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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

*from the*  
**April 13, 2020 MEETING**

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### A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Restroom Conversion Update: [see details here](#)

Per the contract, Faculty attendance at commencement does count toward Flex Cal

The Foundation Emergency Support Fund received \$2,200; this money will be used for groceries and grocery gift cards for our students. If you are inclined to donate, gift cards for grocery stores are needed. Please contact Dean Dwayne Hunt at [Dwayne.hunt@solano.edu](mailto:Dwayne.hunt@solano.edu)

A/S President Jaimez sought feedback from Senate on an open letter to faculty regarding our campus focus on generosity and compassion towards our students through our teaching at this time.

Faculty Lounge: We will soon get information on weekly online meeting space(s) for faculty to meet to share/engage. Look for an invite for a virtual faculty gathering on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 3 pm.

### S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

We will have a Virtual Graduation on 5/21 at 6 pm. The broadcast will stream student names and pictures, faculty testimonies, faculty video clips, conferring of degrees, etc. This year's graduates will also be invited to walk during next year's ceremony.

### YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]  
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ATB: Applied Technology & Business  
COUN: Counseling  
HS: Health Sciences  
LA: Liberal Arts  
LIB: Library

The statewide task force for the student centered funding formula is looking at the realities of meeting the formula's expectations within the distance education landscape. Our financial reserve is good, but it is probably that we will have an apportionment deficit this year, so we may need to use reserves later on. Next year is uncertain. VP Diamond reported on the [Fiscal Advisory Committee Update](#) as well.

#### **VPAA REPORT**

Flex requirements haven't changed; get in touch with your Dean if you need ideas for fulfilling flex. Emergency trainings for online teaching held in March and online trainings for online teaching do count towards flex. The Vision Resource Center also has online flex-countable trainings: <https://visionresourcecenter.cccco.edu/>

Congratulations to our new coordinators:  
ASTC – Lauryn Taylor-Hill  
Curriculum – Sarah Barsness  
DE – Erica Beam (reassign time has increased)

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Interview committees (above) – approved retroactively; the committees met and interviewed during spring break

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

none

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

##### *Census Ambassadors:*

Ambassadors were selected by a statewide body to reach out to our community for the 2020 Census; due to campus closure, their task is harder. VP Williams will assist with getting their message out on SCC's social media, Erica Beam will post it on Canvas, and any faculty willing to do so are encouraged to invite the ambassadors to their zoom for a quick announcement. (contact Rebecca LaCount, [Rebecca.LaCount@Solano.edu](mailto:Rebecca.LaCount@Solano.edu))  
Ambassadors stressed to Senate that filling out the

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

#### **Executive Board:**

LaNae Jaimez, President  
Michael Wyly, Past President  
Josh Scott, Vice President (on leave)  
Rebecca LaCount, Interim Vice Pres.  
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

## **TEN PLUS ONE**

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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

census online is important, easy, and the information won't be reported to/identified by ICE.

#### *Abridged Program Review Template*

Efforts on this template were focused on making the abridged review robust, but also doable. The template will be an action item at next week's Senate meeting. Changes: The old form required those seeking Perkins funds to collect data from a state data mart that was onerous and often didn't reflect our local realities. SCC Research & Planning will provide local data for the abridged template now.

#### *Grade Notations: P/NP & EW*

The Chancellor's office is encouraging Emergency Withdrawals (students can apply for them through graduation). Normally EW requires documentation for circumstances, but not this semester. An EW this semester refunds their tuition, and returns half their fees. If they apply for EW after the semester ends, no refunds are provided. EW may be applied retroactively (to those that withdrew before we went online).

P/NP - the usual deadline has passed, but is extended to the end of the semester. CSUs are accepting Ps for spring and summer courses including courses in the major. UC's have relaxed policies related to P/NP as well (details [here](#)) Students should speak with a counselor before opting for a P/NP grade.

#### *Professional Development Handbook*

A [draft of the handbook](#) was presented. It outlines which activities are preapproved, presents a "flex test" to determine whether a non-preapproved activity "counts", outlines PDFC committee logistics, and more. This item will come back to next Monday's meeting for a vote.

### **Reports**

Curriculum – met successfully once after the campus closure via zoom, four more meetings are

scheduled, and the committee will be tackling all items on their docket before end of semester.

First Year Experience: The biggest concern now is recruitment for upcoming semesters; it's hard to plan for fall due to modality uncertainty and potential budget impacts (funding). Weekly recruitment plan (mail/social media/online sessions/counseling support) from present to summer has been prepared.

### **Other**

Distance Education training courses have begun: two 4 week classes and one 1-week session, 80-90 faculty have signed up for sessions between now and October.

Michelle Arce: Would like to acknowledge Erica Beam and Carole Zadnik for the enormous amount of work put forth in the past weeks to assist the campus community to this transition. Senate agreed, and LaNae Jaimez also acknowledged the enormity of their contribution at the last Board of Governor's meeting as well.

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