

SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

November 4, 2024, 2024 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Wintun Nation donated a significant amount of money to the SCCEF scholarship fund.

A student, Mikaela Mack, voiced her concern that there are not enough math tutors available for one-on-one support, particularly for Math 12.

SENATE PRESIDENT REPORT

Faculty Hiring Committees: in keeping with past practice, student participation is encouraged and desired on these committees. Preference is at least one student per committee, from that discipline; please see recent emails with more info about these committees and how you can help. A survey was sent out last Thursday calling for faculty volunteers, particularly for non-discipline faculty. Senate Exec will meet on Monday to fine tune groups, and then bring these groupings back to Senate for approval.

Department Chair Update : the workgroup is developing rubrics, compensation and job descriptions to ensure there's no redundancy between chairs and faculty.

Visit from ECHS: Early College faculty and Principal Pizzo will attend and speak at the 11/18 Senate meeting – this will be a chance to welcome them and begin working together to ensure both dual enrolled high school students and our adult learners thrive

Ad Hoc Awards Committee Chair – Volunteer Needed!: Amy Dauffenbach volunteered to serve as the chair for this committee, which manages the Distinguished Faculty Award in the spring.

SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT DR BUTLER REPORT

CMF Event on Nov 14th: This event, in collaboration with the Chancellor's Office, will highlight our students' work and will include reps from other colleges, a faculty and student panel, lunch, and time to get to know rising scholars programs and to learn more.

CMC3 (California Mathematics Council Community Colleges) held a community-themed conference on campus this weekend; this is the first time a college has hosted this meeting. Kudos to the Math faculty responsible for organizing this major event.

VPAA REPORT

As the semester end approaches, generosity and kindness to self and others is important.

VPSS REPORT

Student Equity and Achievement Plan funding, application process: if you have a one-off event/program, need to send students to conferences, etc, the workgroup will consider funding applications on a rolling basis. Information will go live on the website soon.

Shuttle service: the survey closed and logistics are underway. We are on track for early spring launch.

New dean of student equity and success: Heather Watson-Perez was selected and will start

YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley ‡ [LA]
Chip Reeves [CTE]
Erica Beam [SBS]
Erin Duane* [LIB]
Glenn Keyser [LA]
Jack Schouten [LA]
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*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
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Rachel Purdie, Vice President
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

TEN PLUS ONE

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1. Curriculum including establishing
prerequisites and places courses within
disciplines

mid- December, to allow time to prep for Spring while wrapping up her Fall semester teaching commitments.

Native American Heritage Month just started. An open forum has been planned for our SCC Native American heritage students to hold open conversations about their needs and well-being. An awareness campaign is also underway for indigenous rights for local and national issues/impacts.

CONSENT

n/a

VOTING

n/a

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

SCC Sanctuary Campus - [Previously Approved Resolution](#) - Commodore St. Germain

The resolution was started born in 2016 but it never reached the Governing Board. Senate would sign off on a campus-wide declaration, declaring our campus a safe space for everyone. Senate agreed send out a summary of the resolution to the campus. Josh will also follow up with S/P Butler and the Board regarding our current standing as a sanctuary campus.

PDFC Committee Update & Discussion - Nazia Mostafa

Goals and self-assessment

- Improve equity: recruit committee members to match Academic Senate bylaws, pursue Professional Development funding for staff, ensure flex cal sessions are inclusive, distribute post-flex surveys (January & March)
- Improve the VRC user experience: video accessibility & functionality, collaborate with HR and IT to integrate Keenan training for credit, spread awareness about the external training form

Spring 2025 flex: Jan 9th (optional) & Jan 10th (required)

- Submission to present at Spring Flex is due 11/15

Title V Revisions are in the works: changes will include student workers, to allow them to attend PD as part of their normal work hours. No timeline yet for these revisions; it's still at the state level.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Program Review – LaNae Jaimez

Last meeting on the 20th, template training and individual work sessions are in the works, and three of 17 programs have completed PR early (gold stars to Art History, Comm Studies, and ASL). Admirable work is also being done by all areas of Liberal Arts.

Student Equity and Success Council – Commodore St. Germain

- Meeting weekly in the library with election topics for discussion.
- An Anti-racism statement is almost done.
- A slavery acknowledgement statement is underway and may be added to our land acknowledgement statement.
- The student drop survey is in the works, but there's concern that it may be used inappropriately. Options: outsource the survey and anonymize, create questions that can't be manipulated.
- Union discussions to get adjuncts paid for committee work are underway.

Curriculum/Tech Review – Sarah Barsness

- Common Course Numbering: Curriculum changes are underway in the first phase of CCN; English did significant lifting on their affected courses.
- Spring semester: Sarah is on sabbatical. Jim DeKloe will chair while Sarah is away.

Other

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

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