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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

April 25, 2022 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jose Cortes shared recent activities for the VPSS Interview Committee that resulted in the resignation of faculty and student members of that committee, as they can no longer meet the time requirements and interview schedule demands.

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Graduation: Please wear regalia or a Graduation Tee Shirt.
 - Graduation Car-Mencement Task Force: [sign up form](#)
 - Need more faculty to sign up for the Faculty Cheering Station
- [Black Student Success Week](#) – April 25-29: please review the schedule and sign up for sessions
- Remote Meeting Update: The state's emergency remote meeting exception policy extends through January of 2023; Senate will take this into consideration when planning fall semester Senate meetings.
- Evaluation of the Hiring Prioritization: This task force will meet before the end of Spring semester
- Evaluation of the Hiring Process and Manual: at end of Spring hiring, we will have student participant feedback on the revised process that included student participants. We will need to evaluate the recent process prior to any future hiring.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS - approved

Support of [Naming Rights BP](#) & Pending Procedure - LaNae Jaimez

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

"Vision for Future Solano College Athletics Expansion" - Erik Visser

Athletic Director Erik Visser presented an overview of the college's sports offerings and included information on the logistics involved (Title 9, curriculum, funding, etc.) with adding new sports to our lineup: Men's Soccer and Women's Beach Volleyball.

Renaming Correctional Education Program – Tony Zitko

Dean Zitko [proposed](#) changing the program name to: Solano Community College Rising Scholars. Item was moved to action items and then Senate voted (by acclamation) approval to support this name change.

Senate Representation for the Correctional Program (SCC Rising Scholars) – Tony Zitko & LaNae Jaimez

The (larger) Rising Scholars program asks about program representation at the local Senate

level. This ties in to Senate conversations earlier this year regarding how to provide representation to programs and areas that do not have a Senator seat and whether this role could be filled by At-Large senator seats or additional seats. Tony Zitko will report to senate until we determine a liaison from current Senators that have worked with our incarcerated population.

Senate Elections

Andrew Wesley was reelected for another term as an Adjunct Representative.
Andrew McGee and Allison Bolton are the new ATB senators.
COUN and HS are still working through their election/selection process, and one At-Large position is open.

Taskforce: Updated Terminology for Academic Standing – LaNae Jaimez

A task force will be created to update the terminology and procedure/processes involved in addressing academic standing. This work will be done in collaboration with the new VPSS.

Planning for Accreditation – Isabel Anderson & VPAA

Isabel Anderson presented the draft accreditation timeline:
Summer 2022 – R&P work begins
Fall 2022 – Standard Groups meet at fall flex
Spring & Summer 2023 – draft work and finalization
Fall 2023 – present draft to campus
12/1/2023 – draft due to ISER
Spring 2024 – ISER team reviews our draft
Fall 2024 – ISER site visit
Jan. 2025 – ISER commission takes action

Gratitude Practice – LaNae Jaimez & VPAA Williams

This week's themes: Look for small wins & Express gratitude (don't be afraid to share your gratitude).

[Google Doc](#) – everyone is encouraged and welcome to contribute to this document. The practice of expressing gratitude feels harder to do when times are tough but that's when the benefits of the practice can best occur. Deans are engaging in this gratitude practice as well. At each Senate meeting, David shares a chapter theme from the book *Leading With Gratitude* for reflection. {This book is also available as an [e-book via the library](#); please contact Erin Duane if you need help with access.}

Committee Reports

Andrew Wesley – Assessment Committee

Working on the new Assessment Handbook. Next committee meeting is May 6th

John Perez - DE

Summer shells are built and have been published, blueprints are accessible and updated, new accessibility checker and design software are available now (already in Canvas).

Michelle Smith – Professional Development/FlexCal

The Professional Development/Flexible Calendar Committee continues to plan for Fall 2022. Anyone interested in hosting a session is encouraged to submit the [Request to Present](#) form! The afternoon (1-3pm) of **Thursday, August 11th** is reserved for **Program and Department meetings**. If your program or department is interested in meeting during that time, please submit the [Request to Present](#) form. The deadline for sessions to be included in the August program is **Friday, May 13th**. *Remember presenters earn double credit for hosting!*

Other

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