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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

January 12, 2023 Morning Flex MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Vacant Positions:

- Applied Technology & Business: Senator (2 positions) – if there are any issues Senate can address in order to get these positions filled, please get in touch.

Joint meeting with ASSC – Recap (12/9/2022 meeting)

Munir Omar (ASSC President) and Senate President Josh Scott have established the following goals for cooperation between ASSC & Senate:

- Securing a nurse and routine health services on campus (administration is working on this). ASSC would like to be included in decisions/meetings about meeting this need.
- Securing better public transit/access to campus – creative funding and/or lobbying with various public agencies to improve transit options.
- Supporting community and connection: Senate will help advertise ASSC events (movie nights, etc) to boost attendance. Other ideas include joint mixers, community events and gatherings
- Reciprocal meeting attendance for regular updates between Senate and ASSC presidents
- Collaborating for a robust graduation ceremony this year and beyond
- Supporting an effort to push “Timeliness in feedback/grading”: how can Senate discuss this issue in relationship to workload, best practices, etc. Discussion ensued regarding different expectations between online vs f2f and the OEI rubric, establishing a culture of care by letting students know when to expect responses, alternative grading strategies to alleviate overwhelm, etc. Senate would like to have a flex session focused on grading strategies, options, examples, rubric ideas, etc.

Upcoming meetings at Vallejo & Vacaville Campuses

Tentatively scheduled for: 2/13 in VACA and 3/27 in VJO

ASSC would like to attend these meetings as well so that we can collaborate towards increased support for students at the Centers.

DE Support

The new hire of a FT director has been approved; the DE Coordinator will continue and be at 67% release. The new Director will be ALG with a desired background of Instructional and Universal Design (accessibility) background. This position's JD is currently being developed, if anyone would like to be involved with the taskforce.

Canvas will be utilized in a controlled capacity for delivery of some instructional materials for the incarcerated program soon.

Other

Atticus Frey has been hired for the ZTC Coordinator position. Funds are available (with collaborative efforts statewide) for areas to develop textbooks. See a recent email from VP Williams re: LTC and ZTC designations in the catalog.

Curley Wikkeling-Miller has been hired as the new Coordinator for the Center for Academic Excellence. The Center will support the campus mentoring program coming and various professional development opportunities, brown bag lunches, etc.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Discussion—What is student success in 2023?

Given the statewide funding formula, success rate importance, “post” COVID learning, and disproportionate impact: How do we look at data and how does that inform our practices in the classroom? How can we discuss, share and collaborate (and allow space for differences of opinion and perspective)? How has your definition of success shifted from 10 years?

Senate broke out into groups to discuss and shared back:

- pass vs no pass
- discipline specific and future goals specific
- gatekeeper problem with some disciplines, sequential courses requiring passing
- independence, self-awareness, growth
- students learning how to be students and navigate higher ed
- student/teacher relationship
- what are the students’ goals?
- how do we scale out a high-touch experience like Puente, to a broader campus?
- how can we create a campus-wide togetherness “feel”?
- balance need to feel like a “good” teacher (parent who lives success through their kids) and to serve the actual individual where/when they are there
- grades matter, but if a student earns an F do they feel empowered to come back again?

SCC’s new Center for Academic Excellence may be an opportunity to further discuss and brainstorm this topic via drop in brown bags, topical Fridays, Campus Hours, Student Hour (with student attendance and input), etc.

Senate Goals

This will be revisited at Senate’s first regular meeting. Please look at the [goals](#) and share back ideas for prioritization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – mid-year reports and self-assessment

Distance Education - John Perez

CVC integration, Ongoing Faculty Training, & DE support are the overarching priorities

- Developing a JD for the new DE director
- Determining DE’s future needs
- CVC: We are now designated as a home college and on track for teaching college designation by fall.
- POCR training is needed for faculty involved with certifying courses for inclusion in the CVC. A \$2500 stipend is available for those that complete the training and become certified.
- Design+ trainings coming (March flex)

Curriculum- Sarah Barsness

- Equity & Antiracism in the Curriculum Process: the committee wants to develop a bank of examples for faculty to reference while creating/modifying courses, to ensure this part of the process is more than “checking a box”
- Clarifying the Curriculum Process: update curriculum handbook, create eLumen videos
- Preparation for AB928 (integration of UC/CSU degree path – KINE and Ethnic Studies impacts) and AB1111 (statewide common course renumbering)

Program Review- LaNae Jaimez

Will be presented at the 1/23 Senate Meeting

Other

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