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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

from the

### April 24, 2023 MEETING



#### YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]  
Anthony Ayala [SBS]  
Christina Young\* [MS]  
Erin Duane\* [LIB]  
Jose Cortes [LA]  
Kelvin Cheah [COUN]  
Kristina Ferrebee [MS]  
Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS]  
Michael Reilly [LA]  
Randy Robertson [MS]  
Rhuenette Alums † [ATB]  
Robin Sytsma [HS]  
Toni Coleman [ATB]  
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:

Josh Scott, President  
LaNae Jaimez, Past President  
Rebecca LaCount, Vice  
President  
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

#### TEN PLUS ONE

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1. Curriculum including establishing  
prerequisites and places courses  
within disciplines

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

##### SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Senate Election Results:

- Adjunct Senator: still vacant; will be put back out for voting Fall semester
- At-Large: Erin Duane
- Health Sciences Senator position: Wanda Butters is up for election for this position
- CTE Senator position available

Spring Plenary attendee highlights:

- John Perez – As a first time attendee, John had more fun than he anticipated and encourages anyone who hasn't gone to attend.
- Rebecca LaCount – The new course numbering implementation requirement has many unforeseen implications and now has a rescheduled start date of July 2024 (not to be completed by 2024).
- Josh Scott - As of April 26<sup>th</sup>, new legislation requires DEIA evaluation metrics on faculty evaluations and tenure review. (Title V regulation sec [53602](#).)

Senate After Dark – For Senate's end-of-semester celebration, LaNae will happily rehost, but if anyone else would like to host, please let Josh know.

The Student faculty mixer was cancelled this year due to lack of time to adequately prepare the event; looking to have an event early in Fall Semester. Senators discussed and would like to create a diverse event that allows folks across disciplines and classrooms to connect.

Department Chairs Task force is meeting this Wednesday at 2pm to look at Chairs broadly/generally before bringing the topic to negotiations. Please forward thoughts/opinions to Josh, or join the zoom meeting.

In follow up to last meeting's Minority Coalition visit, Senate President Scott noted that Senate was overdue for the meeting and invited discussion on how we can better create space for conversations that have a focus and goal so that the conversation and emotional heavy lifting can be productive. The Minority Coalition is attending college governance this week, bringing three goals for the college to address. Senate discussed ideas on how we may create a sense of belonging and celebration of diversity early on so students can see/feel seen and safe (Mixers, club showcases, community building events, etc.)

#### SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

##### VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

In addition to the abovementioned conversation about creating a stronger sense of inclusion, more direct and dedicated systemic equity work needs to take place. If you run into barriers for students, please bring them to attention so adjustments can be made.

##### VP OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

We held a great Eid celebration on Saturday for the end of Ramadan; thanks to Kristina Ferree for her work as faculty mentor for our Muslim student group.

Black Student success week kicked off today. Please attend as often as you can, showing support for this week's important topic and speakers.

An onboarding program is planned for this summer; a BBQ kickoff will take place August 5<sup>th</sup> with more events thereafter.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA (passed unanimously)**

Appointed to Hiring Committee for Auto Tech Instructor

- *Curley Wikkeling-Miller*
- *Doug Green*
- *Andrew McGee*
- *David Ames*

Appointed to Hiring Committee for Dean of CTE

- *Laura Maghoney*
- *Maire Morinec*
- *Curley Wikkeling-Miller*
- *Erica Beam*
- *Tony Ayala*

#### **ACTION ITEMS (passed unanimously)**

Academic Senate [Calendar](#) for 2023-2024

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### ***Pride/LGBTQIA+ Discussion - Matthew Schweitzer & Lauren Taylor-Hill***

- LGBTQIA+ support and experience—what has been done and what is the current experience for faculty, staff, and students?
- How can the Academic Senate and faculty support LGBTQIA+ students and colleagues?

Matthew presented national statistics and discussed county details. How can SCC help? Starting points are to provide greater visibility for students to identify allies, share info on Pride Club with students, and engage in related professional development activities. (Shout out to Theater department with two LGBTQIA+ themed plays this year!) Please help students know there are safe spaces for them on campus, and growing every day (the new LGBTQIA+ Center is in the works).

##### ***Grading - Resolution in support of Timely Grading (draft)***

Senate discussed the [draft](#); edits will be made and the draft will return to the next meeting for voting.

##### ***Scheduling Taskforce***

The taskforce met and has a [beginning draft](#) to establish course sequences at all campus locations (and online), to allow students to move through a path in one location.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### ***Assessment – Andrew Wesley***

After March Flex, the committee was tasked to come up with an Equity ILO (the “DEI ILO”) for the campus. The committee will bring a draft of this to Senate before end of year.

##### ***Distance Education – John Perez***

John presented a thorough [Report](#).

##### ***Professional Development – Michelle Smith***

Anyone who would like to present at the August flex, please submit your plan by May 12<sup>th</sup>. The fall flex topic will be: AI in Higher Education.

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

**Other**

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