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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE HOT TOPICS *from the* October 11, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- ASCC Fall Plenary session will be held Nov. 4 – 6. ASCC resolutions will be shared with all faculty.
- Christina Taliaferro is the new Senate administrative assistant.
- Faculty Hiring Prioritization process: on Monday the 18th, information will be sent out re: presentations to Senate (order/time allotted) and Senators will receive the request forms. This gives departmental faculty one week to review and/or prepare presentations.
- Area B (virtual) Meeting: October 15th, all are invited to attend some/all of the meeting.
- Tenure Tea: Oct 21st at 4pm

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

Thank you to everyone at this stage of the semester (midterm).
Other talking points are covered later in the agenda.

VPSS REPORT

VP Cooper attended the ASSC meeting last week re: paid opportunities for student involvement with campus-wide committees.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 10.1 Thomas Bundenthal, LaNae Jaimez, Rachel Purdie, Lauren Taylor-Hill and Heather Watson-Perez to serve as **peer reviewers for Social & Behavioral Sciences** tenure track and part-time faculty.
- 10.2 Brian Bower to serve as **peer reviewer for Health Sciences** part-time faculty.
- 10.3 **DE Coordinator Interview Committee** – Erin Duane, Winifred Hunton-Chan, Robin Sytsma & Michelle Smith
- 10.4 **Dean of Research & Planning Interview Committee** – Sarah Barsness, Saki Cabrera, Christina Gifford, Tonmar Johnson & Heather Watson-Perez

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Budget Update – Rob Diamond

Mr. Diamond presented the state's proposed budget:

Good news-

- No student fee increases
- State cash deferrals from last year are being repaid
- 5.07% COLA (more likely to be around 4%)
- 7 FT hires funds (this is new money from the state and will be ongoing)
- Expanded Cal Grants and Emergency Aid for students (both increased eligibility and dollar amounts)
- Funds for student mental health services

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

COUN: Counseling

HS: Health Sciences

LA: Liberal Arts

LIB: Library

SBS: Social & Behavioral
Sciences

M&S: Math & Science

Executive Board:

LaNae Jaimez, President
Michael Wyly, Past President
Josh Scott, Vice President
Erin Duane, Sec./Treasurer

TEN PLUS ONE

- Resources for LGBTQ+ support
- Potential grants (up to 200K) to develop zero-cost textbook programs (in the past, this has meant offering enough class sections within a program that are ZCT so a student could obtain an entire certificate or degree that way; not every section has to be ZCT)
- Funds to increase enrollment and retention
- Resources to explore student housing
- Substantial funds for deferred maintenance (plumbing, buildings, etc.)

Challenges -

- After 21/22, State Department of finance expects a return to structural deficits
- No changes to the student centered funding formula (SCFF).
- SCC remains a hold harmless district
- Costs for PERS and STRS are increasing (more so for PERS)

Articulation Updates - Ashlie Lawson

Ashlie presented (a much applauded) review of recent articulation work, plus current and upcoming issues:

- 59 courses submitted for UC transfer, 57 approved, 2 denied in appeals process and will likely be approved
- CSU GE approvals: 8 courses approved, 3 denied and will resubmit this December
- C-ID approvals: 30 approved, 1 denied (will resubmit)
- AP and CLEP exam charts updated
- Ethnic studies – in progress (we have to start classes in fall 2022)
- Pending projects: ASSIST cleanup, eLumen cleanup (manual edits, lengthy process), credit for prior learning
- Coming soon: AB1111 (common numbering system with CCCs – by 2024), AB928 (transfer pathway required), Ethnic Studies

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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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GP Steering Committee – Melissa Reeve

All pathways are in (at minimum) Draft form, pathways are all mapped , fine tuning with faculty is now taking place. Mapping will likely be finished this semester.

Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie

Currently Health Science and Counseling faculty are moving through PR. Office hours: Fridays 10-12. eLumen quirks are unfolding as faculty work through the template.

Curriculum Committee – Sarah Barsness

Ethnic Studies: Sarah and Ashlie have been meeting with all faculty interested in creating course(s) for this area. Nov 18: the new curriculum deadline for submitting new Ethnic Studies courses. The committee's anti-racism sub-group met, and is working.

ACTION ITEMS

Faculty mentor Job Description

LaNae presented the Full Time Mentor JD to Senate. It was decided that this JD will focus there, because the contract addresses full timer mentorship only. A plan and process for Adjunct faculty mentorship will also be developed.

Resolution for Emergency Meetings

In keeping with changes to Brown Act mandates during COVID, Senate will renew this resolution monthly as needed in order to continue remote meeting attendance, in compliance with Brown Act. Approved unanimously.

Ethnic Studies Faculty Position

Senate unanimously approved pulling this position from the prioritization process so that recruitment can begin immediately; Senate President Jaimez will ask if this position can be funded in addition to the 7 funded by the state.

Counseling Faculty Positions

Two counselor positions will also be pulled from the prioritization process and will be funded

with categorical (SEA) funds [tenure track]. These positions will be geared towards Equity work.

Other

Next meeting 10/25: Hiring Prioritization presentations and process will take place.

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