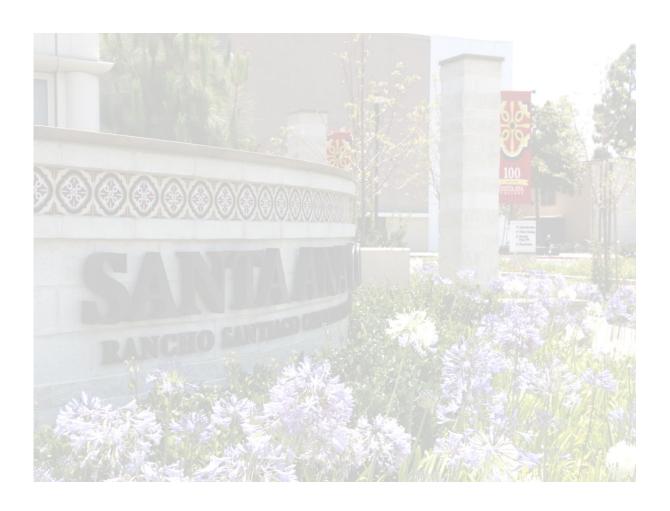
Santa Ana College

Professional Development Tracking System

"Faculty Flex System"

How to Manual



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Protocol for SAC Flex Obligations

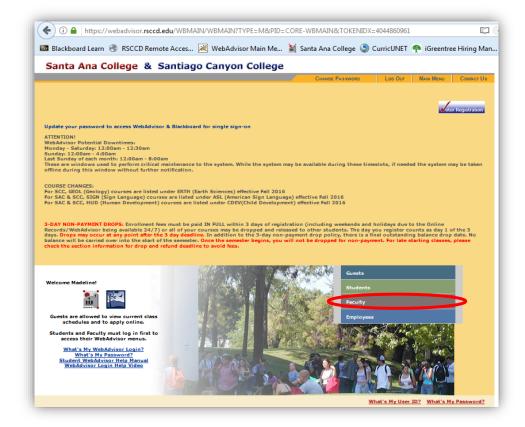
- The flexible calendar program allows faculty (full-time, part-time, instructional and non-instructional) the time to work individually or with groups to achieve improvement in three distinct areas,
 - Staff improvement
 - Student improvement
 - Instructional improvement (p.17, Flex Calendar Guidelines)
- The purpose of the flexible calendar program is to provide time for faculty to participate in development activities that are related to "staff, student, and instructional improvement" (title 5, section 55720). The flexible calendar program is a component of the staff development program and the major vehicle for faculty participation in development activities.
 - The flexible calendar program allows faculty (full-time, part-time, instructional and non-instructional) the time to work individually or with groups to achieve improvement in three distinct areas, Staff improvement, Student improvement, and Instructional improvement
 - Santa Ana College participates in the flexible calendar program by scheduling Fall and Spring classes in a 16-week structure rather than 17.5or 18-week structure. Faculty pay includes compensation for 18 weeks of work. The remaining 2 weeks outside of the instructional calendar are available for faculty to complete professional development activities, thus fulfilling their flex obligation.
- At Santa Ana College, requirements for flex are specified in the most recent <u>FARSCCD agreement</u>
 - Each fiscal year, contract (full-time) instructional faculty must submit a plan
 with two (2) staff development days, of six (6) hours each, for appropriate
 individual or group activities plus four (4) days each fiscal year designated as
 common days. (Annual total of 6 days/36 hours)
 - Non-contract faculty loads (adjunct faculty and full-time faculty overload) require 1.5 hours of professional development for each 1 hour of weekly instructional time.
 - Faculty not considered traditional instructional faculty, i.e. counselors, coordinators, librarians, health service staff, special services faculty, and others may submit a staff development plan with up to the number of days available for instructional faculty.
 - The District reserves the right not to release instructors from teaching or other assigned responsibilities if it is deemed in the best interest of the District.
 - The appropriate administrator will review and sign staff development plans.
 - Approved plans submitted by instructional or non-instructional faculty are legally binding.

