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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

September 13, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Fall 2021 Plenary will take place at Long Beach, November 4-6. LaNae will not be going in person, so if anyone would like to attend, please let her know by 10/1. Virtual attendance is another option; 10/28 is deadline to register.
- Review of Peer Review workgroup: We need to add a process for correspondence education peer review. DE peer review is in the contract and needs to be included in the handbook.
- Faculty Mentor Task Force: this group met and completed a draft of the job description, which will be presented to Senate on 9/27.
- Senate Subcommittee chairs met and had robust discussion. There is some confusion with Adjunct faculty re: what kinds of work they can be paid for (SLOs, Program Review, Flex)
- Incomplete SLOs: those not completed will go to the VPAA and then on to Deans. October flex will have an open office hour for faculty to attend and work on SLOs.
- Committee Reps needed:
 - Assessment Committee needs Health Science reps.
 - Professional Development/Flex Cal Committee needs an Adjunct rep.
 - Program Review Committee needs SBS and ATB reps.
 - Curriculum needs SBS rep.
- Senate Admin Assistant update: 21 applicants have been screened, interviews take place next Monday, September 13, 2021
- Hiring Prioritization check-in: the request form has gone out (if you need it, please get in touch with David Williams)
- ASSC: LaNae requested to be on their next agenda to discuss ways Senate can collaborate with them this year
- Brown Act exemption: see S/P report
- Vaccine Mandate: on the Board agenda, see S/P report
- ASCCC: The Academic Academy is coming up soon; please let LaNae know if you'd like to attend. It is a virtual conference, Oct 7-8, with the theme of Enhancing Transfer in Higher Education. Registration is open through the 30th.
- Area B meeting: October 15th 9-2pm, please let LaNae know if you'd like to attend.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Mask & Vaccine mandate: this item is on the Board agenda for Wednesday. Groups recently consulted include union leadership re: concerns with their membership and the ASSC to discuss student concerns as well. If the Board approves the mandate, implementation challenges will begin. The goal is to ensure implementation is fair, feasible, and ensures that no student is unable to complete a program due to lack of vaccine. Implementation will begin no sooner than 10/15. Testing will remain available for our campus community.

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ATB: Applied Technology &
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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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Senators discussed making sure science-backed education is offered alongside the mandate. Students in certain disciplines will have to get vaccinated when they leave SCC for professional work. Discussion ensued about the need to ensure smooth implementation in multiple ways, so questions and hurdles can be adequately handled in timely fashion. County Public Health and Touro university offered to do vaccine clinics for us.

Campus safety preliminary report: also on the Board agenda, just an information item.

SPDEI: meeting with an expert on LGBTI issues to incorporate into SCC diversity efforts.

Legislation allows us to extend the remote/teleconference meeting protocol during COVID and remain compliant with Brown Act. We will have to take action every 30 days and note that on the agendas to continue meeting remotely in compliance with Brown Act.

VPAA REPORT

10-12 red passes per day so far via coursekey. We will implement a conservative approach for face to face classes in Spring. We are now at 13% in person, aiming for 20% next semester.

Most neighboring colleges are down in enrollment similarly to us. The average in person class offering mark is around 30%. If you have an interest in returning to in person instruction, please make sure your dean knows.

Senators asked if the college could hire more contact tracers, possibility to expand computer and printer access in classrooms, and to see how services could expand on campus during this/Spring semester. HR is working to hire more tracers, but they have been difficult to find.

VPSS REPORT

SEA Funds proposal process: Student Equity & Achievement funds are available. There is no rubric to accompany the fund proposal requests; all proposals are expected to be approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Tenure Tea & Distinguished Faculty Celebration planning work group

Organized Cheating on Campus

A faculty member reported that one of their students was asked to join an off-Canvas group to cheat on an upcoming exam; the student felt intimidated/scared because they didn't want to cheat, but didn't want to be labeled "a snitch". Senators discussed options and action including a reinforcing our academic honesty policy, a Senate statement, and a Flex panel with options for addressing/preventing cheating and reaching students before they engage in this activity, etc. Concerns were posed re: framing this in a way that doesn't attack all students, since this behavior isn't happening in all areas.

DEI, Anti Racist Practices

Senate Goals/Priorities

Committee Reports

Student Equity and Success Counsel- Heather Watson-Perez

If anyone wants to be on a workgroup, let HWP know. If you see good equity work being done, please send an email to HWP.

Curriculum – Sarah Barsness

Deadline to submit curriculum for Fall 2022 catalog is 9/27 of this month. Liberal Arts curriculum review is coming up. Ethnic Studies: working with AO Ashlie Lawson. Anyone

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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

interested in creating curriculum for Ethnic Studies: please reach out. Anti-racism process for curriculum task force bringing their work to the Committee soon.

Guided Pathways – Melissa Reeve

A new group of coordinators are covering six PACE areas (STEM pathway has been selected, but waiting on acceptance) and two counselors. Website development to make access and clarity for 2022-2023 students is ongoing. October Flex will focus on areas that are in different places in their preparation for the website so they can add/edit/update.

Other

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