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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

March 14, 2022 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- [Women's History Month](#) continues: Please attend and invite a colleague. The next events are on 3/17 and 3/24.
- Student Involvement in the Faculty Interview Process: Anatomy & Physiology selection committees have completed round 1 of interviews and lab demo interviews with student involvement. The students gave quick, quality feedback and indicated they learned a lot in the process as well. HR and Senate Pres. Jaimez asked students to provide feedback on their experience with the process in order to assist upcoming selection committees. Fifteen students volunteered to serve on these committees; all groups will have student participation except COUN due to the committee's timeline and quantity of applicants.
- Job announcements for the Assessment Coordinator and Academic Program Review Coordinator positions have been released. All interested parties are encouraged to apply.
- Proctorio: there are no plans to cancel this subscription at this time. A task force will be charged with establishing college-wide standards for its use. The TF will include faculty, students, Senate President Jaimez and VPAA Williams.
- PDFC Resolution – Credit for Interview Committees: this item has been pulled from Senate action; discussion will ensue with the Unions.
- Stipends for adjunct faculty serving on senate sub committees will be equalized across all committees; discussion on this will also ensue with the Union.
- Election for school senators: Senate President Jaimez asked Senators who are completing term this semester to finalize the Senate rep from their School for the 2022-2024 term by the end of March.
- [ASCCC Resolutions](#) (Spring 2022 plenary): scroll down to the Resolutions tab; please review and give any feedback to LaNae.
- Graduation – Will be a drive-through event from 10am – 5pm.
 - [Link to nominate student commencement speaker](#) (use your abbreviated SCC email and MySolano password to log in to the form. Abbreviated SCC email example: eduane@solano... Instead of [erin.duane@solano...](#))
 - [Link to sign-up to assist during graduation](#). Get your groups together and come out to cheer on our students who are participating in the drive through graduation, starts at 10 AM on May 26th.
- [Link to Proposed changes to the BoG title V regulations](#) re: "DEIA Evaluation and Tenure Review Regulation" The period for commenting is currently open, comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. **April 25, 2022**. Email any comments to the regulations email account, regcomments@ccccc.edu.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

- New Library & LRC Ribbon Cutting event – this Wednesday 3/16 at 4pm. We are expecting a large turnout and hope all will attend for brief words and a tour.
- The Board Policy regarding "Naming Rights" will be reviewed and updated, and will move to College Governance Council and then to the Board – the goal is to make the policy more comprehensive and inclusive beyond monetary contributions.
- Update on manager positions: the Dean of External Programs position is now in 2nd level

interviews and had robust application pools. The VPSS and Dean of Research positions have been announced/posted.

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

This year's graduation ceremony will be a "[Car-mencement](#)" on Thursday 5/26 starting at 10am, celebrating three years of graduates (due to the COVID pandemic). Students need to RSVP and schedule their award time online; the deadline to petition to graduate is May 13. The Car-mencement parade will be livestreamed. [We need faculty help for handing out diplomas, organizing the car-parade, etc.](#) Regalia will be available through the bookstore.

CONSENT AGENDA - all approved

Appointed to Interview Committee for Grounds Supervisor
Sandy Diehl

Appointed to Interview Committee for Sworn Public Safety Sergeants

- John Perez
- Edward Goldberg

Appointed to PDFC Committee
Sarah McKinnon

ACTION ITEMS

[Resolution 03.14.2022](#): State of Emergency - LaNae Jaimez
(approved)

[Resolution 03.14.2022A](#): Support for the Conferring of the Title Professor Emeritus, Joseph Conrad, PhD – LaNae Jaimez (5 minutes) – approved by acclamation

[Resolution 03.14.2022B](#): Support for Students Who Serve on Faculty Hiring Committees – LaNae Jaimez (approved)

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

OER Updates – Atticus Frey

The Chancellor's Office will potentially distribute \$150M in funds to schools for Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) initiatives. These funds will prioritize supporting OER, instead of subsidizing textbook costs. While subsidizing textbook costs is helpful, it's not sustainable long term, particularly when publishers are moving to rental-only models. Additionally, the Chancellor's office wants to see entire degree programs with a ZTC designation.

Searching for courses that are ZTC in our course catalog requires clicking into the (not obvious) advanced search screen of the schedule; looking to move it to the home page and/or making this more visible.

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.

VP Williams and Senate Pres. Jaimez are reading *Leading with Gratitude*. The book chapters outline practices for gratitude including (so far): assume positive intent and express your gratitude.

Senate Elections – LaNae Jaimez & Michael Wylly

Nominations are due 3/14 (today); elections will be separate from voting for changes to the bylaws.

Fundraising Campaign – Erin Duane & Rebecca LaCount

The Senate's scholarship balance is approximately \$6,200; we'd ultimately like to offer two \$500 scholarships, but the scholarship balance needs to be at \$20K to accomplish this. To reach the

goal, Phase 1 of the campaign will focus on building the scholarship balance to \$10K via a campaign to all divisions and administration with matching funds (up to \$2,000) from the Senate's general fund. This campaign will begin at Fall 2022 Flex, which leads into the mid-September deadline for the scholarship application. Senate will fund one \$500 scholarship with *Senate* funds until the scholarship account funds can meet that \$20K mark.

If anyone has a personal connection to previous recipients Kelelah Washington & Nathan Nevins, please get in touch with them/us. We'd like to have former recipient testimonies/narratives about the scholarship and funds.

Committee Reports

Program Review – Rachel Purdie

No update

Student Equity & Success – Heather Watson-Perez

SESC is developing action items to bring to Senate re: equity initiatives.

Curriculum/ Tech Review – Sarah Barsness

The committee's workshop model of meetings has been successful with lots of dialogue both covering micro and macro curriculum/campus issues, including anti-racism in the curriculum. Recordings are available. The committee is postponing discussion/action on the Local GE area E topic, as statewide recommendations are coming.

Guided Pathways – Melissa Reeve

Webpage improvements and rebranding are in the works. If you look at the [Explore Majors](#) section of the website, there's a new searchable field for majors and divisions. New logo options are in the works. We applied for a summer CCRC program; while not selected, SCC received workshop materials we could use for an internal institute.

Other

Please make nominations for the upcoming Distinguished Faculty Awards.

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