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The following changes and policies are in effect beginning fall quarter:

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- For class assignments, class lists with the faculty member's signature can be used.
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Presented by the Central Coast Institution for the Healing of Racism, the workshop will include frank discussions of how racism is perpetrated and how it can be eliminated.

Participants face issues of racism in a sensitive and nonthreatening manner, allowing for open dialogue between cultures. The workshop will also aim to teach new ways to listen to each other, create allies, achieve unity, and preserve diversity.

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Staff Council Meeting: Performing Arts Center Lobby, 1 pm.

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