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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

*from the*

### August 12, 2021 MEETING



#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Welcome to new senators: Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS] and Rhuenette Alums [ATB, Part-time Faculty rep]
- Welcome to the new Pathways Coordinators: Laura Mahoney (Business & Management), Adam Iqueda (Heath & Health Sciences), Melissa Reeve (Education, Behavioral Sciences, & Social World and the Visual, Performance, & Language Arts), Deb Berrett (Industrial & Applied Technology), Kelvin Cheah (Counseling Coordinator working with B&M, I&AT and V,P&LA) and Nazia Mostafa (Counseling Coordinator working with EBS&SW, H&HS and STEM)
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics pathway still needs a Coordinator
- Welcome to the new Student Equity/Success Coordinator: Heather Watson-Perez
- Tenure Tea & Distinguished Faculty Event: Planning to hold an event (zoom or in person) in the coming months, TBA
- Senate meetings have moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month
- "Inherently Inaccessible Content" Faculty Guide on the way
- Faculty Mentorship, currently one per school with a small stipend, is being looked at for augmentation and job description due to the upcoming FT faculty hires our college will be able to make.
- A review process for Peer Review will be addressed this semester.
- Plenary session has not been scheduled yet.
- Guided Pathways retreat went well; thank you to past Senate President Michael Wyly for laying the groundwork for GP. Primary goals are to update/create program maps for all of the SCC awards (degrees and certificates) and enhance department webpages. Each pathway will be asked to hold an event for students in the spring semester.
- The PTK's Land Acknowledgement project has been formally endorsed by the Senate, Board of Trustees, and Administration. Subcommittees are asked to begin their meetings with the Land Acknowledgement as well.

#### S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

New funding is available to hire seven new FT faculty, and the funding will be annual instead of one-time funds. The new prioritization process established by Senate last semester will go into effect this fall.

A COLA is planned along with this funding; improvements to the salary schedule is a priority for all bargaining groups.

The hiring group for the VP of Finance position worked over the summer and their selection will be finalized soon. Rob Diamond has stayed on as volunteer for a few projects.

COVID: The Chancellor's Office is asking for a 10% increase in course offerings online (to our pre pandemic number of sections). Michael Wyly notes we should plan to develop and offer online degree options. In-person classes will need to be ready to pivot quickly this fall if COVID numbers (or fire evacuations) require it. Discussion ensued regarding how we look at data for

#### YOUR SENATORS

Andrew Wesley † [LA]  
Anthony Ayala [SBS]  
Erica Beam [ATB]  
Erin Duane\* [LIB]  
Jim Long [M&S]  
Jose Cortes [LA]  
Josh Scott [LA]  
LaNae Jaimez [SBS]  
Lauren Taylor-Hill [SBS]  
Michael Reilly [LA]  
Michelle Arce [SBS]  
Paul Hidy [ATB]  
Rachel Purdie\* [SBS]  
Randy Robertson [M&S]  
Rebecca LaCount [COUN]  
Rhuenette Alums † [ATB]  
Robin Sytsma [HS]  
Vitalis Enemmuo [HS]

\*Senators At-Large  
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Representatives

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  
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success in the online format, and how we can navigate “success” with the various withdrawal options offered due to pandemic/emergency situations.

Student assistance that was successful last semester will be continued including but not limited to: Lending laptops and Chromebooks this semester & providing rooms at Hilton Garden Inn for homeless students. The ASTC will begin offering in-person appointments this Fall.

Our buildings and HVAC are ready for an in-person return, but HR and IT will need more time. We have a phase-in process planned in the event that COVID numbers improve. Vaccine mandates will be a challenge until FDA approval occurs. This is on the agenda for the BoT meeting coming up.

Solano CARES newsletter (formerly known as Inside Solano) will be coming out regularly.

#### **VPAA REPORT**

Funding from the State includes faculty hiring money for seven positions.

#### **VPSS REPORT**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

*Brown Act/10+1/AB 1725 Presentation -Michael Wylly*

Presentation and review on these three Senate-related topics, including an overview of “Consult collegially vs Mutually agree vs Rely Primarily” and how those relate to the 10+1 at SCC.

*Brown Act Exemption Expiration -LaNae Jaimez*

COVID necessitated an exemption of physically gathering the majority of committee members for meetings. On October 1, this exemption expires. (It is hopeful that an extension will be applied, however.) If no extension is issued, Senate will need 10 attendees physically in a room after October 1 to meet Brown Act requirement. Sub-committees may continue online Fall semester with a goal of transitioning to face to face in spring if possible. In this scenario, Senate is asking committees to not take formal action but to instead bring recommendations to Senate for formal action, to remain Brown Act compliant. There is state-level pressure to extend the Brown Act concessions due to COVID; we are preparing for expiry, but hoping for an extension.

*Senate Account Update -Erin Duane*

Our current fund balance is \$10,614.44. After moving our funds to the SCC Educational Fund subaccounts, contributions to the Senate fund are tax deductible. Faculty donations can be in any amount. Most are \$5 per month, but some are more/less and all are appreciated. Funds are used to cover special meeting costs/refreshments, Distinguished Faculty Awards, student scholarship money, and more.

#### **Senate Goals/Priorities**

Rather than reviewing the full list, Senators discussed ways we can build and maintain community within our high level goals such as Equity, Guided Pathways, and Hiring (with equity infused throughout).

#### **Other**

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

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