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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

September 27, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Reminder: Fall 2021 Plenary will take place Nov. 4-6 at Long Beach; Senate President Jaimez will not be using our allocated in-person spot, so if anyone would like to attend please let her know by 10/1. If you'd like to attend virtually, 10/28 is the deadline to register.
- Pres. Jaimez will be meeting with ASSC on 10/5 to discuss a pro-academic integrity campaign and other ways to collaborate.
- Christina Taliaferro will begin as the new Academic Senate Administrative Assistant on October 7th.
- October 15 is the upcoming deadline for Senate's hiring prioritization process; all requests are due to office of Academic Affairs on that date.
- The Brown Act Exemption has been extended, allowing meetings to continue virtually while remaining compliant with the Brown Act
- The COVID 19 workgroup is meeting weekly; the campus vaccine/testing mandate and Spring in-person teaching are its current topics
- Area B Meeting (virtual) takes place Oct. 15 from 9am-2pm. If interested, anyone can attend any part of the meeting. The main focus will be on ASCCC Fall Plenary preparations and other statewide business.
- The Program Review Coordinator position will be reposted soon; current Chair Rachel Purdie is stepping down at the end of semester.
- The DE Coordinator position received applications and interviews will be held in October.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

Introducing and Welcome to Susan Wheet, our new VP of Finance and Administration. Rob Diamond will continue on as volunteer support for a time.

Thank you to Erica Beam for creating a student Canvas course for COVID that students can use to navigate the vaccine/testing mandate. A separate course will be created for faculty and staff. Oversight access to these courses will only be given to HR and COVID caseworkers, to facilitate documentation upload and tracking of the mandate requirements. If students haven't submitted their documentation to the Canvas shell, they'll receive a CourseKey red flag so that COVID caseworkers can stay on top of documentation.

Discussion ensued re: the mandate, testing requirements (types of tests permitted), the timeline, other details in regards to CalOSHA, communicating to students, etc. Several items are being created right now: a chart for students to use to plan forward when they need to test, a schedule for on campus testing, and a FAQ email for our campus to use as a go-to for questions: Covidcaseworker@solano.edu

Breakthrough cases are a concern for increased presence on campus.

This Saturday is the Vallejo Waterfront event. We need volunteers to staff the SCC table at this

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TEN PLUS ONE

event, serving as the face of our campus to let VJO residents know our college is a resource for them. This is an outdoor event from 9am-3pm.

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

Upcoming Flex activities on October 12th:

- Guided pathways 2:30-4:30
- Student conduct 11-12

An online submission form is being created so that faculty can submit a conduct issue more easily.

CONSENT AGENDA

LaNae Jaimez & Michelle Smith were appointed to the Senate Assistant I interview committee – approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

none

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Budget Update – postponed

- Fiscal Advisory Committee Oct 6 @ 2pm: budget workshop
- Rob Diamond will bring a budget update to Senate’s first October meeting

Academic Integrity workgroup

Senate would like to initiate a workgroup in addition to a campaign of outreach to students via the ASSC. Discussion ensued: what can faculty do to make sure they’re doing the work too, so that the messaging includes responsibility on all sides to promote and engage in academic integrity. Cheating happens for a variety of reasons, can manifest differently depending on the discipline or assignment, and is not something that is widely occurring so careful consideration on how we approach this with students is needed. Professional development activities are needed to continue ongoing, self-reflective opportunities. The workgroup is open to any who wish to participate. Several senators volunteered.

Faculty Mentoring Pilot Program

A draft of the Mentor Job Description was presented. Senate will be taking action on this item during the 10/11/21 Senate meeting. Please provide input and feedback to your senators.

DEI, Anti-Racist Practices & Equity in Education

Student Equity & Success – Heather Watson-Perez

Last Friday, CTE was the focus of SESC’s diversity shout out. Cosmetology faculty shared the ways they pivoted to online delivery in a discipline that is tricky to do online.

Committee Reports

SLO/Assessment – Andrew Wesley

VP Williams and the Deans will receive a Faculty SLO completion report at the end of September. Upcoming Flex will include session for SLOs. Faculty that have not completed their SLOs will be auto-enrolled in that flex event.

DE – Erica Beam

Make sure you include modalities and rationale in any DE Addendum for new course proposals for Curriculum. Deans are aware of the status of faculty re: approval process for teaching online.

Upcoming Flex will include a Syllabus session.

Flex Cal – Michelle Smith

Upcoming Flex will include a session to help explain to adjunct faculty about reimbursement for Flex, SLOs, etc. Numerous other sessions are planned as well (with some pushed to Spring Flex

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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

due to the number of sessions available). A workshop covering “reading your paystub” will be linked for perpetual use.

Other

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

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