

From: [David Williams](#)
To: [\\$SCC_CAMPUS](#)
Subject: Senate Hot Topics Newsletter - 4/19
Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:22:27 PM

From your Academic Senate:

SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the
April 19, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Coach Jeff Cardinal and Professor Ginger Cain presented their/colleagues' concerns regarding a proposal at the Curriculum Committee that impacts the requirements in the local GE Option A. CC Chair Sarah Barsness noted that the proposal on the topic has been postponed to Fall, so there will be time for all parties to contribute to the conversation.

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Senate 2021-2023 Term, Senate Election Results

Erica Beam – ATB

Erin Duane – At Large

Jim Long – M&S

Michelle Arce - SBS

Michael Reilly - LA

Part-Time Senator will be determined by a vote to be held the week of April 26th.

The May 10th Senate meeting will be moved to the 17th.

2021 Leadership Institute, June 16-18, 2021 : if you'd like to attend (virtually), please get in touch.

[Black Student Success Week](#) (April 26-30): daily webinars will be held (12-1); Senators will attend as many sessions as they can and will share back.

Summer Projects for the Senate President:

- Review the Peer Review process
- Review Hiring Manual with VPAA & HR
- Inherently inaccessible content faculty guide

Hiring: FT nursing, VP of Finance, Guided Pathways/PACE Coordinators (one for each of the six PACE paths, and department leads)

Tenure/Distinguished Faculty Mugs: Ten faculty are up for tenure this year.

PTK students are doing a Land Acknowledgement project; they'll present their plan to Senate on 5/3.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Dr. Frank Harris will be a guest speaker for Black Student Success Week on the 30th from 1-2; See emails from Shirley Lewis and Canvas announcements for information about the planned activities.

A consultant will help us explore what campus policing should/could look like on campus. Most campuses nationwide are doing something similar. We are continuing in a month-to-month

YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]
Anthony Ayala [SBS]
Erica Beam [ATB]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
Jim Long [M&S]
Jose Cortes [LA]
Josh Scott [LA]
LaNae Jaimez [SBS]
Michael Reilly [LA]
Michelle Arce [SBS]
Paul Hidy [ATB]
Rachel Purdie* [SBS]
Randy Robertson [M&S]
Rebecca LaCount [COUN]
Robin Sytsma [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
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

contract with the Solano Sherriff's department at this point.

DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) Committee: if anyone would like to participate in Fall, you are encouraged and welcome. Notes from previous meetings are on the S-P webpage.

VPAA REPORT

VP Williams announced that CPL Task Force will draft a procedure and faculties will be trained next semester on how to do this assessment. This procedure is a state requirement and part of the Guided Pathways project. A Professional Development training will be scheduled during Fall of 2021.

VPSS REPORT

PACE and coordinator positions are en route to HR; the plan is to finalize these before end of semester.
Chatbot should be up and running by end of semester; Q&A auto-responses are being validated now.

ASSC elections are starting; voting takes place in early May.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ethnic Studies Requirement Task Force: Michelle Arce, Michael Wylly, Erica Beam, Rachel Purdie, Sarah Barsness, Michael Silva, Ashlie Lawson, Isabel Anderson, Heather Watson-Perez, Brian Weathersby, Kevin Anderson – approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

[Resolution 04.19.2021](#): Statement in support of our AAPI (Asian American and Pacific Islander) Community and Students – approved unanimously.

Hiring Prioritization Process: – approved unanimously. (Was brought back to Senate on 5/3 as a friendly amendment.)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Optional Hours Request Form – Michelle Smith

The new system will automate many optional activities, but activities outside of the new system require a separate form. A new version of this form for prior-authorization will be available to submit electronically; it will auto-send to the direct supervisor and default-send to the VPAA if the direct supervisor response doesn't take place within 5 days.

ACCJC Annual Report – David Williams

Presented report with statewide enrollment data, our DE numbers, Institution-Set standard & stretch goals, and employment placement post-graduation.

Term Limits for Academic Senators – LaNae Jaimez

Senate continued this discussion, with a focus on ways we can encourage new interest and participation in both Senate and campus leadership overall. Considerations for addressing burnout, new faculty, adjunct inclusion/compensation, and contractual obligations were discussed.

Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices & Equity in Education

- SESC – Josh Scott: new process on how to access Equity funds is coming. Hiring committee formed and is interviewing for faculty chair position.

REPORTS

Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley: notifications for spring assessments will come out in May.

Distinguished Faculty committee – Andrew Wesley: received nominations, will have DF recipients decided soon.

DE – Erica Beam: DE is working on final reviews. An additional meeting has been added so that

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

the committee can get through as many of the shell reviews as possible before Summer break.
PD/Flex – Michelle Smith: making progress on the new system, testing soon. User guides are being created as well. If anyone would like to be a tester, please get in touch.

Other

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

-