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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

March 22, 2020 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lauren Taylor-Hill proposed thinking of ways we can help employees and students that are financially impacted by the campus closure.

The Ed Foundation is setting up emergency funds for students and staff; students can reach out on the emergency hotline x4440 or email EarlyAlert@solano.edu for support. To contribute to the fund, please visit: <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/SCCEmergencyFund>

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Under the circumstances, the Senate and Senate Subcommittees will need to evaluate whether or not to hold meetings for the remainder of the semester. Furthermore, we should evaluate our goals for the semester on focus on essential needs.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

We are looking at the potential use of EW Emergency Withdrawal option for students who cannot continue via DE. This Friday's drop date is no longer in effect; please continue to watch for emails on this topic.

Students on Federal Work Study will continue to be paid, even without being able to work on campus.

Temporary classified staff have been given at-home projects, and we are exploring ways to keep tutors working via zoom, etc.

YOUR SENATORS

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ATB: Applied Technology &
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COUN: Counseling

HS: Health Sciences

LA: Liberal Arts

Chromebooks are being gathered for distribution to students in need. Dean Hunt will be a point person for this, along with the distribution of Sprint Wi-Fi hotspots.

Graduation will likely be cancelled (many colleges have already cancelled); we may attempt a virtual graduation ceremony and are looking for ideas on how to accomplish this. We will need to decide by early April.

VPAA REPORT

We are still honoring spring break.

Registration for summer and fall will be delayed slightly so that scheduling can be arranged in light of the new circumstances. Adjustments are being made to the summer schedule, which will likely be delivered entirely via distance education modality.

Questions being examined now revolve around what it means to be an “approved online instructor” and how the certification approval process can proceed in a timely fashion.

If faculty feel that their courses need synchronous hours beyond office hours (which are encouraged), they should speak with their Dean.

Virtual lab software is being ordered. This isn’t going to fully “replace” lab time but it’s a step towards lab time. Administration acknowledges the particular needs that labs and programs such as work experience, CTE, and CDFS have for participation in hands-on activities that cannot be accomplished virtually.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ACTION ITEMS

Program Review Committee: change of membership to recombine the counselor/librarian position and create an At-Large position. Motion approved unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Upcoming Senate Meetings:

April 13, 20, May 4, 11 *tentative* – will be held via Zoom

LIB: Library

SBS: Social & Behavioral Sciences

M&S: Math & Science

Executive Board:

LaNae Jaimez, President

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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

Subcommittee Meeting Plans

- Academic Program Review: Ferdinand Florence reports that the committee will continue to review PR for the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences. PR for School of Health Sciences will be delayed and a new timeline will be created.
- Curriculum: Jim DeKloe will ask the Committee how it wants to proceed this semester with meetings
- Distance Ed: Erica Beam reports that the committee will continue to meet via Zoom.
- Professional Development: the committee continues to meet via zoom. All funding is at a halt unless the activity is online.
- Equity and Success: the committee will meet this Friday and will likely continue to meet via Zoom.

Faculty Teaching Online / Summer

We should plan for a fully online summer schedule. A backup plan for face-to-face instruction would be good for a “best case” scenario but with direction from the state, we should plan and move ahead with online learning.

Other related concerns:

- workload issues (it takes a lot of extra time and work to get a face-to-face class transitioned to online);
- curriculum issues (classes that were not approved to be taught via DE);
- DE teaching certification (many instructors – full and part time – are not certified to teach online).

Discussion ensued on DE certification: can we streamline our instructor training/shell approval process for online instruction/delivery?

Further discussion centered on the need for publicly announcing if we are going fully online sooner rather than later. Another concern regarding “who decides what is best taught in the face to face modality”

(Ferdinanda Florence) was raised.

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