- Calculating Your Flex Obligation:
 - Full-time instructional faculty must complete 18 hours of professional development each semester. This includes 2 common days (12 hours) each semester for college, division or departmental activities and 6 hours for individual or group activities.
 - For full-time faculty teaching beyond contract and for part-time instructional faculty, compute your flex obligation by multiplying the number of units of the beyond contract/part-time assignment by 1.5. Examples: a 3 unit beyond contract/part-time teaching assignment equals 4.5 FLEX hours required, 6 units = 9 hours, 9 units 13.5. No additional FLEX hours are required for non-teaching beyond contract assignment LHEs.
 - Flex hours are in lieu of instruction hours and are attached to each course section.
 - Full-time faculty and adjunct faculty teaching both fall and spring semesters may carry over fall flex hours into the spring semester of the same academic year.
- The Santa Ana College Professional Development Tracking System has been developed to capture flex calendar activities and other professional development activities. Here are policies for this system:
 - Presenters earn 2.0 hours of flex credit for each hour of a new or repeated workshop. This includes .5 hour for taking attendance.
 - Workshops will be reviewed and approved by the faculty professional development coordinator, faculty professional development committee, division dean, or department chair.
 - All workshops, meetings and other activities found in the SAC Professional Development Tracking System are approved for flex credit.
 - Attendance is required on 2 common days each semester. Additional flex hours may be completed during flex week or at any time before December 1 in the fall semester and before May 1 in the spring semester.
 - Flex activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. In-service training
 - 2. Workshops
 - 3. Conferences
 - 4. Seminars
 - 5. Individual or small group planned projects
 - 6. Institutional planned activities
 - Personal Flex projects are activities that develop a faculty member professionally and are not already required by their job description.

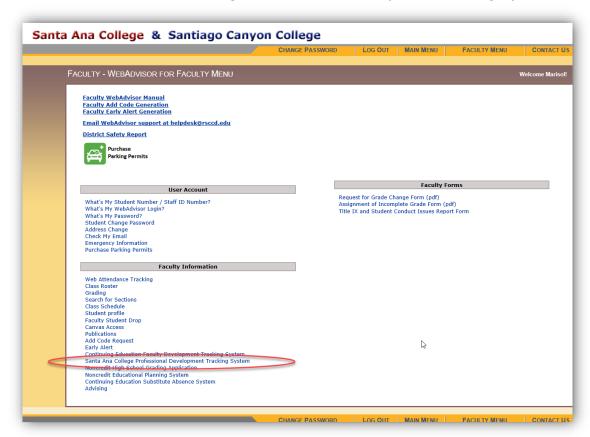
See additional types of suitable flex activities in the <u>Flex Calendar Guidelines</u> (p. 15-18)

Welcome to the Professional Development Tracking System

To enter the SAC Faculty Flex System – Login to WebAdvisor & choose the Faculty menu.

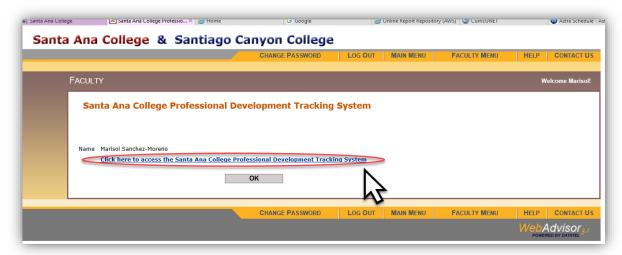


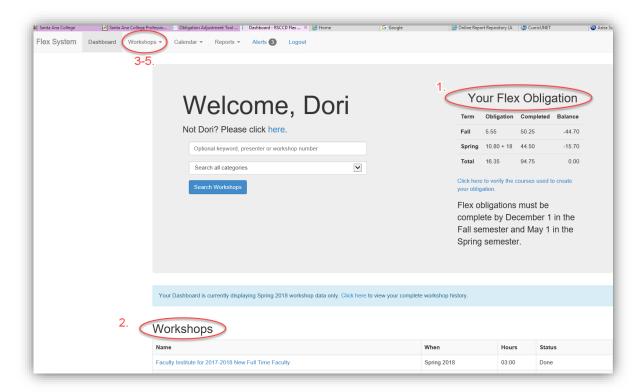
Select the Santa Ana College Professional Development Tracking System



Signing into the Faculty Flex System

Click on the Link to enter the system - Do Not hit OK.





