Fall Semester and Thursday and Friday during the Spring Semester the week prior to the start of classes for students. The flex days are in-lieu-of regular instruction because the Flexible Calendar program compresses the semester to a 16-week semester.

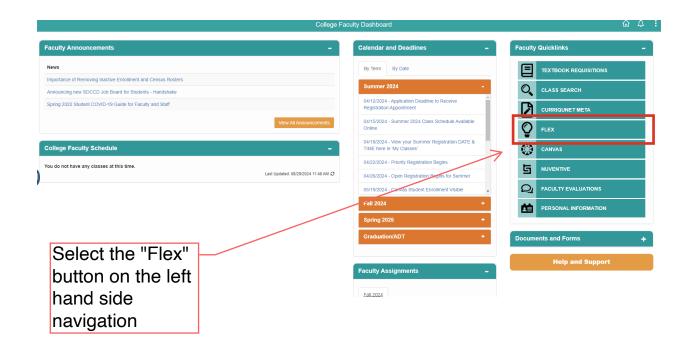
Faculty are compensated for their time completing their obligated flex activities. This compensation is factored into each pay cycle. If faculty do not complete or submit their flex time in the system by the deadline each semester, human resources at the District dock pay equivalent to the incomplete hours.

#### How to View Your Flex (Instructional Improvement) Obligation



Login to your mySDCCD portal using your CSID and single sign-on (SSO) password (the one you use to access District applications or devices.





### The Flex System





1. WORKSHOP REGISTRATION
2. YOUR CONTRACT
INDEPENDENT PROJECTS
FLEX HANDBOOK

**WELCOME** 

WORKSHOP REQUEST

#### Welcome

On behalf of the City, Mesa, and Miramar Staff Development Committees, it is our pleasure to introduce you to the San Diego Community College District's revised and improved online Instructional Improvement (FLEX) Website.

The mission of the San Diego Community College District is to provide a variety of professional and personal growth opportunities in order to meet the challenges of the new millennium. The Staff Development Committees are dedicated to fostering excellence in instruction and providing effective student support services. Programs are designed to support dynamic, comprehensive teaching and learning techniques to promote student success.

One of the most dynamic features of the new instructional improvement program is that now all FLEX activities throughout SDCCD are presented in one, easy-to-use Website. That's right! You will have access to City's, Mesa's, and Miramar's Instructional Improvement (FLEX) schedules. If you see an activity that interests you, you can then enroll online. Our newest feature is faculty will be able to design and submit independent projects all on line. It's easy; just follow the directions.

The three of us have enjoyed collaborating on this important project intended to promote your professional development. We wish you a productive and interesting experience with this revised format

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- **1. Workshop Registration -** Where you can search for flex/professional learning activities by date, title, or flex number.
- **2. Your Contract** Where you can view your flex obligation (number of hours needed) and the number of hours you have attended.
- **3. Independent Projects** Submit an activity for flex credit if it meets any of the nine Title V allowable activities for instructional improvement (flex). Refer to the Flex Handbook for the categories.



#### Welcome To The Staff Development Login!

**NOTE:** Only faculty with active assignments will be able to sign up for workshops using this system. Staff who wish to participlate in an instructional improvement activity should contact one of the flex coordinators listed on the Welcome page.

- Enter your **10 digit User ID** and your password.
- Click on the Login button to login. If you do not have a password, you will be directed to establish one.
- Click on the Exit button to return to the Welcome page.



If you have questions about the workshops, contact the campus' FLEX Coordinator or designee. It is very important for you to provide an email address on your **Contract** page since the status of any independent project you submit will be via email.

