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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE
HOT TOPICS
from the
August 23, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- The Tenure Tea and Distinguished Faculty Celebration will be held in the next couple of months, perhaps during October flex as a hybrid event. Details will be sent out in advance.
- ASCCC Fall Plenary will be hybrid: one in-person spot is available per campus; virtual attendees are unlimited. Plenary will be November 4-6th in Long Beach.
- Credit for Prior Learning Taskforce: will bring recommendations to Senate soon
- Ethnic Studies graduation requirement taskforce will reconvene soon
- Thank you to the PDFC committee for our recent Fall flex activities
- Accreditation report review by Senate has been moved to 9/13 meeting

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Vaccine Mandate: the Board has asked to be presented with options on this. We want to create a mandate that is fair, implementable, and flexible. The Faculty Union is discussing it this week as well, so S/P Esposito-Noy will present a plan to the BoT on Sept 15. The mandate will be a resolution first; policy/procedure will follow. Looking at what this means for mid-semester students that are on campus with no virtual alternative option. Senators then discussed some concerns about disproportionately impacted students and a desire to make sure the mandate message is welcoming, supportive and provides viable options for students. Please email S/P Esposito-Noy with ideas you have for this topic.

The finalization of the VP of Finance position is in the works.

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
† Adjunct Faculty
Representatives

ATB: Applied Technology &
Business

Enrollments are not looking good. We are 11% down on head count as of Friday; FTES is down as well. The trend at neighboring schools is between 18-25% down. Efficiency is up: 484 (goal is 525).

We have formally accepted the Chancellor's Office offer for hiring 7 new faculty for the 2022-23 academic year. One of those positions will need to be earmarked for Ethnic Studies to meet the new CSU graduation requirement. The hiring prioritization process will commence earlier than usual.

VPAA REPORT

Reports have been received that start of semester was chaotic for students; the helpdesk was overwhelmed with students unsure of where to go for their online classes, how to access Canvas, and even when asynchronous online classes start. Looking for faculty input on our expectations of students for first day/week online, what do faculty send/say to students (and when) before the first day of class? Discussion on how we can better prepare our students for the start of the semester ensued.

Accreditation process and expectations for report are changing. The ACCJC will conduct a virtual training for SCC on September 17 from 1:00-4:00 to help us begin our next ISER (Institutional Self-Evaluation Report). Anyone interested in participating in our process should attend.

VPSS REPORT

ASTC has hired all their tutors for the year. Research & Planning is down to one research person temporarily; a Dean of R&P posting will come out soon, and the college is planning to hire another position as well. Counselors are all booked for the next two weeks; if students need to meet with a counselor, they should pursue setting up an appointment now. The college will be hiring an Outreach Specialist (special populations) in September. Guided Pathways had a great mini retreat earlier this month. Still looking for STEM PACE coordinator.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Reflection Activity

At Fall Flex, our keynote speaker reminded us to reflect on why we are at SCC and to share this reflection with someone who can help remind us of our purpose when we are feeling overwhelmed, tired and/or burned-out. This can be a good exercise personally, especially for sticky moments in any semester.

Faculty mentoring task force

Several senators volunteered to serve; a previous task force's members on this topic will also contribute and bring their findings.

Review of Peer Review Process task force

Erica Beam, Rachel Purdie, and Jose Cortes volunteered to serve.

Stanback-Stroud nomination

Senate's Awards Committee will reach out to our Distinguished Faculty to see if they are interested in applying.

DEI, Anti-Racist Practices

Senate discussed the possibility of creating a venue or space/time in our meetings for faculty to share ideas etc. on how to incorporate new/best practices in implementing anti-racism in their curriculum and classrooms so that others can learn and grow.

A hiring committee has been established for Administrative Assistant I to support Senate and Professional Development and the job announcement closed last week.

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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Josh Scott, Vice President
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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

Other

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