You have now accessed your Faculty Flex Dashboard.

On the Dashboard you can:

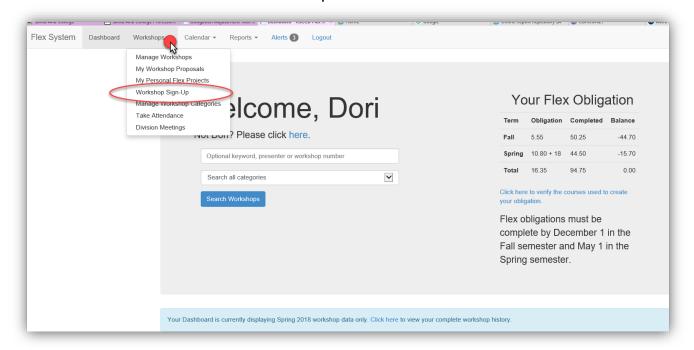
- 1. Track your outstanding Flex Obligation.
- 2. Review the workshops you are presenting or attending.
- 3. Sign up for workshops.
- 4. Propose a workshop to present.
- 5. Request Personal Flex Projects.

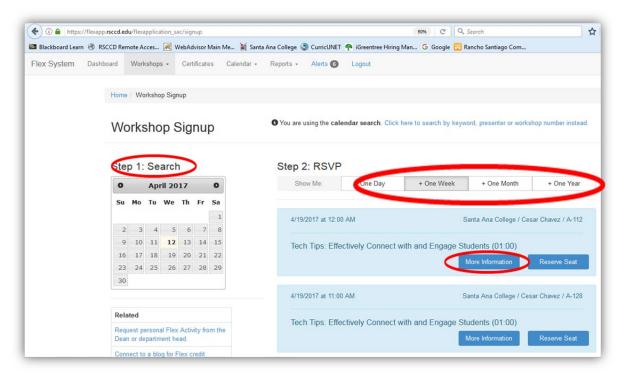
What if I am not in the system?

Contact SAC Flex Coordinator (Madeline Grant) or the Faculty Professional Development Coordinator (Mary Huebsch).

Signing up for a Workshop Calendar Search

There are a couple of ways to identify workshops to sign up for. The first is using the drop down menu, which will allow you to search workshops that are offered during a specific time period.

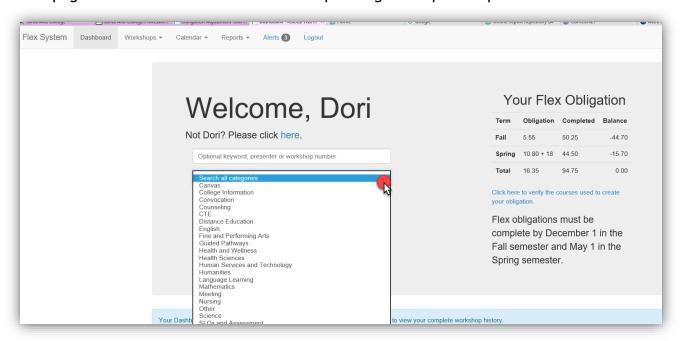


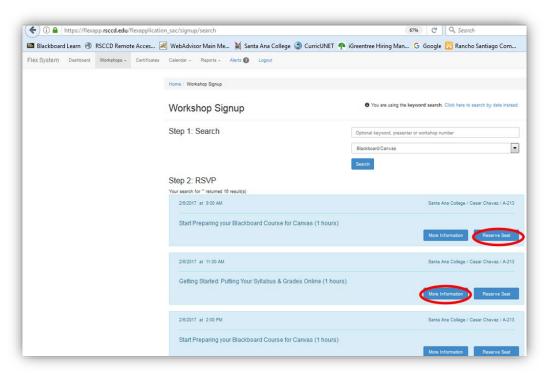


When searching by calendar, you will find a list of all workshops offered during the period selected (Steps 1 & 2). You can then either reserve a workshop seat or click for more information. Every time you click for more information, you will be taken to the screen on page 9 of this manual.

