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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

April 3, 2023 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PTK facilitated a bone marrow drive recently. There will be a drive at the Vacaville campus this spring and drives on the Fairfield and Vallejo campuses in the fall. Volunteers and donors will be needed for every event.

T4E Academy's April Theme: Democratizing Course Materials. T4E will meet April 18th and 25th – all are welcome and encouraged to attend. (calendar attached)

T4E Academy - April 2023: [Democratizing Course Material/OER Month](#)

April 18: Democratizing your Course Materials, Part 1, 3-4:30pm

April 25: Democratizing your Course Materials, Part 2 (with Atticus Frey), 3-4:30pm

Corinna Gould will be presenting via a hybrid event (via zoom as well as in person, in the library) from 5-6pm on April 17th. [{Details and zoom id}](#) Please share this opportunity with your students.

Reminder that the graduation regalia rentals deadline is the 15th.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Welcome Toni Coleman (officially) as the new ATB Senator

Grading

A rough draft resolution for timely grading is on its way to Senate for feedback and discussion. This collaboration will take place via Google doc revisions, so please reach out if you'd like to help.

Joint Mixer: Senate and ASSC

The event will be held May 1 @ 2-4pm- if you have ideas please send them in. We are moving forward with an informal event for this first mixer to make spontaneous attendance easy. Prizes and food will be available.

Tenure Tea

This event will be held at the August Flex, after our regularly scheduled morning Senate meeting. Senate will not meet in the afternoon so that senators may attend other flex events.

Department Chairs

A task force is underway, after consulting with Union leadership, to develop list of responsibilities, best practices, etc.

SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Our ISER Quality Focus essay needs more work; thank you to those that have helped, please contribute if you have input.

VP Williams attended the CIO Conference last week. A new program is underway which creates a dual admissions program with CCCs and the UCs/CSUs (students can apply and get acceptance to a CCC and either a UC or CSU). A webinar is coming up (4/12) for the CSU version of this program.

The summer schedule is posted. Fall schedule will be delayed slightly but will be up by 17th (priority registration starts then).

VP OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

SCC is participating in a national survey re: basic needs (Housing, food insecurity, finance, work, class, academic success etc.). {The link was sent out via text/email on April 4.}

Student Services has started a series of equity workshops with Dr. Bryan Bedford. The focus is on antiracism for improved customer service.

CONSENT AGENDA (passed unanimously)

Peer reviewer and hiring committee appointments (see agenda)

ACTION ITEMS

Process for Naming Rooms due to Service to the College – Josh Scott

The [second draft](#) of the Nomination Form with Process and scoring rubric was presented, proposals based on service should go to an ad hoc subcommittee and then forward with recommendation to SP who then forwards to Board. Senator Alums requested that Senate ensure the process is widely distributed, and shared with the community, ensuring access and clarity. ***passed unanimously***

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

How can the Academic Senate support the Vacaville and Vallejo centers? Discussion; Follow-Up; Next Steps; Possible Resolutions

Senators were asked to discuss the following questions in small groups:

- What is working at the centers? What excites you about the centers?
- What can SESC do to support the centers?
- What can we (AS) do to support the centers?

Small groups reported back that the Centers have the potential for a more close-knit and high touch feel. Ideas for support: creating thematic courses that speak to Center- specific populations, make the curriculum relevant to the career paths of the student body at each Center, make VJO a CTE hub? Questions: What can we offer as assistance to the city/residents of VJO – what do they want and need? We need to go to the communities and ask them what they want: table at parks, farmers markets, art walk, outreach in K-12 and ask kids what they want/need from the college.

Minority Coalition – Shanan Danley

Shanan presented background on the Coalition and its membership, with the service focus to make SCC more equitable. Faculty are welcome to reach out to Shanan to get involved with the Coalition and its activities.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

SESC - Michael Silva

Weekly office hours take place Wednesdays from 11-12 via zoom; the group meets in hybrid format on the first Friday of every month. The group plans to bring suggestions back to Senate on redefining the scope/responsibilities of SESC.

Guided Pathways – Melissa Reeve

Planning has begun for the GP August 9th Welcome Day which is open to all students (promoted to incoming) to get acclimated to campus and aware of GP, student support services, etc. The committee needs help with planning and presentations at the event; the next meeting will be

Friday 4/7 at 9am. Guided pathways coordination positions are terming out, some are retiring; do we want to continue with GP faculty coordinators? Promoting programs/outreach/inreach is the focus now. A Guided Pathways workplan is due June 1 to the Chancellor's Office.

Other

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