
SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

September 9, 2024 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lauren Taylor-Hill attended the Minority Coalition meeting last Friday where it was noted that the planned Black History mural in 400 has not moved forward.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Board Policy Updates – Plan for fall 2024

During the 11/8 Senate meeting, we will vote on the next group of 6000 (academic related) Board Policies (review and discussion of these BPs are coming soon)

New Senators

Welcome back Toni Seals [CTE] and Glenn Keyser [LA]; Senate is glad for your return.

All-Faculty Survey

No update yet, coming soon

Department Chairs

Please review Josh's email on 9/5 which provides a timeline for the Department Chair process and information on the tentative clusters, job descriptions, etc. A [feedback survey](#) is included as well; due 9/20.

[2024 Fall Plenary Session](#) – November 7-9 in Visalia, CA

Please indicate your interest to attend by October 1; this is a fun way for anyone interested to meet other colleagues, to get to know one another better, and to learn what other campuses are (or aren't) doing.

Room Change – October 21

The boardroom's technology is scheduled to be updated during our regularly scheduled meeting on 10/21 which was originally the Hiring Prioritization Ranking date. Senate wishes to accelerate the timeline; we will review Hiring Prioritization Requests earlier and will instead vote on 10/7.

SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT REPORT

Census was last week; today's head count is 9307 (Fall FTES are 3085, compared to 2920 last year)

Facilities: The boardroom tech update will solve many issues. There were complications with the Labor Day weekend electrical shutdown; as such, the parking lot is not open yet. A solar breaker didn't come back online so facilities is still troubleshooting.

The Early Childhood Center celebration planning is in works; an event is scheduled for the upcoming Flex Day so folks can pop in and see/participate.

YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley ‡ [LA]
Chip Reeves [CTE]
Erica Beam [SBS]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
Glenn Keyser [LA]
Jack Schouten [LA]
Amy Dauffenbach [COUN]
Kristina Ferreebee [MS]
Kristieen Rodriguez ‡ [COUN]
Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS]
Matthew Schweitzer* [MS]
Randy Robertson [MS]
Scott Parrish [HS]
Toni Seals [CTE]
Wanda Butters [HS]

*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

Executive Board:

Josh Scott, President
LaNae Jaimez, Past President
Rachel Purdie, Vice President
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

TEN PLUS ONE

At the recent board meeting, the Trustees passed two resolutions:
Recognizing September 20 as POW/MIA Recognition Day; the flag will be flown 9/16-20.
Proclaiming fourth week of September as Historically Black Colleges & Universities week ([see ACR 222](#)).

Thank you to attendees of the President’s welcome events; it was nice to have a chance to engage more personally and more in-depth. Dr. Butler will be attending division meetings for further engagement and discussions about specific departments’ challenges/opportunities, etc.

VPAA REPORT

AB 1111 update: Certain disciplines are preparing for the common course numbering system shifts. See the attached memo from the Chancellor’s Office for more details.

ACCJC response work: The response is/was sent September 10th. The visiting team has requested a list of people they’d like to interview (Chairs, Senate President, etc.) for more info.

VPSS REPORT

Inter-campus shuttle service pilot: the plan is to survey students this semester for input, and then launch a pilot of the service in spring semester.

CONSENT

CTE Peer Reviewers for New Full-Time Faculty

Freeman Lo - LaNae Jaimez and Doug Green
Maria Kennedy - Toni Seals, Rachel Smith
Shaunice Cole - Toni Seals, Rachel Smith

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Identifying Relevant Data for Hiring Packets – See [Reference](#) - Nathan Rexford

Senators and visitors discussed possible data requests that Research and Planning might be able to pull for the Hiring Prioritization discussion. Some data requests are best answered in Program Review data (ex: are campus location needs being met?) and will share a link with Senate that provides access to all Program Review data.

Senator Taylor-Hill asked if we might carve out a recommended prioritization for small/slow-growth/no full-timer programs. Labor Market Data may help with the “if we build it will they come?” question. DataMart’s master course file can provide data on how many FTES are generated at neighboring schools for a particular program, which may support an argument to consider growing that program here.

Multiple faculty shared interest in certain data: how many waitlist sections a given program has, what were previous years’ prioritizations and how were they funded, how do areas like counseling/library pull data similar to other areas when we have different kinds of contact with students.

Center for Educational Excellence (CEE) Update - Curley Wikkeling-Miller

Curley provided a review of the recent year’s events (AI, wellness, Coffee + Convo, workshops) but notes that attendance continues to be a struggle. Curley shared a quick survey with Senators to share what they’d like to see from the CEE and to gather suggestions for future gatherings/offerings.

October 10th and November 14th will host Long Talk sessions with Kamal Carter (no need to do the pre-work). October 8th the CEE will hold a collaborative session with Research & Planning and the SESC.

Legislation re. Civic and Voter Empowerment Action Plan (CVEAP) - AJ Matthews

CVEAP includes the (currently being formed) Falcon Taskforce: a group of students, club leaders, faculty etc who will meet monthly for two years (2024-2026), with the goal of mobilizing campus’s student engagement, to increase numbers of student voters, and to help

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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-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

students engage in difficult political conversations.

Currently planned events include upcoming Debate Watch Parties, a Voter Registration Drive (“Give Me Liberty or Give Me Pizza”) on 9/17, Candidate Cram (learn about upcoming elections’ candidates) and a Teach In (faculty info sessions to help make “why should I vote” feel relevant to students). Rachel Purdie, Sarah Barsness & Lauren Taylor-Hill offered their voices and time to participate; anyone else interested is encouraged to contact ASSC.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Academic Program Review – LaNae Jaimez

This year’s goals: update the PR handbook, prep Math & Science CTE for review, support Liberal Arts review, create report for 3 year summary of goals and progress.

Student Equity and Success Council – Commodore St. Germain

Anti-racism statement is in the works, Success data presentation is moving around campus now. Exploring the possibility of having embedded tutors in classes with success rates below the institutional set standard.

Curriculum/Tech Review – Sarah Barsness

New curriculum timeline and process is underway: curriculum review will occur in fall, new course approvals will (mostly) take place in spring . Math and Science Curriculum Review takes place this fall. Goals are in the works. Sarah will be on sabbatical this Spring: deadline to apply is (was) Friday 9/13.

Other

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