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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

January 13, 2022 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Welcome to our new DE Coordinator John Perez
- Please get in touch if you'd like to attend either of the following:
 - [Part-Time Faculty Institute](#) (Feb. 10-11)
 - [Hybrid Spring Plenary](#) (Apr. 7-9, Southern CA)
- Job Description statement: has been reviewed and fine tuned by HR
- Teaching & Learning Center Task Force Update: will be meeting early this semester; want to survey faculty on their wants/needs
- A survey re: modality preference for senate meetings will be sent out soon.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

Updated faculty positions 2022-2023: a FT Chemistry position has been moved to "funded" as of 1/6/22

There was a 600% increase in positive cases at the start of the semester. Administration is committed to resuming in-person activities mid-February if the shifting guidance from CALOSHA/CDC permits. Because quarantine requirements combined with a lack of antigen tests would cause difficulties, delaying in-person activities at the semester start was implemented.

Discussion ensued regarding definitions being used ("surge", "dwindle", etc.) and criteria being examined to determine safety. Other comments also included options to consider: the use of seating charts for tracking, booster problems, timeliness of testing issues, etc.

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

Chief of the Public Safety Department
Edward Goldberg – PT Criminal Justice
Committee convened and two good candidates went forward and background checks are happening.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 1.13.2022 – State of Emergency (to extend our ability to meet online for Senate): approved

Sarah Barsness – Local GE revision (Curriculum Committee)
Area G, local district requirements (Health & Kinesiology) will remain "as is" so further discussion can take place. Changes made to our local degree are to streamline and make it easier for students to move through and understand, removing hidden prereqs, etc. - approved

YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]
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Erica Beam [ATB]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
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Jose Cortes [LA]
Josh Scott [LA]
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COUN: Counseling
HS: Health Sciences
LA: Liberal Arts
LIB: Library
SBS: Social & Behavioral
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M&S: Math & Science

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INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Transfer Center Updates - Emily Burt

Shared overview of Transfer Center work and statistics.

- Transfer Velocity (percentage of students transferring): any student who has taken 12 units and has attempted transfer level Math/English.
- SCC numbers are comparable with what's happening at the statewide level in terms of transfer and gaps.
- Ethnic breakdowns illustrate gaps, in particular for African American & Native American populations.
- Transfer Velocity for students with disabilities also show gaps.
- Most students that do transfer take longer than 2 years.

What can we do to serve? Communication tools, funding, demonstrate/tell students, course offerings for progression, faculty promotion in class (allow guest speakers? Advertise events, offer extra credit, etc.)

Goals: engage with campus to draw awareness, meet students where they're at, Solano.edu/transfer/events.php

Credit for Prior Learning AP 6041

A policy was passed last year, this is the college-level procedure created by a workgroup. Credit for Prior Learning is an umbrella term for things like IB credit, credit by exam, but also includes certain training outside of college. Discipline faculty will make decisions regarding CPL credit. Will come back for action on the 1/24/22 agenda.

Reconvene taskforce for reviewing Hiring prioritization process

If anyone would like to join, please let LaNae know. (non-Senators are welcome)

Taskforce for Student involvement in Interview Committee

same as above

Taskforce for exploring the impact of distance learning on student success, and support needed for students and faculty returning to campus – Josh Scott

Discussion ensued, please let Josh know if you'd like to work on this. How do we create in person services, build it so they come, with reduced capacity on campus. Need to get data, ask questions, survey, etc.

Academic Senate Goals & Priorities Update – LaNae Jaimez

Reviewed this list and updated.

- Faculty mentors: approved. Will be 'hiring' mentors for new FT this semester; need to do this with PT.
- Spring 22 goals include (not limited to): Review of the hiring process, senate bylaws, inherently in accessible content faculty guide (spring 22).

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee – Sarah Barsness

Equity & Anti-Racism in the Curriculum Process – ongoing. Sarah is in this semester's T4E cohort, which will augment and carry over to Curriculum. Several courses came through in Fall that leaned into equity questions and examination. General feeling that people are more comfortable attending CC meetings. Articulation officer now has 60% release time.

PD/Flex Cal – Michell Smith

Need two more committee members (one adjunct and one full-time faculty). Implementation of new system is ongoing.

Other

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

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