Update from the Academic Senate

SCC ACADEMIC SENATE
HOT TOPICS
from the
March 29, 2021 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

A Senate resolution re: Violence against AAPI people in the United States is being drafted; the Senate would also like to take a moment to acknowledge violence toward AAPI people in the United States.

Senate 2021-2023 positions/Terms : elections will be held soon for positions that are open

ASCCC DEI Survey Results: areas specific to Senate purview that the survey revealed could use more work were presented to Senate

BOT report: A/S President Jaimez presented recent Senate activity to the Board of Trustees on March 17: Senate's recent Zero Textbook Cost resolution, the AB1460 workgroup, the accreditation steering committee, student participation in flex, and the DE Committee's shell approval update.

ASCCC virtual events are available including but not limited to: 2021 Career Noncredit Education Institute, guided pathways webinars, Faculty Leadership Institute, and more

Black Student Success Week (April 26-30): daily webinars will be held (12-1); Senators will attend as many sessions as they can and will share back.

Senate will submit a video to acknowledge SCC's graduating class of 2021.

The accreditation midterm report writer position needs to be filled. The writer will receive a stipend; writing work over the summer will need to take place.

VPSS REPORT

GP Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment: reviewed senate-approved document (2019) which outlines areas that we plan to scale/change

GP Steering Committee: PACE coordinators and discipline leads within department areas are planned; the department chair conversation is ongoing.

A vocalist duet has been selected for graduation.

SEA funds: looking at different ways of requesting these funds. VP Cooper now has sent out an email to the campus explaining the process for applying for SEA funds.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

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TEN PLUS ONE

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

Senate Resolution 03.29.21: Call to the SCC Faculty to Hold Office Hours in the Academic Success and Tutoring Center – approved unanimously

Institution-Set Standards and Stretch Goals: VP Williams
Reviewed goals/standards/actuals for academic years 17/18, 18/19, 19/20 - approved unanimously

Scale of Adoption Self-Assessment (GP): Shannon Cooper
Discussed earlier in the meeting; approved unanimously

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
PD Focus for Fall 2021 – Michelle Smith
March flex was a well-attended success. Suggestions for fall: interviews/success stories, self-care, effective online teaching practices by ACUE, online teaching and learning courses by @ONE, One Book (eg *There There* by Tommy Orange), CORA course: Dismantling Anti-Blackness on your Campus – Senate informally voted anonymously and selected the CORA course

Hiring Prioritization Task Force Recommendations – LaNae Jaimez
Presented recommendations from the task force for further discussion later. Recs included the request form, presentations, ranking submission times, Senator participation through the process, possibility of a Diversity Goal based on EEO data, adding quantitative data regarding % of courses taught online/pre/post COVID, changes to the request form. Senators will bring the form to their areas for discussion to bring back to Senate for further discussion.

Term Limits for Academic Senators – LaNae Jaimez
Senate discussed pros and cons to creating term limits.

ASCCC 56th Session Resolution Spring Plenary – LaNae Jaimez
Senators were asked to review the resolutions and to provide feedback before the upcoming plenary.

Commitment to Anti-Racist Practices & Equity in Education

SESC – Josh Scott: April 23rd meeting will focus on services for African American students, and a proposed new shared process which integrates SESC (and larger campus community) into decision making regarding new equity-related programs

Curriculum – Sarah Barsness: the recent March flex event on Anti-Racism in the curriculum was robust and well attended; changes in curriculum don't change pedagogy, so the work continues. A process for local changes to GE is nearly ready to present to Senate in early May.

REPORTS

Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie: looking for faculty who teach courses that are part of the Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Studies Liberal Arts to administer surveys to their students so that the degree can be assessed.

Other

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