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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

*from the*

### March 15, 2021 MEETING



#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

##### A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

The transition of the Senate's bank account to an internal Education Foundation account should be finalized by next week.

The Hiring Prioritization Task Force recently met and will bring their recommendations to the next senate meeting.

Discussion of term limits for all Senators will be on next week's agenda as well.

Information on the upcoming ASCCC Spring Plenary is available at [their website](#)

The 2021 Leadership Institute will be held June 17-19; if you'd like to attend, please let Senate President Jaimez know.

Nursing program/update: a full time hire will be made due to a spring retirement in the Nursing program, in order to satisfy accreditation requirements.

A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion survey from ASCCC was sent out; results will be compiled and one response will be sent to ASCCC from our campus.

##### S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

##### VPAA REPORT

A very small number of classes (mostly non-lecture) will be f2f in the fall. With on campus contact, our obligations for COVID contact tracing are based on OSHA guidelines and are much more labor intensive than CDC guidelines. Student services that will be available in person are being discussed and will be shared soon.

An app will be available for students to report their health status when on campus, and an option will be available for students without a phone.

##### CONSENT AGENDA

- Distinguished Faculty Award Committee: Melissa Reeve, Pam Muick, Rachel Purdie, and Rebecca LaCount
- Peer Reviewer for the School of Health Sciences: Joyce Averett
- SESC Interview Committee: Josh Scott, Michelle Smith, Atticus Frey, and Adrienne Cary
- PDFC Interview Committee: Melissa Reeve, Genele Rhoads, and LaNae Jaimez
- Scott Parrish appointed to SESC as Health Science Representative

#### YOUR SENATORS

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Anthony Ayala [SBS]  
Erica Beam [ATB]  
Erin Duane\* [LIB]  
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ATB: Applied Technology &  
Business  
COUN: Counseling  
HS: Health Sciences  
LA: Liberal Arts  
LIB: Library  
SBS: Social & Behavioral  
Sciences  
M&S: Math & Science

##### Executive Board:

LaNae Jaimez, President  
Michael Wyly, Past President  
Josh Scott, Vice President  
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

#### TEN PLUS ONE

(53200)

1. Curriculum including establishing

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Move senate meeting from April 12 to March 29 : unanimously approved

Senate Resolution 3.15.21: call to the SCC Campus Community to Support the Adoption of Zero Cost/Low Cost Course Materials – LaNae Jaimez: unanimously approved.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

### **Faculty Office Hours in the ASTC – Lauren Taylor-Hill**

Looking to Senate for support via an action item and resolution to request that f2f faculty hold some office hours in the ASTC. Discussion ensued about limitations related to lab materials in the ASTC, but also the benefit of normalizing the ASTC as a service space for everyone and creating collaboration opportunities between faculty and between the ASTC/faculty.

### **2021/2022 A/S Meeting Calendar – LaNae Jaimez**

Senators agreed that shifting our 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> meeting dates to result in less back to back meetings is preferable.

### **Ethnic Studies and AB1460– LaNae Jaimez**

Per AB1460 and requirements from the CSU, Community Colleges need to have lower division Ethnic Studies courses available and included in their General Ed breadth requirement by Fall 2022. A task force will be established to look at AB1460 and its impacts; everyone is welcome to serve on the task force (a college-wide call will go out). SCC may not have faculty with the min quals required for teaching Ethnic Studies; CCs are wanting to establish their own min quals but CSU requirements may call for Ethnic Studies degrees for faculty.

### **Journalism Program – LaNae Jaimez**

Previously, the campus agreed to eliminate the Journalism AA, but to keep/modify the ADT and to create certificate via the discontinuance process. A certificate was presented, but no other changes were made. One proposal is to consider eliminating Journalism from the catalog with a possibility to bring it back.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of maintaining a program like Journalism which promotes academic inquiry and community engagement, particularly in regards to today's digital landscape and political climate. Questions revolved around student interest in the program as well as our capacity as a college to offer it.

### **Tassel Software – LaNae Jaimez**

Adopting this software would get us where we need to be with promotion of and student access to our curriculum maps for guided pathways and allows website development that is in house to proceed as needed.

### **Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices & Equity in Education**

- SESC has focused on no cost/low cost textbook plan for the college. In addition, they will be discussing best use of the CARES act and a drafting a response in solidarity with our AAPI students, colleagues, and community in their next meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. On April 24<sup>th</sup> they will devote a meeting to how best to serve our African American students.
- Curriculum: Lisa Neely, Doug Munchin, Janlee Miller and Sarah Barsness will be leading a group discussion about the intersection of antiracism/curriculum at March flex
- Hiring Practices Task Force will complete their review of the Faculty Hiring Manual this semester and summer work with HR/VPAA to review the hiring manual is planned for summer

### **Establishing New Process to Changing Local GE – Sarah Barsness**

Presented recommendations for changes to our local GE process ; Senators should bring the draft to their areas to review and discuss. Looking for input on each division's areas to develop this document.

## **REPORTS**

Assessment Committee: training on eLumen and assessment will take place at March flex

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: the committee is working through course approvals. CARES act money is available to fund attendance at the [Online Teaching Conference](#) June 21-23. See the email sent by Sheila Kaushal (3/23) for details if you'd like to attend. Upcoming flex offerings for DE include: Blueprint additions, PlayPosit, and ZTC sessions.

Prof Development: the new Professional Development access/tracking system is in the works, a preview is available at March flex. Student artists are working on new images for the system. Please let the committee know of your ideas for fall flex offerings

STAC: The Strategic Technology Advisory Committee members reviewed last semester's technology survey results at their recent meeting. Results from this survey will inform our Technology Master Plan (SCC Tech Plan).

Calendar committee: calendar proposals for 2023-2024 have been established, Easter is being separated from spring break so we can remove the tie of a religious holiday to scheduling and to align with the Fairfield-Suisun district, a benefit for our students and campus employees who may be impacted by having unaligned spring breaks.

#### **Other**

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