
SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

February 10, 2025 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

ASSC shared upcoming event posters to showcase Black History Month events on campus:

- Black History Month is underway:
 - Poetry Slam 2/13 @ 3:30-4:30 in the Theater
 - Art gallery Exhibition 2/24 with Liberty Pierson (local VJO artist)

PTK has partnered with A2MEND and Black Falcons; there will be a reading Wednesday 2/12 @ 2pm in the library, with a BHM banner signing

Ed Foundation asked Jack Schouten to share:

- The Ed Foundation is taking departmental requests for funding; if you have a need for financial support for an initiative or project, please contact the Foundation to inquire.
- Save the Date for the Foundation's Crab/Shrimp feed: March 1

Jack Schouten attended a city council meeting celebrating Black History Month where our new Poet Laureate Michael Wyly read a poem honoring BHM. Jack suggested we consider a similar reading at the start of Senate meetings.

On Feb 21 room @ 11-1, room 1525, ASSC has collaborated with a photographer to provide free professional headshots for students as they build their resumes and apply for work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matthew: At CTA's winter festival, there was a call to action for faculty, staff, students to unite and organize in order to become a political voice and force for change. We could be a powerful voting block if we unify behind our community's needs.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

- 10+1 Study Session: Our BoG requested a Senate collab (?) to craft a joint DEI statement
- Sanctuary Campus Update: Student activists and faculty/staff shared public comments on their desire for a Sanctuary Campus designation. The Board agreed to draft a resolution in support and will vote on March 5.
- Accreditation Findings: ACCJC provided us an 18 month extension; a handful of SCFA & Senate Exec met with Laura Mahoney to discuss RSI finding; Isabel Anderson, VP Williams, Josh Scott and S/P Butler also met to discuss the ACCJC findings today. Next steps: build plan for professional development, support for RSI, and plan for evaluation (will require MOU). SLO meeting planned for similar approach.
- Department Chair Update: the taskforce met with S/P Butler last Friday, JD has been developed that meets interests from multiple sides. Still working on compensation details.
- [Senate Website](#) – Can we add bios and photos for all senators?
- Zoom Chat Policy: effective immediately, the preview feature for senate zoom chat will be turned off. Comments should be made publicly/audibly. (Tech issues in chat will go to Christina).
- Lockdown Drill Debrief: this feels better handled from the union platform and will be addressed at a union forum in the near future. Chief Travis will attend.
- 2025 [Spring Plenary Session](#) – April 24-26 - declare attendance interest by March 14 (in

YOUR SENATORS

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Chip Reeves [CTE]
Erica Beam [SBS]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
Glenn Keyser [LA]
Jack Schouten [LA]
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Representatives

CTE: Career/Technical
Education

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
Rachel Purdie, Vice President
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer
Kristieen Rodriguez, Adjunct
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- Other: Senate will meet March 10th in VJO. If your schedule permits, the plan is as follows:
- Open House with student clubs & S/P Butler @ 1
- ATEC tour @ 2
- VJO campus tour @ 2:45
- Senate meets @ 3-5

SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT DR BUTLER REPORT

VPAA REPORT

Today's ACCJC recap meeting with Senate & Union exec went well. Our response to the findings will require team effort to achieve the recommendations. An email will be coming out soon to start workgroups, definitions, etc. on this faculty-led work.

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT

Request for approval of [Curriculum Committee Activities](#) – February, 2025

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the [2026-2027 Academic Calendar Draft](#) (Kristina Ferrebee)

The ongoing discrepancy of instructional days between M/W and T/Th classes continues; Math and Science classes, particularly labs, are impacted by the current calendar.

Senators brainstormed various options including modifying Spring flex days, modifying semester start days, modifying breaks, etc. ASSC requested adding a civic engagement day to the calendar.

Senate voted to send the draft back to the committee and asking them to move or delete the March 17th (Weds) flex day to balance instructional days between M/W and T/Th.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ZTC Update (Atticus Frey)

Recap: Anthropology and Spanish spearheaded those two departmental conversions to ZTC and our initial grant (expiring in Fall) goals were met.

Additional grant funds are now available with more localized flexibility with how these funds may be spent: class sets of textbooks are ok, for example, although access codes will not be doable as they are one-time-use. Our task now is to identify two additional program pathways to transition to ZTC. While we now have \$320K to spend, we can't spend over \$200K on one pathway and the funds can't duplicate similar curriculum changes from other schools (no copycat/duplicate efforts). As long as a degree or certificate can be attained, not all faculty in a department have to convert their curriculum to ZTC (not all sections of a particular course need to be ZTC) in order for the funding to be applied.

To all faculty: Even if your textbook is cheaper elsewhere, please do file your book(s) on record with the bookstore so students with EOPS vouchers are able to get their books. Faculty can also negotiate free access codes (5?) with McGraw Hill to give to some of your students. Matthew Schweitzer negotiates lower pricing directly with his rep for purchase from the publisher directly. Further discussion ensued; Senate will bring the textbook/bookstore/codes/etc discussion back at a future meeting. ASSC is very much in favor of finding solutions that work for students.

Atticus invited participation on an OER steering committee: Glenn Keyser, Matthew Schwitzer, and Erica Beam volunteered.

Priorities and collaboration opportunities with Student Government (ASSC) (Josh Scott & Alex Vidal-Baquero)

ASSC representatives Lorelai Collins, AJ Matthews, and Alex Vidal-Baquero attended, sharing recent efforts and advocacy to protect and support students including their recent work towards establishing Sanctuary Campus Status, valuing DEI, crafting a survey via Research &

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

Planning to evaluate nutrition and health (plus related economic issues) on campus. A civic employment panel is underway (as DEI is being targeted) to help students navigate government employment and other employment opportunities.

To dovetail with the previous discussion, ASSC is concerned with textbook affordability and access, bookstore issues, rentals, and related issues. Please indicate on your syllabus if you are ok with students using an older edition of a textbook (library copies available for different checkout periods).

Overall, ASSC priorities that Senate can support include: Textbook costs, access to food, and civic engagement. ASSC would also love to see more faculty at events, ASSC meetings, tutoring at ASTC, and overall collaboration with ASSC.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Program Review – LaNae Jaimez

Liberal arts is in PR now with six areas completed and 10 pending; everyone is on track. The committee is also updating the PR handbook, completing annual review, and developing a student survey for Rising Scholars.

Student Equity and Success Council – Commodore St. Germain

Election stress report finalized; the Council is happy that the Sanctuary Campus effort is going well. The Drop Survey draft is in the works with finalization planned for early March. The group finalized an antiracism statement and will be voting March 11th. On the radar next is adjunct pay for committee work; the Council requested that SCFA add this item to the next round of negotiations.

Curriculum/Tech Review – Jim DeKloe

- Curriculum review for business and CTE is underway
- First round of common course numbering is done
- 23 new courses in the works and will coming to the committee next semester for review/approval
- Statewide work with bachelor's degree: Statewide standards for upper division courses mirror those which were developed by former Senate President Michael Wylly.
- Conflict is yet unresolved with CSU re: legislation enabling Community Colleges to have a bachelor's degree, particularly if that degree/discipline is already established at a CSU

Other

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