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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE HOT TOPICS *from the* January 25, 2021 MEETING



Note that the [Senate website](#) has been significantly updated; please visit it for Senate documents (minutes, agendas, handouts, and more).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Calendar Committee appointee: Sarah Barsness will serve on this committee, but other senators can attend as desired.

Senate Elections for one At Large position and one Part Time position will begin in March. There will be one Senator position open in each school as well; the selection process varies from school to school, so please discuss your process at your school meeting in February to facilitate timely elections/appointments.

Stanback Stroud Diversity Award: we have a nominee and will announce them once the application is submitted

Waitlist Class Finder: While waitlists weren't working at the start of the semester, IT was alerted and resolved the issue quickly. Cheers to the IT team!

Program Discontinuance / Journalism : no update for today's meeting

2021 Spring Plenary: 4/15-4/17 – this will be a Virtual Event. If there are faculty interested in attending, please let Senate President Jaimez know so funding and scheduling can be organized.

Credit for Prior Learning Committee: Sarah Barsness, Erica Beam, and Michael Wyly will serve.

Guided Pathways: will be a co-chair model moving forward; Senate President Jaimez is meeting with VP Cooper shortly to discuss and will then update Senate to GP changes

Voices of Freedom - Stories of Hope from Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Rising Scholars Students (Feb. 5 @ 10 am): [Registration](#) is open for this event – “Join the California Community Colleges Rising Scholars Network and the Campaign for College Opportunity as we highlight the powerful voices of students who have experienced incarceration.”

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Thank you for getting the semester off on the right foot. Our FTES are up, surpassing our Spring 2020 and 2019 numbers. The general feedback S/P Esposito-Noy has received from students has been positive; some students have voiced that they prefer the online format as well.

Please remember to highlight our partnership programs to students: Sonoma State, Ohio University (Nursing), Mercedes-Benz (Auto Tech), and our Bachelor's degree partnership with Thomas Jefferson University for our students to pursue advanced degrees.

We've been working with the Dept of Public Health for a few months on how the campus might

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host public health efforts related to COVID, but building and personnel constraints complicated the possibilities. We are now looking at becoming a drive through vaccination/testing site.

CARES Act funds may allow us to purchase COVID test kits for students and employees on campus. If we can purchase vaccinations, we will do that as well (for staff and students).

Thanks to Kimo & IT for the prompt waitlist fix. Faculty concerns about waitlist logistics, capacity, functions etc were heard. There is ongoing work to be done.

VP Cooper reported on Emergency Aid: we've had high response, 128+ students have been awarded aid so far, 100 are also in the works. Many more students need Chromebooks (70 so far); IT is ordering more. Returning students have been keeping theirs from last semester. There is a lot of CARES act money available; send students in need to Shirley/Shannon so they can help with Chromebooks or funds. Aid money is now \$500/student.

VPAA REPORT

Thank you all for a good spring start. A PDF of each faculty syllabus needs to be given to your school dean. Don't forget to check in with students to see how they are, early on in the semester.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

AP 62-XX ADT Reciprocity – Unanimously approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Scale of Adoption (SOA) for Guided Pathways (GP) – Michael Wylly

Our 2020 plan had already been approved, but the Chancellor's Office changed their process which means we need to resubmit our plan to the CO. The GP shift from Academic Affairs to Student Services, plus the influence of COVID, means that our plan needs revision and new recommendations for the 2020-2021 SOA, and we should reassess where we are in regards to the plan and its needs. The SOA needs to be signed by both the S/P and the Academic Senate President, so it will come to Senate for review prior.

Results of Outcomes & Actions – LaNae Jaimez

Senate reviewed the [list of ideas gathered at this flex breakout/event](#); the discussion there generated a huge list of ideas for each outcome (5) with many actions we can take that are student centered to foster inclusion, comfort/safety, agency and to meet our students' needs and interests. Students were participants in the event as well.

Faculty Mentor Program – LaNae Jaimez

Senate needs to develop a process to get this program moving. Stipends are available to mentors (\$2000/mentor, one mentor per school). Senate is seeking volunteers to help develop this program.

SESC & PD/Flex Cal Coordinators/Chairs - LaNae

These two committee Chair terms are up this Spring semester. Job descriptions will be revised and posted (hopefully within two weeks) so fall schedules can be planned (release time).

Tech Committee - LaNae

The college's Master tech plan is being drafted; this plan sets the strategic direction of technology for the college (policies, procedures, standards). Senate has three appointees to the committee: if Senators don't fill all three seats, the spots will be opened up to all faculty. Senate is seeking volunteers to serve.

Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices and Equity in Education – LaNae Jaimez

SESC – hasn't met yet

Curriculum- hasn't met yet

Hiring Practices (Task Force) – meeting soon

Reports

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

Assessment – Andrew Wesley

Spring 2021 SLO assessment is planned to be mandatory; we need data for accreditation. An updated handbook with eLumen is in progress.. Flex events on assessment will be available via zoom this spring.

Distance Education – Erica Beam

The committee's first meeting is Friday 2/5. If you volunteered to mentor and can't continue/complete your mentorship, please get in touch. The committee would like to get all shells through the mentorship process this Spring.

Other

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