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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE HOT TOPICS *from the* May 8, 2023 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Student Andrea Solis Olguin addressed the Senate, asking for action and support (to public officials) for Dependent Immigrant Youth who are students and ineligible for most forms of financial aid. Andrea referenced a [fact-sheet](#) and [Americaschildrenact.com](#) (see the "Take Action" button on that website).

SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

6.1 Graduation Volunteers Needed

Graduation lineup, ushers, accessibility in stadium, marshalls

Last minute bookstore cap and gown rentals are still available (leftovers) and the bookstore will likely have some available day-of

6.2 Senate-after-Dark

Senate After Dark will take place at LaNae's house after graduation (around 7:45 pm)

6.3 Welcome New Senators & Gratitude for Departing Senators

- Thank you to our departing Senators for their dedication and service: Rhuenette Alums, Vitalis Enemmuo and Michael Reilly [LA]
- Welcome Wanda Butters (HS)
- Lauren Taylor-Hill will be on sabbatical this fall and Sabine Bolz will fill her seat during that absence.

6.4 Proposal for 2023-2024 Meetings: School-Themed Discussions

Senator areas will drive meeting themes next year: please survey your area's colleagues to determine areas of focus for the meetings/discussions

6.5 Survey Results

Senate exec conducted a survey to assess Senators' experience in Senate this year. One piece of feedback was that we should spend time next year to understand Student Services more fully.

6.6 Announcement of Distinguished Faculty

The committee would like to acknowledge all nominees and this year's winners**:

Adam/Angel Iqueda (EMT)

**John Perez (COMM)

Phil Peterson (PHYS/ASTR)

Michael Reilly (MUSC)

Andrew Wesley (MUSC)

Melanie Lutz (ENGR/PHYS)

Renee Moore (ANAT)

**Doug Mungin (COMM)

6.7 Celebrating Speech & Debate Team Win

[SCC's Team won Gold at the National Community College Championships!](#) Congratulations to Dr. Doug Mungin and Janene Whitesell and the stellar team:
Shavon Odum

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

($\$53200$)

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and places courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements

Sarah Campi
James Baird
Frida Torres
Daisy Jimenez
Sofia Pineda
Christian Villanueva
Malika Amin Mirador
Adam Mitchell
Geno Lucero
Matthew Boucher
Victor Ramos

SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

Housing update: we are still moving forward on SB169 funding for this project. Part of the application requires the college to input significant resources, which requires changes to our bond spending plan so this will appear at the next board meeting. We will also develop a parallel plan B.

Quad survey: a tree canopy was widely requested in the survey, among others. Once we have pricing for all priorities, a summary will come forward to further discussion and review.

The goal time for this year's Graduation ceremony is 6-7:20 pm. The rainy day plan is "Commencement". Thank you to all who are working on this event. An end of year party invite is planned

End of year party (dessert & beverages): Wednesday, May 24th from 1-2:30 @ the Board Room (bldg. 600)

VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Please check your summer and fall enrollments and reach out to your Dean if more promotion is needed for enrollment. Online classes appear to be filling first.

VP OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Graduation: please sign up (contact Shirley Lewis or Julene Calvo) to help. Faculty planning to wear regalia should gather at the baseball clubhouse/green room by the stadium at 5pm (snacks etc. will be available). 325 students have RSVP'd to walk. Volunteers will receive a free shirt and swag bag.

Congratulations to Student Services' new doctorates:

Dr. Erika Black (Counseling)
Dr. Gail Rulloda
Dr. Priscilla Jones (CalWorks)

[Food Market](#): Pantry services at the Centers and Auto Tech are in effect. New outreach efforts have brought in larger numbers of students served. A student ID number is needed to access pantry services. A clothes closet is in the works.

The new Black Student Cultural Center in 400 (414) will be ready sometime this summer, with a formal launch event in fall semester.

Summer Bridge planning continues:

- August 5 Black Family BBQ
- August 7/8 Bridge program events
- August 9 Welcome Day

[Interact Communications](#) (marketing for recruitment/retention strategies for Community Colleges) will soon begin working with us on a marketing strategy, looking at our brand perception among our students and within the community. (An invite to participate in a focus group on zoom for this project went out via email on 5/11.)

Cultural Programming: A job description for this role is in the works; this position will focus on collating our various campus events and making sure outreach is comprehensive, especially as we ramp up with in-person events.

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

CONSENT AGENDA (passed unanimously)

ACTION ITEMS

[ILO Revisions / New ILO](#) – Assessment Committee (Andrew Wesley)

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility: Students will demonstrate knowledge and sensitivity toward diverse *identities*, communities and cultures. (This statement has been kept broad so faculty can interpret it as they see fit). *passed unanimously*

Distinguished Faculty Monetary Award (LaNae Jaimez)

\$250 apiece has been requested for this year's awardees. *passed unanimously*

[Resolution in Support of Timely Grading](#) (Josh Scott)

Passed unanimously

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Department Chair Taskforce

- See [notes](#) from 4/26 meeting: the group brainstormed many supporting points for Chairs and a list of tasks/responsibility ideas (committees, hiring, mentoring, schedules, student liaison, public point of contact, outreach, departmental growth, etc)
- Various union issues still exist (compensation, identification/election/hiring these roles, evaluations of chairs)
 - Andrew: can PT faculty become chairs?
 - Tony: Are rotating chairs an option? How would this work between large vs small depts?

The goal is to hold a Fall flex event so that the taskforce can get feedback from all faculty, to finalize the work of the group, and to provide this feedback to the Union for future negotiations.

ZTC Update & Alignment with Program Pathways – Attius Frey

The next stage of our ZTC process is to determine how to spend the Chancellor's Office funding (\$180K), developing a stipend program, and creating ZTC pathways. Thank you to Irving Chin (?) from Tassel, who culled our pathways website to identify possible holes/opportunities for this project.

After talking to faculty, it seems that lack of knowledge/info related to ZTC is a primary hurdle. Atticus is considering creating a Canvas course on ZTC that faculty can take for compensation. Atticus requests that Senate create a task force or group to review the stipend program/applications.

August Planning (Meetings, Tenure Tea, Mixer) - Josh Scott

If there are issues or topics you'd like Senate to focus on next year, please send to Josh

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Year-End Self-Assessments

[Academic Program Review](#) – LaNae Jaimez

[Professional Development](#) – Michelle Smith

[SESC](#) – Michael Silva

[Distance Education](#) – John Perez

[Curriculum/Tech Review](#) – Sarah Barsness

Assessment – Andrew Wesley

Other

Guided Pathways Steering Committee – Melissa Reeve

- [Workplan](#) (due 6/1 to Chancellor's Office): hasn't been vetted yet/is still in draft stage. Please look at and provide feedback.
- Faculty have been asked for feedback as potential presenters at the GP welcome event this fall, the day prior to the first flex.

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