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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

September 23rd 2019

MEETING



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ATB: Applied Technology &
Business

A/S PRESIDENT’S UPDATE

11/25: Senate’s Hiring Prioritization Meeting

Last week, Senate President Jaimez met with the hiring prioritization task force. The group is looking at how the hiring priority process can be modified to address faculty positions that become vacant before tenure is achieved. Ranking measures will also be addressed. An update will come to Senate in advance of the 11/25 meeting.

10/28: Tentative Senate meeting scheduled

The Senate Subcommittee chairs met last Friday: will reconvene again and then bring their conversations back to Senate. Current topics include an updated master calendar for assessment, program review and curriculum review, and a combined calendar showing all Senate subcommittee meeting dates/times.

Hayward Award (state award for teaching excellence): Senate will forward this year’s distinguished faculty if they wish to be nominated.

Standardization in Senate subcommittees: Senate

is looking to standardize the membership and chair selection process across its subcommittees

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Transportation (S/P Esposito-Noy Reporting)

S/P Esposito-Noy, LaNae Jaimez, Josh Scott and Shirley Lewis met to discuss transportation issues for the Vallejo Center and students coming to the other campuses from VJO. The Vallejo express commuter bus changed its route to exclude drop off in front of SCC. Discounted Lyft tickets to/from the Vallejo transit center are available and SCC is paying for disabled students that have been affected by discontinued bus services from VJO.

Fiscal Advisory Committee (VP Diamond reporting)

Retiree medical (in an irrevocable trust) is now up to 31% funded. The Board put additional money towards it in a revocable trust (it is accessible in a fiscal emergency).

A separate revocable trust has been established for covering PERS/STRS rate increases; this may move to an irrevocable trust so we can invest beyond the Solano County treasury (which has a lower rate of return).

Healthcare - looking at moving from PERS to a separate Joint Powers Agency (schools only, school board members appoint a board) FAC is going to gather numbers and rates and look at plans to share with us. Forums and individual meetings are planned to ensure questions are answered. The Union will lead these discussions for faculty.

TRIO, MESA and ASTC (S/P Esposito-Noy Reporting)

A decision was made to end the TRIO grant a year early. Funding and reporting requirements are becoming onerous. Services for MESA will continue through ASTC via general and equity funds.

COUN: Counseling
HS: Health Sciences
LA: Liberal Arts
LIB: Library
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

TEN PLUS ONE (§53200)

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

Foster Youth (S/P Esposito-Noy Reporting)

Foster Youth was being handled by a staff person in Financial Aid; that person needed to return full-time to Financial Aid. There are plans to establish and continue a FY program.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items were approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

AP/BP 5110 Academic Renewal: Adding “Without Course Repetition” to the title (for compliance) – approved unanimously

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Safe Campus Discussion

There is a lack of established protocol and resources for staff and faculty in the event of a physical/violent threat. We need to assess what faculty want, what FERPA requires in this scenario, how can and should information be communicated to faculty etc. Senate formed a “Faculty For Campus Safety” task force: Tony Ayala, Scott Parrish, Erica Beam, Rusty Mayes, and Janene Whitesell. ***If anyone would like to serve, please email LaNae.*** This task force will interface with the Campus Safety Committee as well.

VJO Center Support as part of the 11/4 Resolution

(expunging record of students expelled/arrested as part of the 1968 BSU sit-in): in keeping with acknowledging the mistakes of the past, the Academic Senate wants to make sure the resolution acknowledges the need for current and future commitments to Vallejo. If you have ideas to contribute to the “Resolved” points of the resolution, please email LaNae. Ex: Business department resolves to offer all classes at VJO so a student can complete the ADT there.

Senate discussed at length ways that we could enhance the student experience and parity for the VJO campus and community. Ideas

included: Faculty and student ambassadors to visit high schools to promote the college experience, transportation and support services, running classes even if they don't meet minimum enrollments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Program Review – Ferdinanda Florence

- Facilities information submitted by faculty into program review from the past four years has been sent to Celia (and was happily received) for upcoming FMP – integrated planning in action!
- Survey on the survey: edits are coming.

Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley

- eLumen module work has been the bulk of the committee's work so far.
- A significant number of SLOs are still missing from various departments
- An eLumen handbook in development (locally)

Distance Education – Erica Beam

- classes requiring any online submission of work will need to indicated as such in the online schedule.
- A Student's Banner name should match their preferred name; this is in the works

First Year Experience – Melissa Reeve

- Survey results – approximately half of FYE students so far have responded: 80% report that they're struggling. This is great data to help this first group move through the remainder of FYE and will help inform what can be implemented in advance for future semesters.

Visit the [Senate website](#) for minutes & agendas, etc.