

We received a Sacsend on 3-10-20 at 12:42 from President Nelson, which addresses campus meetings and events. We went through the guidelines and rubric then to the best of our ability answered the rubric questions. We consulted with campus leadership and determined:

- That we would have participants traveling via air
- Since we planned to honor emeritus faculty and alumni, in addition to others, and they fall into the category of “Participants will be members of high-risk of infection populations.”
- We would not be able to accommodate greater social distancing as recommended by the local health department. It will involve larger numbers of participants in close proximity to each other.
- The current anticipated size of the 50th Anniversary Celebration would average around 150 people per session, including multiple classes in each session. We would host approximately 1,500 people from a wide range of ages during the course of two days. Beyond the two-day event, we would host an evening reception with approximately 200-250 people attending. This is a larger event.
- Regarding the fiscal and opportunity costs of cancelling or rescheduling, we would need to work with the University to have it be manageable.

After careful reflection, and in consultation with the campus leadership, we decided that we must reschedule the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Department of Ethnic Studies event planned for March 16th and 17th 2020. It is with great disappointment that we make this decision and we understand how much time and effort people put into the planning of the event. However, our number one goal is the safety of our community. Unfortunately, please note there are many cancelations of events today.

We will reschedule and send out information when we can truly celebrate our amazing Department of Ethnic Studies. I sincerely and honestly thank everyone for their understanding during this difficult time.