Signing-Up for a Workshop Topic Search

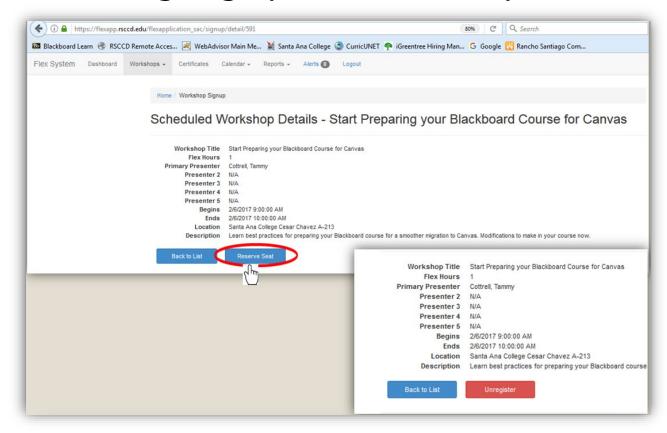
When searching by topic you will find a list of all workshops currently offered during the semester matching your requested topic. You can either reserve a seat or click for more information. If you click for more information you will be taken to the screen on the next page. You can also search for workshops using the Topics drop down menu.





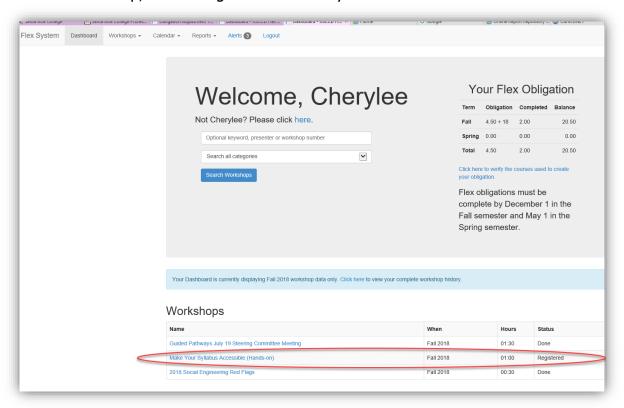
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Signing up for a Workshop



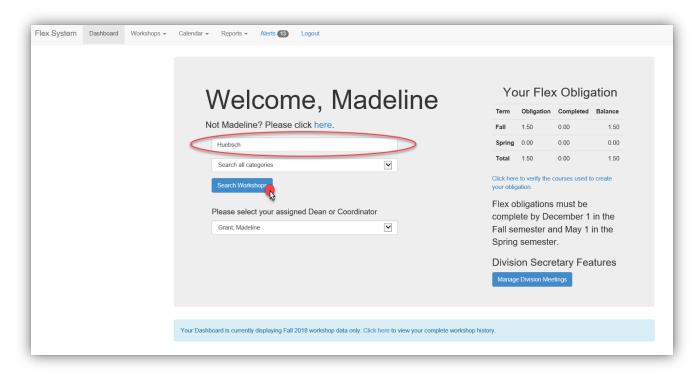
If the workshop is what you are looking for, you can reserve your seat.

Once you click on reserve seat the button will turn red. If you cannot attend the workshop, click unregister to remove your name from the roll sheet.

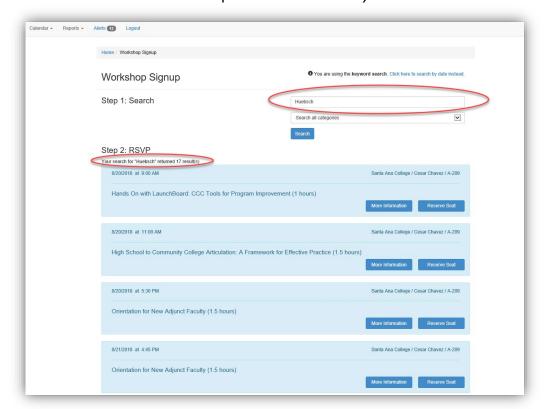


When you register for a workshop, your Dashboard will be updated.

