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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

November 22, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lauren Taylor-Hill noted that the ASTC will be open in the new building at the start of the semester, but the library will open at a later date.

VP Williams noted that a major power outage will take place over winter break with all systems including BANNER, the website and MySolano going down so that IT can shift to the new building.

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Thurs. Jan 13th afternoon meeting topic is yet to be determined.
- Hiring Prioritization Task Force process: self-evaluation will take place and new task force members are welcome to attend.
- Calendar Committee appointments: if you're interested in serving for next year, please get in touch by Friday 12/3.
- Senate Elections in spring: In Spring, elections will be held for next year's President and Vice President positions, and schools will elect half of their representation. Faculty are encouraged to apply for both positions; if anyone would like to ask LaNae or Josh about the roles, please reach out.
- DE Coordinator: there will be an interim DE coordinator for spring semester, while a task force including Union representation looks at building a model for a Teaching/Learning Center with DE and Professional Development included. The task force will look at reshaping the DE Chair role so that it is more desirable to applicants.
- Academic Program Review Coordinator: Rachel Purdie will continue through spring and the position will go out for a fall hire.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

aSTEM Coordinator position: This is a 100% release position but may be reduced so that more faculty can apply.

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

Interview Committees for the AY 2022/2023 hires were proposed and approved unanimously.

- Biology (emphasis in Anatomy/Physiology)
- Astronomy & Physics
- Biology (emphasis in Microbiology)
- CDFS & Family Studies/Education
- Sociology / Social Justice Studies
- Ethnic Studies

ACTION ITEMS

Special Recognition – Resolution to recognize Sheila Kaushal (approved unanimously).

Payroll Deduction Form – Rebecca LaCount

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]
Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS]
Michael Reilly [LA]
Michelle Arce [SBS]
Paul Hidy [ATB]
Rachel Purdie* [SBS]
Randy Robertson [M&S]
Rebecca LaCount [COUN]
Rhuenette Alums ‡ [ATB]
Robin Sytsma [HS]
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

TEN PLUS ONE

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A [revised payroll deduction form](#) was presented; an option to donate to the Senate's Scholarship fund has been added. SCC Employees may elect to donate any amount to the Senate and/or the student scholarship fund. Approved unanimously.

Budget Update – Erin Duane

The senate's latest balance is \$10,866.44. Senate anticipates \$126 per month from regular contributions. Please remember that any donation amount is helpful and is now tax deductible. These funds are used to support the Senate's activities, Distinguished Faculty Awards, and the Student Scholarship fund. (information item; not for action)

Allocating additional senate funds for student scholarships – Rebecca LaCount

To increase Senate scholarships, this fund would need to increase. Senator LaCount presented scenarios where Senate donates to the scholarship fund in order to accomplish this goal. Senate approved a motion to match faculty contributions up to \$3K and to organize a campaign to encourage faculty to contribute so that Senate can offer more scholarships, with larger awards.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Ethnic Studies Job Description Standard Text- LaNae Jaimez

Senate engaged in a lengthy discussion about creating a standard text and looked at data regarding a lack of ethnic diversity in hiring at all CCC's, including a look at SCC's data specifically. Senate will continue to review the standard text and the meeting's discussion and revisit this topic at the next Senate meeting.

Committee Reports

Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley

There has been a recent data retrieval issue w/ eLumen so there are no mandatory assessment submissions this semester. We still need data, so those that can/want to assess, please still do so.

DE – Erica Beam

The committee's last meeting of the semester will be Friday 12/3 at 9 am. This is the final meeting to get approved for teaching via DE for next semester. Canvas Day with NVC will be held on Friday 12/3 from 10-3 and is eligible for flex (register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/190686597747>) Participants may attend as many sessions as desired.

PD/Flex – Michelle Smith

- [FAQ for getting Flex credit for trainings outside of Solano](#) (ex: Canvas Day) (Link will require logging in to the new system)
- If participants need to mark their attendance from Fall 2021 flex, please let Michelle know.
- 11/30 - Deadline for submitting flex hours for credit before Dec. payroll (Flex payment for adjunct faculty will appear in January's payroll otherwise)

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