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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

November 8, 2021 MEETING



PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Virtual Plenary report: Senate President Jaimez and Senator Rhuenette Alums attended. Breakout sessions covered various topics including Ethnic Studies (SCC is tracking similarly to other colleges by developing our own ES department), Grow Your Own (mentoring students to return as faculty), Equity, DEI & Anti-Racism, and more.
- Academic Program Review Coordinator position: had no applicants; discussing options now to have plan in place for Spring.
- DE Coordinator position: refocusing what DE Coordinator will do to make the position more attractive to faculty, looking at TLC and how that may work with DE and Professional Development Coordinators

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

Early College High School and Mask/Testing Mandate: Fairfield School District has protocols that these students fall under; they are also under our mask mandate. A few senators spoke up about unmasked congregations of Early College students on campus.

ECHS fall under the FSUSD protocols that include a mask mandate, testing and contact tracing. If ECHS students are in SCC face-to-face classes they fall under the SCC vaccine/testing mandate.

The pause to COVID testing that took place recently was due to a question about the legality and capacity of our in-house testing services; VPAA Williams noted that the messaging to our community about this pause was insufficient. After consulting with our legal counsel, the Superintendent-President decided to contract with an outside vendor to resume testing.

VPSS REPORT

The Testing Center is now open for limited hours for DSP testing. The Bookstore has extended hours in December for students to return/purchase textbooks, and will extend hours during the first week of Spring semester. Deans and the VPSS are working on a plan for the slow return of some staff for spring semester; details coming soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

Peer reviewers for Health Sciences: Vitalis Enemmuo, Robin Sytsma, Taryn Sigl, Matt Borchert, Jeff Cardinal – approved unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

State of Emergency Resolution (to extend virtual sessions for Brown Act meetings) – approved unanimously

Academic Program Review Guide – Rachel Purdie

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

Presented a QuickStart guide of “How to Complete PR in eLumen”. More comprehensive guide coming, but this one will cover the basics that apply to every department. – approved unanimously

Approval of Hiring Prioritization Results - LaNae Jaimez

Senate Prioritization results were presented. SP Esposito-Noy agreed to tenure track position for CIS (CyberSecurity) using Strong Workforce Funding for three years. Discussion ensued, questions for further follow up. Senate voted unanimously that the rankings presented, not including the CIS position, are approved.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Academic Senate Scholarship Recipient and Additional Funding – Rebecca LaCount

The scholarship opens in Summer and closes mid-September; funds are distributed in October. Andrea Caro Solis was this year’s recipient. Andrea plans to pursue Civil/Environmental Engineering. She is an International student, active in PTK, volunteers regularly, and created STEM club on campus. Senator LaCount requests that we update the faculty payroll donation form to include the scholarship as a fund donation, and perhaps Senate can donate more funds to build the awards to \$500 x 2. Senate agreed to bring this back for a vote.

Legislative Update – Michael Wylly

- AB928 Berman – Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021
- AB927 Medina – Public Postsecondary Education / Baccalaureate Degrees @ CCs
- AB1456 medina – Student Financial Aid, Cal Grant Reform Act: Vetoed

Summaries of these and other bills relevant to the CCC’s are [available online](#) at the ASCCC’s website.

Ethnic Studies Job Description – LaNae Jaimez

Senate President Jaimez presented this JD to Senate, this [google doc](#) can be used to share feedback and comments. This JD also includes new portions labeled “Welcome” and “Solano Community College District and Our Vision for Social Justice” that we hope will appear on all future JDs. Many thanks to the large group of participants that worked to create this draft.

Adjunct Faculty Pay for SLO Assessments, Curriculum, and Program Review – Andrew Wesley

Senator Wesley presented a form that Adjunct faculty may use for reimbursement for these activities. This was for Senate information; it needs to be reviewed by the Union.

Committee Reports

Academic Program Review – Rachel Purdie

Drop in hours have been successful, and faculty are moving along in PR in a timely fashion for Spring completion.

Student Equity & Success Council - Heather Watson-Perez

The Council would like to grow their workgroups (while acknowledging burnout and current participation already) so that Spring semester action can take place. An optional SESC drop-in office hour is in the works.

Curriculum Committee – Sarah Barsness

Workshops are going well and lots of new curriculum is coming through. Reach out if you need help. Still working on local GE (formerly known as option A); hopefully this will be completed by the end of this semester. Two new student members are now on the Committee and have been a great addition to the conversations.

Guided Pathways Steering Committee – Melissa Reeve

Interest for virtual welcome event in January that will introduce the pathway areas to students with sessions available re: support services (Financial Aid, Tutoring, etc) in tandem. Ideally we will be able to have an in person event, and possibly separate events for the different pathways, like career days and/or meet the faculty days.

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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

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