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From the Academic Senate

SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

February 28, 2022 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Wesley: Some faculty on a Peer Evaluation panel noticed that some student surveys are distributed without addressing all modalities of instruction delivery (online, etc). The panel also wanted to know how faculty can have easier to understand and easier to access data about their classes.

These points should be brought up with the Union, as they work with administration to come up with surveys that go out to students for faculty evaluations. (And isn't Melissa giving a flex next week on the data doohickey and how it works?) I didn't see this on the schedule, but it would be perfect timing.

An Adjunct Faculty Handbook is needed. Dean Glines offered to serve on a workgroup for that project.

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- [Hybrid Spring plenary](#) (4/7-4/9) - please let Christina and LaNae know if you'd like to attend. LaNae and Ashlie Lawson will attend virtually.
- Women's History Month: Please attend and invite a friend/colleague. Please see the attached image for a calendar of events if you would like to join Senate and/or advertise to your students and please share in your personal community as well.
- Update on Taskforces:
 - Student Involvement in Faculty Interview Process: In order to implement now, we are trying a pre-pilot approach. The goal is to have 1-2 students at each first interview; the same student does not need to attend each candidate's interview but must be currently enrolled. Senate asks faculty to allow excused absences for these students (a Resolution requesting this is forthcoming). Students will be paid and will receive HR training. Committees will determine a student question and/or include students in asking questions. Committees can recruit their own students or recruit from some pre-selected pools (A2MEN, PTK, ASSC, Puente, etc.). Students will provide written feedback but will not rank candidates this time around.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

- We are still waiting on the Governor's change to the COVID State of Emergency. We assume that we will be able to continue to meet remotely for some time.
- Mask mandates: this depends on details related to the pending State of Emergency and for now will continue as-is.
- S/P Esposito-Noy asked for feedback from faculty who are back to teaching on campus. Several senators reported that their students are very excited to be back in person. Feedback also included the need for more food/coffee options on campus for students.
- Many students still need flexibility of online and hybrid options for classes and services. We will continue to work to meet this need.

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

Interview Committee for Tenure Track Chemistry Position- approved.

- Maria Santiago
- Kiran Kaur
- Vahid Eskandari
- John Higashi
- Oanh Lam

ACTION ITEMS

[Standard Program Review Survey](#) – Rachel Purdie

This survey, distributed to students and used for Program Review purposes, was revised to include online/hybrid options and to clarify questions (and the survey's purpose) to students so their answers are more useful. Math/Science will use this form shortly in their P.R.

- approved

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Proctorio – LaNae Jaimez

Christina Young shared her experience with the product and her students' experiences.

Discussion ensued about Proctorio re: equity and equivalent experiences for online/f2f courses (pros and cons). Senators are interested in both a student and faculty survey to gather more info.

Gratitude Practice – LaNae Jaimez & David Williams

[Google Doc](#) – everyone is encouraged and welcome to contribute to this document. The practice of expressing gratitude feels harder to do when times are tough but that's when the benefits of the practice can best occur. Deans are engaging in this gratitude practice as well.

Senate Elections – Michael Wylly

An election email went out today; please refer to it for details.

PDFC Resolution: Credit for Interview Committees – LaNae Jaimez for Michelle Smith

Presented the Committee's resolution; this item will come back for action next week.

Recommends allowing a max of 10 hours toward allotted or required PD/flex credit to each participant in interview committees.

Remote Work Policy and Procedure – LaNae Jaimez

Intended to allow for flexibility in offering services so that off-campus/online students have access and options as well as face-to-face/on-campus students. Questions can be sent to VP Williams. This policy/procedure relates to CSEA and administration.

Commemorative Flag Policy – LaNae Jaimez

Informational [item](#).

Call for DEI Action – LaNae Jaimez

Reviewed the [ASCCC Call to Action](#) (released after George Floyd's death). This will be brought back to Senate for further discussion.

Committee Reports

Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley

Meets on Friday; alternating with SESC. Zoom link is on the PDFC portal; please attend if you like. Math and Science are reviewing their outcomes. Planning is beginning for new training on assessment tools (Fall semester start).

Distance Education – John Perez

Once the current MOU expires, what do we do for new instructors and instructors new to online instruction? The committee is looking at training, equivalency with trainings from elsewhere, and bringing a recommendation on these items to Senate. Next project: CVC exchange, timeline and challenges, etc.

Professional Development/ Flex Cal – Michelle Smith

“The Professional Development/Flexible Calendar committee continues to collect feedback from administration, faculty, and staff through the 2021-2022 survey. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous [survey](#). Your honest answers are greatly appreciated!”

Other

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