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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

*from the*

## (Fall Flex) August 8, 2024 MEETING

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erica Beam shared concerns about moving Business/Accounting/Economics from ATB to SBS.

Lauren Taylor-Hill shared that while at Welcome Day, a SolTrans representative indicated interest at establishing a dedicated transit line between our campuses.

### SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

#### New Senators & School Elections

Welcome to Chip Reeves (ATB), Rachel Purdie (SBS, and new VP), Scott Parrish (HS), Amy Dauffenbach (COUN), and Nazia Moustafa (new PD/Flex position).

#### Welcome Kristieen Rodriguez to Senate Exec

Thank you to Andrew Wesley for encouraging the addition of an adjunct rep to Senate Exec last year; Kristieen Rodriguez will serve this year.

#### Department Chairs

The plan development for department chairs utilized the IBA process with Mary Jones and Sal Abbate for the District, Dean Sandy Lamba and VPAA David Williams for Administration, plus Union and Senate representation. More detail will be presented in this afternoon's joint Senate session. Next steps: finalizing today's feedback, meeting one more time to fine tune, then move to set Chairs up for a January start.

#### Integrated Planning

Although the "plan for the plan" has changed, we are still moving forward with IPP Planning this year.

#### School of ATB /CTE reorganization

See VPAA Williams's report.

#### Tenure Tea & Beginning of Semester Celebration

A robust joint celebration at LaNae's house is planned, to honor Distinguished Faculty and Landmark Tenures ("Silverback Celebration" for 10/15/20/etc years of service).

#### Other

Welcome Superintendent-President Dr Kellie Butler!

### SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

Enrollment is up, even with a fraudulent enrollment uptick (over 450 FTE). Please be diligent and report any suspicious enrollments.

CalOSHA compliance policy passed this summer re: workplace violence prevention – it's in draft form and will be shared out soon.

Facilities: lots of construction is underway; ECE is done & the Quad is near completion and celebrations for both will take place this fall. Early College portables are finalized. Restrooms

### YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley ‡ [LA]  
Chip Reeves [CTE]  
Erica Beam [SBS]  
Erin Duane\* [LIB]  
Jack Schouten [LA]  
Amy Dauffenbach [COUN]  
Kristina Ferrebee [MS]  
Kristieen Rodriguez ‡ [COUN]  
Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS]  
Matthew Schweitzer\* [MS]  
Randy Robertson [MS]  
Scott Parrish [HS]  
Wanda Butters [HS]  
Open Positions [LA & CTE]

\*Senators At-Large

‡ Adjunct Faculty  
Representatives

CTE: Career/Technical  
Education

COUN: Counseling

HS: Health Sciences

LA: Liberal Arts

LIB: Library

SBS: Social & Behavioral  
Sciences

M&S: Math & Science

### TEN PLUS ONE

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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-

are still being refreshed and access to those spaces is in the works. Please let the President's office know if you have questions or know of negative impacts.

VPSS Neeley is working on transit opportunities between campuses. Bus stop in front of 600 will move to front of 400, affording better proximity to student services (seating and overhead coverage in the works). *(Update from VP Williams as of 8/28/24: the plan to move the bus stop from 600 to 400 has been rescinded due to safety and construction concerns).*

President Meet & Greets: campus gatherings with CSEA and Local 39 have already taken place; CTA gatherings are in the works. Dr. Butler has also met with local stakeholders including the Solano County Economic Development Corporation and FSUSD, etc. Vallejo opportunities are in the works (they have a new superintendent). Dr. Butler will be visiting division meetings tomorrow to interface with faculty.

Accreditation: The team will visit next month (9/24 and 9/25) so preparations are underway.

Fraudulent enrollment: seems to be hitting mostly online classes w/o prereqs and 8 week classes. Some of the enrollments are using AI to maintain their enrollment as well.

#### **VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT**

Bathrooms in 700 and 1500 needed a massive overhaul; bathrooms in 500 and 800 require revamps as well but will be worked on at night.

Early College is set up now in portables next to the Theater with some EC staff temporarily relocated to 900 (a welcome desk will sit in 900 to keep EC students from wandering, etc.)

While 1600 renovations are taking place, Cosmetology has been relocated to Campus Lane.

New adjunct faculty lounge is in Building 300; redesigned as a part of the building's upgrade.

Enrollment: financial aid disbursement happens on day 1 so please try to engage with an assignment as soon as you can. False enrollments actually steal an identity. It is easier to re-add a student than to deal with a fraudulently enrolled person. Assignments stay in Canvas if you drop them. AI bots are even pretending to be a student needing to be excused from class due to vacation.

ATB/CTE to SBS redistribution: this decision was based on a workload issue to ensure deans had manageable responsibilities. Dean of ATB has huge budget and needs to interface with the community heavily. Every school has some CTE in it. Discussion re: role of guided pathways as helping students know what's available (vs the title of the division → ex: there's no school of visual and performing arts).

#### **CONSENT AGENDA – passes unanimously**

Appointed to the MESA Director Hiring Committee

*Commodore St. Germain*

*Danielle Widemann*

Appointed to the Director of Workforce Grants and Resource Development Hiring Committee

*Jim DeKloe*

*Christine Mani*

Appointed to the Rising Scholars Supervisor Hiring Committee

*Andrew Wesley*

Appointed to the Dean of Student Equity and Success Hiring Committee

*Isabel Anderson*

*Commodore St. Germain*

*Amanda Morrison*

*Erika Black*

*Juliana Veira*

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

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Request for Academic Senate to allocate funds for a joint SCFA/Academic Senate beginning-of-semester gathering on August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Senate approves up to \$1000 of funds to be used exclusively used for food and awards for FT/PT silverbacks.

Passes unanimously

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Update from VP of Technology Services (Passwords, FalconNest, etc.)**

#### **Jon Cornelison & Jeannette Ramos**

Passwords need to be moved from 8 to 15 characters; it is statistically improbable that longer and complex passwords can be breached. Multi factor authentication will be rolled out later this Fall.

Chromebook distribution is now centralized under IT (no longer in student services or library). Send students to IT at [Studentcheckouts@solano.edu](mailto:Studentcheckouts@solano.edu) to get a chromebook (see John's recent email for details)

MySolano is at end of life; FalconNest is the new iteration. A prototype has been developed, feedback has been collected. A soft launch is scheduled for this October for more feedback, then we will set up a go-live date to make the switch (MySolano will remain active during transition).

Features: mobile friendly, customizable home page, searchable (discover button)

What's next: training workshops (mid-semester flex), tutorial development, continue card development, ongoing feedback

### **Academic Senate Goals and Priorities for 2024-2025; All-Faculty Survey**

Senators engaged in brainstorming and discussion of accomplishments, obstacles, etc. In particular, it was noted that we need to continue to foster an environment of inclusivity (less acronyms that gatekeep, remove as much stuffiness as possible so everyone feels comfortable speaking up and out).

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

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## **Other**

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