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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

April 20, 2020 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jose Cortes: curious to know more about the posted fall schedule of classes and the number of offered online (typically first semester) courses and whether that number can be increased.

Isabel Anderson: noted interest in the way DE courses will be approved under the Blanket DE Addendum and how the DE committee will revert back to local process after the BDEA.

Ferdinanda Florence: voiced concern for adjuncts investing time in creating online course content now, with the hope that they'll be able to continue to teach in that modality

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The Senate President "Letter to Faculty" and Faculty Virtual Happy Hour details are coming this week. (Happy Hour will be this Thursday 4/24 at 4pm.)
<https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96122040523?pwd=bCttOTQyMUJmVCsxaVFpNDd0SGxyUT09>
Password: coming via Outlook Calendar

ASSCC donated 30K to emergency relief fund.

VP Williams and Senate President Jaimez are working on policies and procedures until end of the semester: GE reciprocity, course repetition, and the policy for students with Bachelor's degree not having to redo

YOUR SENATORS

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Anthony Ayala [SBS]
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Representatives

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their GE courses if their GE doesn't match ours. Rebecca LaCount asked if we can also revisit the catalog rights policy.

Senate President Jaimez attends two Board of Trustee meetings per month and reports to them once per month (4/15 was the most recent occurrence).

Faculty leadership Institute: SCC can send 1-2 more faculty. The event will be held virtually, June 18-20. Please email LaNae if you'd like to attend.

<https://www.asccc.org/events/2020-06-18-150000-2020-06-20-190000/2020-faculty-leadership-institute-transitioning-virtual>

Faculty elections: 2020-2022 terms were established (no contest). Congratulations to the newly elected Senators (attach/link roster).

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Unable to attend.

VPAA REPORT

Since we don't know what fall will look like, the fall schedule has been maintained with mixed modalities, but we may need to revise for more online sections depending on Shelter in Place provisions and recommendations from the state. Thank you to everyone for their hard work to transition and to revise their classes in this emergency. Administration and the union are in negotiation regarding pay for the emergency transitions to an online modality.

CONSENT AGENDA

None

ACTION ITEMS

Abridged Program Review Template – approved unanimously

Professional Development Handbook – approved unanimously, with the provision that it will be modified to align with the tentative agreement (union) once approved.

SBS: Social & Behavioral Sciences

M&S: Math & Science

Executive Board:

LaNae Jaimez, President

Michael Wyly, Past President

Josh Scott, Vice President (on leave)

Rebecca LaCount, Interim Vice Pres.

Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

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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

Distance Education Committee

Three recommendations for “blanket DE addendum”:

A/S consider adding additional members to DE (so we have enough mentors and reviewers to get through approvals expeditiously). SCC went from 90 to 168 faculty signed up for online teacher training. – approved unanimously

If one course is approved for online teaching, all of that faculty member’s courses are approved (ie: approval will be of the teacher, not the course). If people who were trained for DE in the old method (pre-OEI rubric) put a new class forward, they’ll need to make sure accessibility issues are addressed in their shells for approval. – approved unanimously

Once the blanket DE addendum no longer applies, we revert to local practices and procedure. – approved unanimously

Discussion: Is there a possibility of approving faculty to teach online that have been trained elsewhere? DE will discuss. Various levels of training elsewhere may complicate, and there’s an equity issue: faculty that have taught online here but weren’t trained in the new modality have been grandfathered in.

Ratification of Election Results — motion carried (see result details in an email sent 4/21 by Sheila Kaushal).

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Grade Options Flowchart:

Discussed the development of a 1 page guide for faculty regrading emergency grading options for students. Concluded that the page on the SCC website was sufficient. Solano’s page outlines the various grading options as they relate to the current situation at <http://www.solano.edu/ar/covid19.php>

Distinguished faculty nominations are still being accepted.

Reports

Distance Education – The Statewide Academic Senate is holding online group (discipline specific) trainings which are proving to be very popular ([link](#))

Assessment – none

Professional Development/Flex – Mental Health and Wellness is the theme for fall; if anyone knows of a speaker or presenter that could contribute, please get in touch.

Other

VP Williams will hold a zoom chat/office hour just prior to the Senate/faculty lounge this week. The VPAA chat will be Thursday the 23rd at 3pm, followed by the faculty Virtual Happy Hour with LaNae Jaimez at 4pm.

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