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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

January 12, 2023 Afternoon Flex MEETING

Joint meeting w/ Administrators

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Welcome to the ASSC Senators in attendance– Christian Bermudez and Carissa Brown

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Report from morning senate session

Three discussions from the morning session seem appropriate to address in this afternoon/joint Admin meeting:

- Timeliness of grading – we need more convos at the school and faculty level on this topic and its importance to students, as well as flex sessions for creative grading options to help faculty
- Student success – how do we define this, where does obligation fall and how (student + teacher), rigor/ retention / standards, etc.
- Senate/ASSC relationship and coordinating efforts and communication , planning social events to connect and build community.

Graduation

How can we support a robust graduation, how can we increase participation, how can we involve various departments and schools in celebrating our graduates.

- Early organization and “party” planning
- Obtain caps/gowns for faculty
- Call in your department members, make it “the thing we do” (dinner prior, etc)
- Outreach to the community (families) to bring them in to the celebration.
- Departmental tailgating
- Carnival style for adults
- Department/school specialty activities for the community (ala UC Davis picnic day)

Other ideas: Armijo’s blackout night includes a variety of events such as faculty running relevant activities (PE: basketball booth, Music: musical chairs), bouncy houses, a hypnotist, rock climbing, fake gambling with high-value prizes. Student clubs and organizations could host events, volunteer, etc.

Graduation will need 25-30 faculty and staff volunteers to run smoothly.

Senators and administrators broke into groups to discuss ideas for this year’s event:

- Break up ceremony into cohorts (divide up deans and board members, etc), then have one large afterparty.
- Huge parade: students invite faculty to parade with them.
- Individual invites to faculty whose students are graduating
- Create one huge ceremony (as usual) and then have breakout celebrations
- What could various departments do as fun showcase type things?

Wrap Up

Other

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