Signing up for a Workshop by Optional Keyword, Presenter or Workshop Number

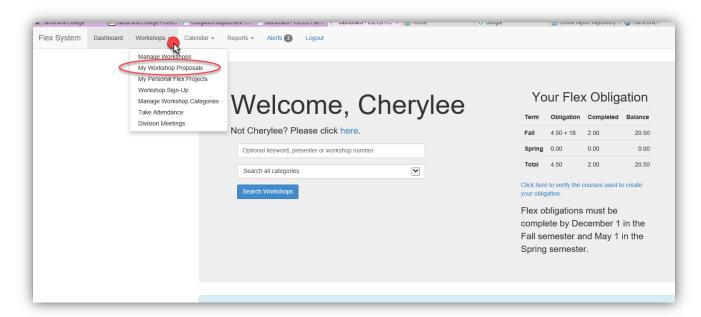


When searching by optional keyword, presenter or workshop number you are able to find workshops by the presenter's name, workshop name or the survey number (listed on Professional Development week schedule).

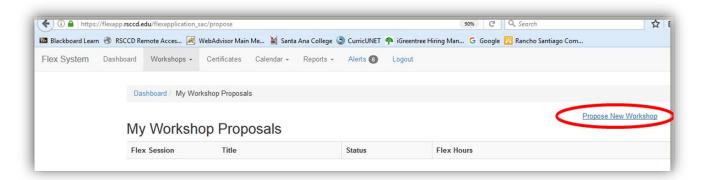


The search will provide the list of workshops with the key search word(s).

Proposing a Workshop



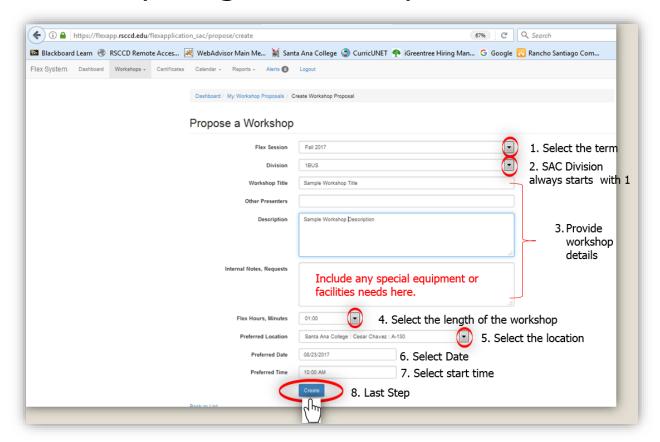
Each semester faculty are encouraged to propose workshops they would like to present on topics they find interesting/have expertise in and feel will benefit their colleagues across the campus.



Proposals for workshops will be reviewed by the Professional Development Committee and once accepted will be scheduled for faculty registrations.

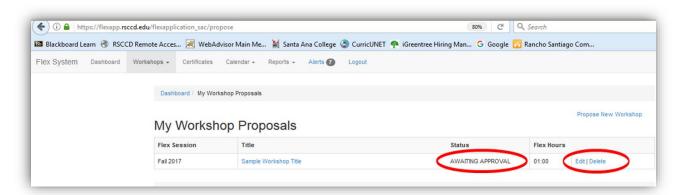
When presenting a workshop, faculty will receive 2 hours of flex credit for every 1 hour presentation. The additional hour is to cover your time for preparing the workshop and recording attendance in the system.

Proposing a Workshop – Details



Follow the 8 simple steps above to propose your workshops.

