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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE HOT TOPICS *from the* February 22, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hayward Award Winner: Tony Zitko, part-time political science faculty, is the Area B 2021 winner of this award. Senate offers congratulations to Tony who is currently serving as the Interim Associate Dean of External Programs.

Academic Senate Elections: are in the works.

Guided Pathways Coordinator/FYE Update: a small group met to discuss restarting GP and institutionalizing this equity work. The committee's chair (cochair) leadership and job descriptions are being discussed along with the need for administrative support, ties to ASTC, and more. GP is now under VP Cooper.

SESC & PD/Flex Cal coordinator positions update: both positions were announced/posted this morning by HR. Interview committee members are needed.

ASSC Outcome Update: per a meeting with ASSC re: the recent joint Flex session, Senate has agreed to dedicate more professional development towards the outcomes the ASSC identified. A student led panel on these outcomes is planned for our upcoming 3/17 flex. Students want more interaction with each other and with faculty.

BOT Report: shared the outcomes and discussion above (ASSC meeting) plus noted that Andrew McGee was nominated for the Stanback-Stroud award.

CCC Webinar: *Courageous Leadership Webinar Series* - registration link is at https://cccconfer.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8W2ARAJRTayePKOJlcCpKQ

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Mentioned the recent letter SCC received from the County Sheriff's office regarding the 2/4/21 article on openvallejo.org linking some sheriff deputies to Three Percenters. Conversations will begin to explore what it means to create a safe campus and to determine whether we need law enforcement in that endeavor.

Fall classes – contact tracing difficulties and uncertainty about the actual rollout of the vaccine in Solano county will determine possible f2f class additions to fall schedule. By bringing in smaller groups at a time, the contact tracing issue will be less problematic.

COVID fast-results testing machines are being purchased for faculty/staff.

The college is looking into providing small business courses pertaining to CIS, marketing, and other topics that may support getting small businesses functional online and getting their

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employees trained and back to work during the pandemic.

VPAA REPORT

We are (slightly) delaying the release of the fall schedule, in case we are able to offer any more on campus sections as more information on COVID is received. Administration is getting feedback from Local 39 on their thoughts/concerns regarding on campus work, and student surveys on comfort, etc, are being developed.

We are at accreditation midterms; our report is due Oct 15. If you are interested in serving on the accreditation team, please let AS President Jaimez know.

VPSS REPORT

- March 1 – Tassel presentation to Senate
- March 5 - the next Guided Pathways Steering Committee meeting (please contact VP Cooper if you'd like to attend)
- Looking at chat bots for the website
- Starting a partnership with Farm Fresh to You: they'll deliver fruit/veggies to our students on the second Thursday of the month. Last week VP Lewis delivered bags of groceries to students and the process went well.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Solano College Promise Grant workgroup: Josh Scott and Rebecca LaCount will serve
- Faculty peer reviewer (Counseling): Kimberly Coulter & Jocelyn Mouton

ACTION ITEMS

Master Schedule Update – moved to next meeting

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

VP Diamond SCC Budget Update

Shared SCC student success metrics compared to state averages – and the funding formula in relationship to the budget. We are below the state average in most metrics; our funding will be reduced if we don't improve our numbers. Things we can do: encourage students to finalize their graduation petition before the end of the year, encourage certificates and degrees, look at curriculum design and how it affects the success metrics, etc. The current year and next year look good, but we need to improve numbers by the third year.

Textbooks – David Williams, LaNae Jaimez & Atticus Frey

Textbook access is an equity issue. VP Williams would like Senate to think about developing a statement on textbooks and provide guidance/resources to faculty who wish to move towards ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) or Low-Cost textbooks.

Atticus Frey reported that there are some districts that offer incentives to faculty for shifting to OER and discussed copyright law (as it pertains to putting your textbook in your shell), reimagining what OER means, the evolution of a particular OER source after it's been augmented by previous users, and more.

This discussion will continue at the SESC meeting on Friday 2/25, if anyone would like to attend.

2021-2022 AS Meeting calendar – moved

REPORTS

SESC – Josh Scott

The SES Coordinator position was announced/posted this morning.

Upcoming: a student climate survey, student equity achievement plan, looking at pathways, textbooks, etc. The committee is also focusing on existing support structures for students.

Assessment – Andrew Wesley

An Elumen training/assessment basics training session is in the works. SLO Assessment is required this semester; the mid-term accreditation report will need this evidence/narrative.

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

DE – Erica Beam

Course approvals are still ongoing. There will be a March 17 flex session on PlayPosit. Namecoach is turned on in Canvas as well.

Professional Development/ Flex Cal: Michelle Smith

Presented a draft schedule for the upcoming March flex dates. The Professional Development Coordinator position was announced/posted this morning.

Other

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