SCC ACADEMIC SENATE
HOT TOPICS
from the
March 13, 2023 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS
While graduation regalia is available for renting at the bookstore, it can also be purchased online for under $150 which is ultimately cheaper than renting every semester.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Welcome New ATB Senator: Toni Coleman

Hiring Prioritization Process 2023-2024
Senate discussion for this will begin in Fall.

Joint Student / Faculty mixer
Planning will begin this month with Dean Lewis and ASSC Leadership; the mixer is slated for the end of April or early May.

SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

The Quad survey will be distributed soon [has now been distributed]; all faculty and staff are encouraged to complete/contribute.

Campus Housing & SB169: These funds are limited by legislation to be used for "traditional student housing" (FT, 12 units, no dependents). While this doesn't serve our entire student population, we will apply (phase 1) and then pursue funding for phase 2 (students not covered by Phase 1) and phase 3 (active seniors etc.)

Housing and SB169 funds: These funds are limited by legislation to be used for "traditional student housing" (FT, 12 units, no dependents). We will submit our application for funds in early July; funds are expected to disperse in 2024 and construction would take place in 2026-2027. Space for building may be the green between the soccer pitch and softball field.

VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT
The new DE Director position will soon go to Board and then be posted.

VP OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
Accreditation Update – Isabel Anderson

If you'd like to help, meetings are on off-Senate Mondays in the Board room. (Excellent snacks are provided). Please come by to see how you can contribute to this effort.

Quality Focus Essay – Senate, what projects should the Accreditation Workgroup include that will result in observable and measurable outcomes? Other schools have done Pathways, SEP/equity plan, non academic program review, center support, etc. It was agreed that Isabel will create a google form with the ideas discussed to share out for more feedback.

Scheduling Taskforce
A summary of this group's first meeting was presented. The group wishes to create a taskforce with representation from faculty, counselors, administration, IRP, and reps from centers/library/ASTC to focus on scheduling issues (core GE classes, ideal schedules for evenings & Centers, etc). Senate voted to move forward with taskforce's plan.

ChatGPT
Senate discussed – how do we see chatGPT impacting SCC now and futuristically, how should we engage AI in our classrooms, what is the most student-centered response, what's Senate's roll in this conversation, etc.? Discussion also looked at how these themes entwine with grading conversations, how does the classroom culture we create come into play, etc. See the attached meeting notes for further information.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum/tech review – Sarah Barsness
The committee is awaiting new course proposals and modifications from faculty; please submit these soon. The committee is currently working on Accreditation tasks (reviewing the response and evidence collection) and revising the DE handbook.

Program Review – LaNae Jaimez
This committee just had their first in person meeting (First Thursdays, from 12:30-2). The committee needs a Health Science rep. Three reviews (Math, Physics, Physical Science) were presented/reviewed by the committee and will move forward to the Dean and VPAA.

SESC - Michael Silva
The SESC will begin meeting in person (with a hybrid option) at 2pm (regular meeitngs will be Fridays at 2) starting Friday March 24. Weekly office hours are available on Wednesdays from 11-12pm via zoom if anyone wants to drop in with questions.

Other

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