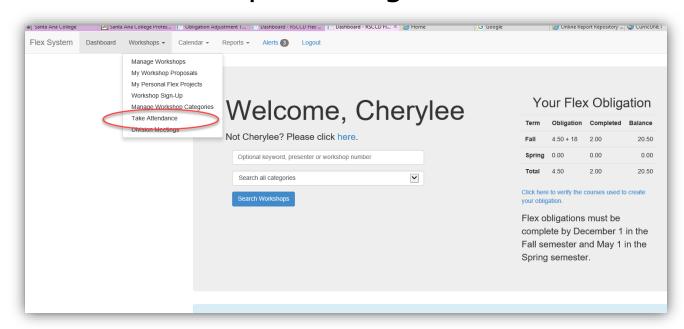
Remember to include a catchy/descriptive title and a comprehensive description so faculty selecting workshops to attend understand your workshop topic.



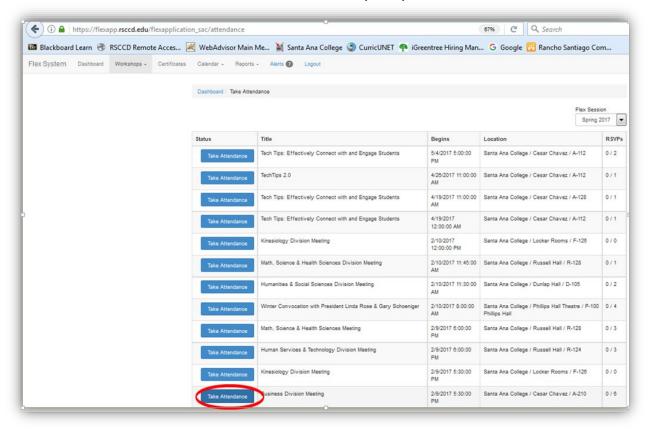
Once proposed, the status will show awaiting approval. You may either edit or delete your proposal.

When the Professional Development Workgroup has reviewed the proposal, the status will be updated to Approved or Denied.

Taking Attendance for Workshops you are presenting

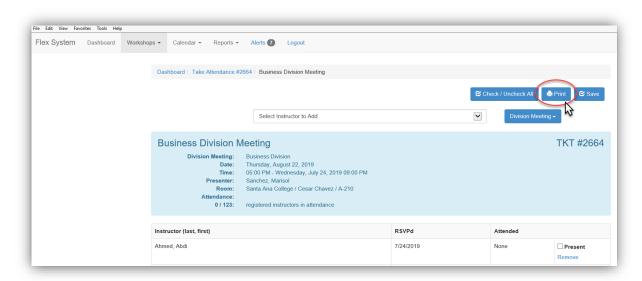


Part of your duties when presenting a workshop is to take attendance. This is critically important as this process shows completion and reduces the flex obligation for both you and the attendees. PRIOR to the workshop, access the system and click on Take Attendance under the Workshop dropdown menu.



Select the workshop you are presenting.

Taking Attendance for Workshops you are presenting

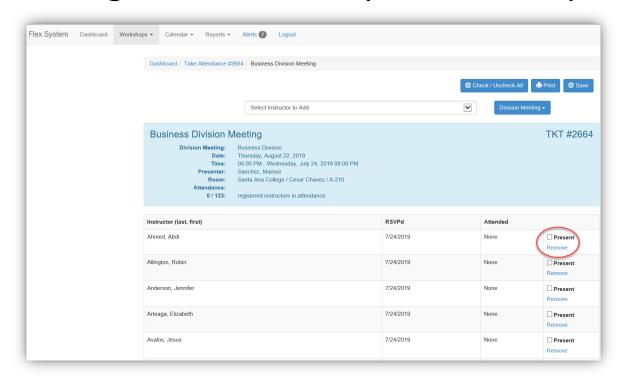


Print the roster for those who have registered to attend your workshop. This will also help you with numbers should you be planning to provide handouts.