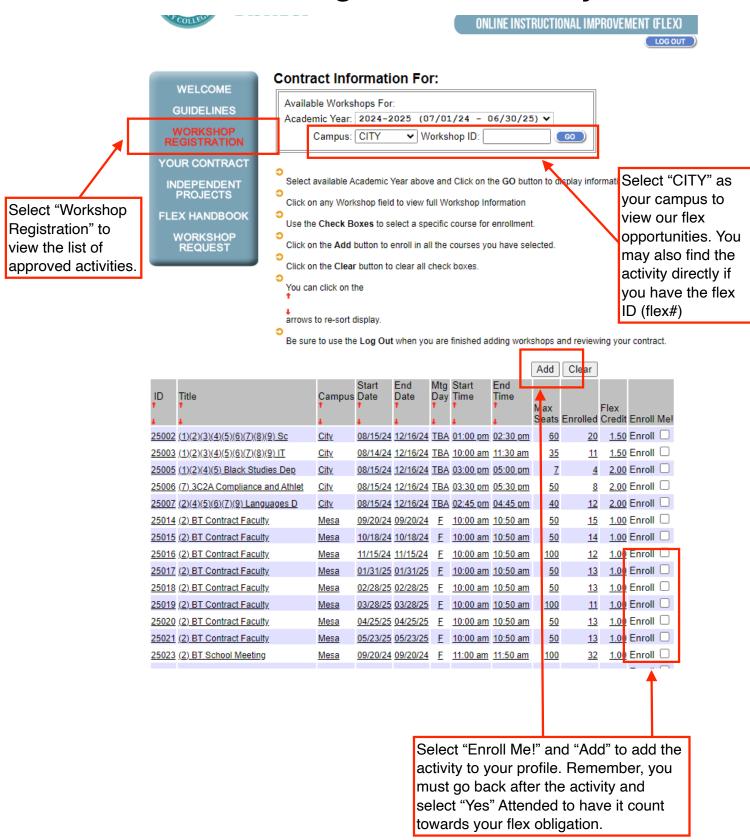
For group/department project proposals, please follow previously established campus procedures. Consult your college's web site, campus FLEX handbook or Staff Development Coordinator if you need forms.

If you see discrepancies or omissions on your contract, please contact your college's FLEX Coordinator or designee.

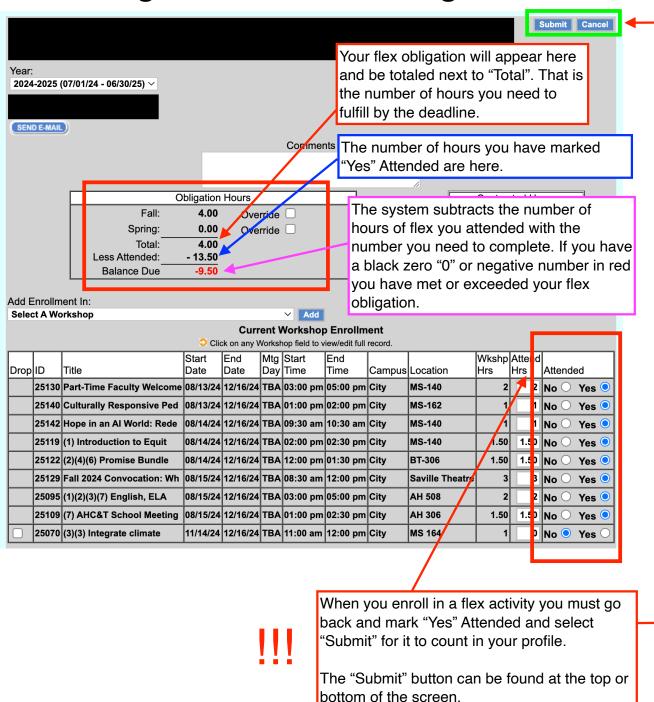
For technical problems, contact the Help Desk at 1-619-388-7000.

When you select any number 1-3 you will be taken to this additional login screen. Use your CSID and single sign-on (SSO) password to officially enter the flex portal.

#### **Enrolling in a Flex Activity**



## Flex Obligation and Confirming Attendance



# Flex System Update

Fall 2024

August 30, 2024

Flex# 25531

# **CBA Changes & Side Letter**

- Effective Fall 2024 the District is implementing the CBA updates (<u>Side</u> <u>Letter 2024 Faculty RAF Distribution</u>)
- Article 7.1.3 New Language
  - Part-time faculty have a flex obligation equal to the number weekly assigned classroom hours regardless of the length of the course (i.e. 8-week, 12-week, 15-week, etc.)
- Article VIII, Section B/C7.1 Modified Language
  - Unit pay includes the time necessary to fulfill flex obligations
- Overload assignments now have a flex obligation

# **Your Flex Obligation**

- The <u>Flex System</u> does not account for the new changes in flex obligations. Therefore, part-time faculty who are teaching a short-term course will not have the correct amount shown in the system.
- The system does correctly tally the flex you have marked "Yes" Attended and submitted.
- The District will be manually calculating and distributing flex obligation updates throughout the semester.
  - The email will contain your obligation, the number of hours attended, and the number of hours needed to meet your flex obligation

# **Tips**

- Record your flex activity in your portal at the conclusion of each event.
  - Once you "Enroll" in an activity you must go back after it has passed, select "Yes" Attended, and select "Submit" for it to be counted
- Save the District emails with your updated flex information.
- Compare the information and contact Marco Anzures, Professional Learning Coordinator, if you experience an issue (<u>manzures@sdccd.edu</u> or via Microsoft Teams chat)