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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

November 18th 2019

MEETING



YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]
Anthony Ayala [SBS]
Brooks “Rusty” Mayes [ATB]
Christina Young [M&S]
Erica Beam [ATB]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
Jose Cortes [LA]
Josh Scott [LA]
LaNae Jaimez [SBS]
Margherita Molnar [M&S]
Michelle Arce [SBS]
Randy Robertson [M&S]
Rebecca LaCount [COUN]
Scott Parrish [HS]*
Teri Brunner † [LA]
Terri Pearson-Bloom [HS]
Tracy Schneider [LA]
Vitalis Enemmuo [HS]

*Senators At-Large

† Adjunct Faculty Representatives

ATB: Applied Technology &
Business

COUN: Counseling

HS: Health Sciences

LA: Liberal Arts

LIB: Library

A/S PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

Fall plenary was a positive experience for SCC attendees with useful breakout sessions and presentations. {[program/presentation materials](#)} {[Fall 2019 adopted resolutions](#)}

Spring Plenary will be held April 16-18 in Oakland

The 11/25 Senate meeting will be the hiring prioritization meeting; the meeting will begin at 3:30pm with prioritization rubrics/packets due by 5pm.

Distinguished Faculty selection committee: Andrew Wesley, Michael Wyly and Josh Scott will begin this committee’s work.

Senate “Student Leadership Scholarship”: Nathan Nevins was this year’s recipient – additional information on this student will be provided in a future Hot Topics.

Senate After Dark IV – Details forthcoming.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Senate will make recommendations on how to proceed for the spring for the ASTC faculty coordinator position. Other faculty coordinator positions are coming up too. Senate will ensure

that positions are advertised early in the spring semester. Senate discussed getting the variety of “academic support” positions such as Instructional Assistants, Embedded Tutors, etc, cross-trained.

On 12/6, the campus Safety Committee will be meeting with Senate’s safety workgroup. A disaster/preparedness drill schedule is coming (fire, earthquake, shooter, etc)

Fall non-payments: we are one of few colleges to not require payment at enrollment time. We currently have 2200 students who owe more than \$200 from summer/fall totaling \$1.5M in uncollected fees (state general fund money, not fees that remain in our funds). Please send students to the Financial Aid office if you know of any that have unpaid fees so we can help them get sorted.

Reduction in sections: In preparation for changes related to the funding formula and the 5 year timeline, a 2% reduction every semester could get us to balanced space for when “hold harmless” ends. Our collegewide productivity number is 393; the goal is to be at 525.

“Student preferred names” will appear on spring printed rosters and Canvas rosters. Faculty are encouraged to use printed rosters as preferred names will not appear on online roster (banner issue). Students will be able to fill out a request in A&R to have their preferred name in the system.

VPAA REPORT

No report

CONSENT AGENDA

The Journalism Evaluation Committee and the Correctional Advisory Committee were approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Deferred to next meeting

SBS: Social & Behavioral Sciences
M&S: Math & Science

Executive Board:

LaNae Jaimez, President
Michael Wyly, Past President
Josh Scott, Vice President
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

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1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and places courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Solano Transportation Authority presentation:
Lloyd Nadal, Brandon Thomson, Amy Antunano from the STA presented to the senate and answered questions. Some shared information included: initiatives to encourage students and community members to ride buses, shared service changes/route consolidations, partnership with lyft ([First/Last mile program](#)) STA's travel training program (for people unfamiliar with public transit), STA's (live person) call center, and more.

When asked to discuss the removal of the SCC stop on a major line, the response was that streamlining of bus routes (keeping stops close to freeways and off of stoplight streets) reduces the chances of running late, to keep buses speedy and timely.

Program Review Student Survey: Ferdinanda Florence provided a copy of the 2019 draft survey, to be used by the School of Health Sciences faculty, that will be up for Senate action on Monday, 12/2/19.

Academic Senate Campus Safety Task Force Update: Tony Ayala provided an update – this taskforce recently met and began working on establishing baseline questions and concerns and is planning a spring flex session. Interested in protocols for faculty.

Student Equity and Success Council Supporting LGBTQ- Josh Scott provided a letter from the Early College High School's GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance) regarding gender neutral bathrooms and the GSA's efforts to investigate opportunities to help SCC make this basic need more accessible and equitable. Along with preferred names on rosters, increasing gender neutral bathroom options would go far for our students' perception of being seen, feeling safe/heard/accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley

Coordinators will be contacting faculty with courses missing SLOs

Distance Education - Erica Beam

April 22, 2020 deadline for spring 2021 courses; Online Canvas Training Courses are coming again soon (Intro to online learning and teaching, Creating accessible content); the committee meets the first Friday of every month from 10-12; the DE Coordinator position is up for renewal in Spring with start date of Fall 2020.

Professional Development/Flex Cal – the updated PD Funding request rubric was provided and will be up for Senate action on Monday, 12/2/19.

FYE – 55 of the 85 students in the fall FT3 cohort have reenrolled for spring

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