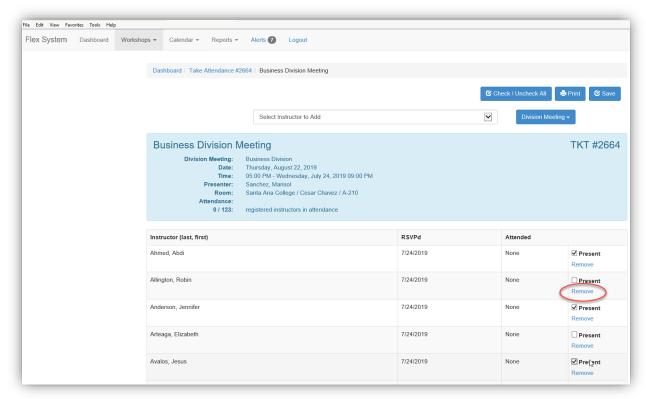


Have the attendees sign in upon arrival or prior to departure.

Taking Attendance for your Workshops

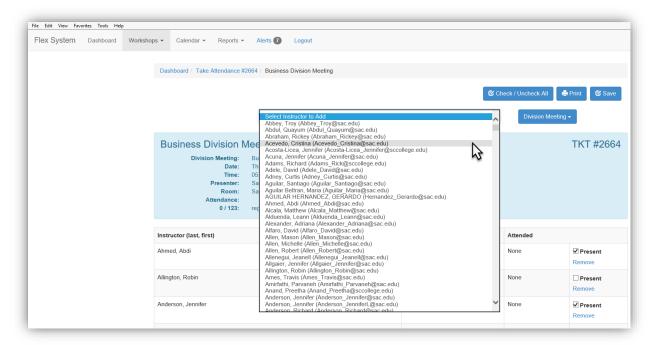


Within 24 hours of completing your workshop, return to the system and Take Attendance. Following the steps above, click through each attendee on the list and select one of the options listed above.

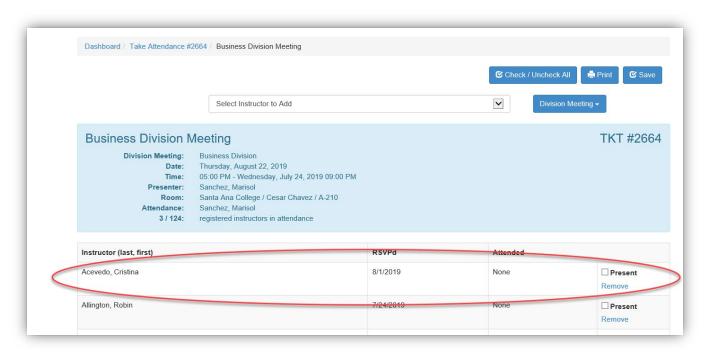


Faculty will be removed if the option is selected.

Taking Attendance for your Workshops

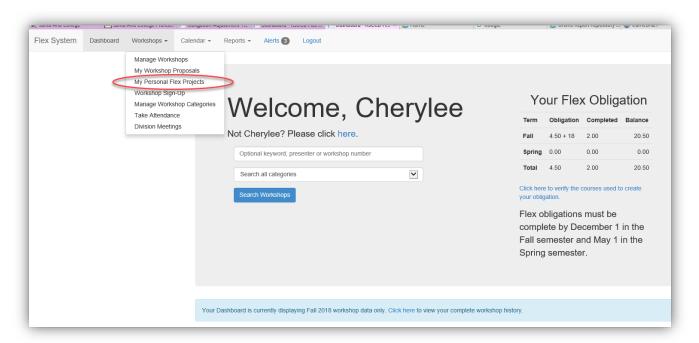


Should you have removed a faculty member or have someone attend your workshop who did not reserve a seat, you may add them to the electronic roll sheet by clicking on Select Instructor to Add. Scroll down until you find the instructor's name and click.



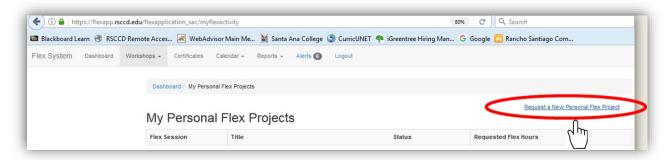
Once selected, the instructor's name will appear at the top of the list. Follow the steps on the previous page to select present.

