

Academic Senate Response To Student Concerns

On behalf of the Faculty Senate, I would like to thank the students who attended the October 7th Senate meeting and acknowledge the voices of the students who expressed their interests and concerns in person or in written communication. Marie Curry queried why, as a current student, she has not been informed about the faculty senate or student senate; places where students can express their concerns and participate in shared governance. I have reached out to Student life and the Associated Students of Solano College and learned that information about ASSC and student life activities is available on the SCC website, on the door of the ASSC office, on every bulletin board on campus and in the Newsletter. The newsletter is not currently mailed to all students. I will look into this matter. I also reviewed the Student Handbook looking for information about the ASSC and faculty senate only to find one reference to the ASSC that was about trainings for crime prevention.

Our goal is to have information about the faculty senate, student senate and student life more readily available to all students. I will work with both programs to get this information to our students. Students also expressed concerns about guidance with course selection and sequencing, community building and student life experiences, and availability of support services. I spoke with Professor Beam who informed me that students have been encouraged to visit with the Dean of Counseling, the ASSC and the office of student life to share their experiences and express their concerns. The Senate recognizes that every student's story is different and that all students are important. We are actively working as a college to implement Guided Pathways - a way to better guide students to careers, courses and course sequencing, increase community building activities and events, and to improve student services at all SCC locations. I am happy to meet will any student who would like to discuss these matters. I welcome all ideas to address student concerns.

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