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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

February 24, 2020

MEETING



A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Welcome New Senators: Margherita Molnar (M&S) plus Michael Reilly (LA)
- Spring Plenary 2020: LaNae Jaimez, Michael Wyly, Andrew Wesley and Erica Beam will attend
- ASCCC Leadership 2020: Rebecca LaCount
- There will be a pre-Graduation gathering for faculty and deans in the faculty/staff lounge
- Rischa Slade and the bookstore are exploring new regalia purchase/rent options due to continually rising costs
- A survey re: attendance at graduation for faculty is being developed
- PRT update: Partnership Resource Teams
→ As part of a grant SCC applied for, this team visit consisted of various CA community college colleagues that will serve as consultants re: our correctional education and dual enrollment programs and offered input re: CCAP agreements should we wish to establish them. The team will return to report what they heard from us and to provide recommendations.
- OERL update: Open education resource liaison → Previous liaisons have been

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]
Michael Reilly [LA]
Michelle Arce [SBS]
Randy Robertson [M&S]
Rebecca LaCount [COUN]
Robin Sytsma [HS]
Scott Parrish [HS]*
Teri Brunner † [LA]
Vitalis Enemmuo [HS]

*Senators At-Large

† Adjunct Faculty Representatives

ATB: Applied Technology & Business

COUN: Counseling

HS: Health Sciences

LA: Liberal Arts

unable to continue this role; Senate is looking for another to fill it.

- Stanback-Stroud Diversity Award: no nominations were received so Senate will plan a year ahead to make a nomination for next year.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

A workgroup has been established (and is open to anyone who cares to join) to look at using predictive analytics to better serve students. Erica Beam and S/P Esposito-Noy shared recent survey results from the workgroup gathering info from over 4,000 students to determine students' primary campus and preferred communication methods with SCC. (Text, email, then canvas were the top three preferred communication methods and students reported that they were predominantly at the Fairfield campus for day classes.)

Sylvia Dorsey-Robinson is reducing her hours/days to phase out as we recruit for the new VPSS; that interview committee will convene soon.

April 24: Falcon Day → SCC is sending out a letter to all seniors (in March) at feeder High Schools asking them to choose SCC and listing options plus benefits/highlights, etc.

VPAA REPORT

A compressed calendar survey is coming to gather info from faculty for the calendar committee.

The VPSS position closed yesterday and the interview committee is meeting to finalize interview materials. Looking to mid/late March for interviews. Faculty committee members will appear on next Senate meeting's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Peer review teams for SBS and HS: approved unanimously

LIB: Library

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 (§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

ACTION ITEMS

- PD Funding Request Evaluation Rubric : approved
- Distinguished faculty nomination & rubric: the requirement of speaking at convocation has been removed from eligibility criteria (but is greatly encouraged). Approved unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Vision Resource Center & Flex Attendance

- PDFC wants to know if anyone has utilized [VRC](#) to acquire optional flex hours
- PDFC looking for input on what could inspire more attendance at Flex

At-Large Representative Survey

- A survey will be sent to faculty who teach only or primarily at the VVC or VJC and faculty who are not currently part of a designated School. Senate would like to know if they feel their interests under the purview of the Senate are well represented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessment – Andrew Wesley:

Elumen coming fully in May. March flex sessions will be held. All faculty will be required to assess at least one course this spring and are encouraged to assess as many as possible.

Distance Education – Erica Beam:

Pronoun selection in Canvas has been turned on. There's an empty seat on the committee for the School of Math and Science.

Four 30 minute flex sessions coming: shell approval process, canva, flipgrid, and a new sharing feature

FYE – Melissa Reeve:

Program data from fall indicates that while pass rates were not as high as desired, persistence for the FYE cohort participants is significantly higher than the overall campus (66.5% campus wide vs 83% in FT3).

Cohorts for fall are in the developmental stages (4 or 5) and one at VJO is planned.

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