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# SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

## HOT TOPICS

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## January 24, 2022 MEETING

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

There's still time to register for the following events; please contact LaNae if you'd like to attend:

[Part-Time Faculty Institute](#) (Feb. 10-11)

[Hybrid Spring Plenary](#) (Apr. 7-9, Southern CA)

- A survey re: modality preference for senate meetings will be sent out soon.
- At the Recent BoT meeting, the following Senate items were reported: hiring processes, local GE degree change, flex events
- A meeting for sub-committee chairs will take place soon

#### S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Administration is continually watching county and campus COVID data and criteria for resuming more face to face options in Week 6 of the semester. Senators inquired on the criteria. CalOSHA and County Public Health numbers were referenced.

Covid cases on campus were up 600% in the first 8 days of the semester compared to fall semester numbers. The goal is to minimize exposure to students and employees. Hopefully the west coast will soon follow the trend of declining numbers on the east coast.

Addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> dean to Hiring Committees: Administration would like to add a second dean to hiring committees to serve as a HR Equity officer (non -voting member) in order to provide coverage for HR matters, to train deans in the hiring process, and to allow broader participation in the committee work. Discussion ensued; S/P Esposito-Noy will gather more information and revisit this topic with Senate Exec.

#### VPAA REPORT

#### VPSS REPORT

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Calendar Committee – Darla Williams appointed

Interview Committee for Dean of External Programs: Rhuenette Alums , Michelle Arce, Thomas Bundenthal, Josh Scott, Sheila Smith appointed

#### ACTION ITEMS

AP 6041 – [Credit for Prior Learning](#): approved

Matching Funding Amount for Student Scholarship (\$2000) -LaNae Jaimez: Approved

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

*Taskforce for Fundraising Campaign (Student Scholarship) – LaNae Jaimez*

Erin Duane, Rebecca LaCount, Michael Wyly, Rheunette Alums, & Erica Beam volunteered to serve

*Faculty Equivalency – LaNae Jaimez*

Dean and Faculty co-chair will prescreen to check equivalency to “include in” candidates (rather than exclude). This is not in the hiring manual but both administration and faculty agree to this change. Senate agrees to move this forward.

*Hiring Practices/Hiring Manual – LaNae Jaimez*

Discussion resumed re: alternatives to teaching demos (zoom vs in person, alternative exercises, etc) and student involvement on the committees (supporting and timing for students, collaborating with student life/government, potential stipends for students, etc.)

**Committee Reports**

*Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie*

HS and COUN are currently drafting their reports and are on track to be reviewed this spring. Elumen bugs may actually be issues with knowing what the software is measuring/assessing. Updating student surveys for programs in math and science (nothing major).

[See Attachment](#)

Rachel Purdie presented the mid-year report of the Academic Program Review committee goals.

*Student Equity and Success Council – Heather Watson-Perez*

Committee started a new format for their meetings to include positive shout outs first before digging into regular issues (COVID, success, online learning, supports, etc).

Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Fridays from 12-1:30.

The goal of SESC is to make work more actionable, more communicative (student input).

T4E/SESC connections are coming this semester.

*Assessment – Andrew Wesley*

[See Attachment](#)

Andre Wesley presented the mid-year report of the Assessment committee goals.

*DE – John Perez*

DE feels off to a good start in this new semester; as the new Chair, John has received great support from faculty and former DE Committee chair Erica Beam. If you need help please email John.

**Other**

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