Personal Flex Project



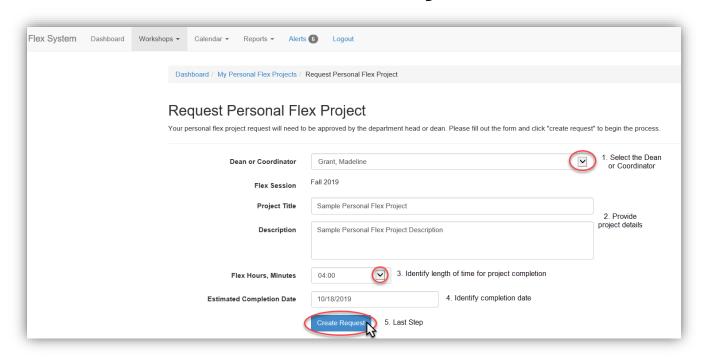
In addition to attending/presenting workshops faculty may also propose personal flex projects to fulfill their flex obligation.

To request a personal project, start on the Workshop drop down on your dashboard.



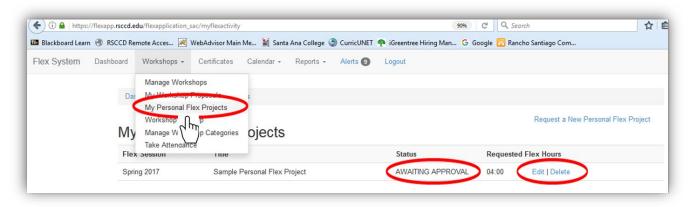
Start by Requesting a New Personal Flex Project

Personal Flex Project



Follow the 5 simple steps above to propose your Personal Flex Project.

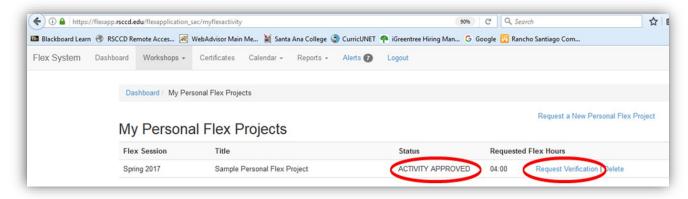
Remember to include a comprehensive description of your proposed project as this will be the information used by your Dean to approve the project.



To review the status of or edit/delete your Personal Flex Projects, use the Workshop drop down menu and select My Personal Flex Projects.

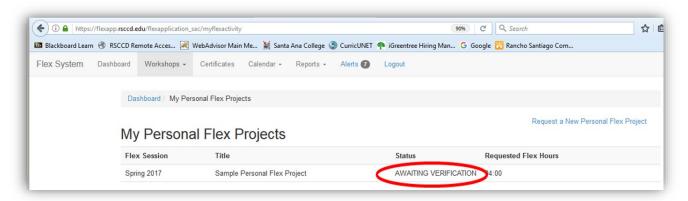
You can then edit/delete or simply check the status.

Personal Flex Project

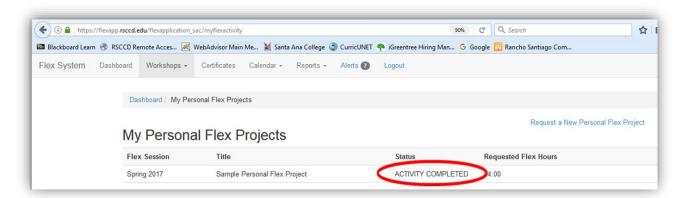


Once the request has been reviewed and approved by your Dean, the status will be updated to read Activity Approved.

When you have completed the activity click on Request Verification.



Your Dean may ask for documentation either by email or hard copy that confirms you have completed the activity. Until this is received the status will be Awaiting Verification.



When your Dean has verified completion of the activity, the status will be updated to show as Activity Completed. Once this status is assigned the hours for the activity will be deducted from your Flex Obligation.