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See this update from the Academic Senate.

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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

February 27, 2023 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SENATE PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Senate is still in need of senator representation from ATB. Adjunct faculty are encouraged to fill this role if interested.

[Spring Plenary](#) will be a hi-flex event, April 20th – 22nd in Anaheim. SCC Attendees will include John Perez, Josh Scott, and Rebecca LaCount.

Distinguished faculty awards: It has been proposed that the chair of this committee become a one-time/rotating position held by a former DF Awardee. LaNae Jaimez will serve next.

Senate and Union presidents met last week to discuss crossover/shared issues: advocating for department chairs (facilitating smooth progress of program review, SLOs, etc) and joint mixers/gatherings @ starts of semesters (FA2023 – senate/union Flex mixer)

The DE committee has drafted a DE Director job description, a task force of senators revised this JD and sent it to VPAA Williams for feedback. By hiring the Director position soon, the coordinator will be able to focus on coordination efforts and duties.

VPSS Neeley is creating health and healing workshops for classified employees, and is planning “roadshows” with Lieutenant Travis to school meetings in March to spread awareness and protocol re: mental health support and security/safety in buildings.

Upcoming Senate-sponsored Flex sessions for March 15/16 will include:

- Best Practices for Grading (15th) : sharing ideas and methods/innovations, a policy, pitfalls and fixes, etc.
- Academic freedom (16th): ASCCC leadership will present; includes discussion of definitions and policy/procedures, Freedom of speech vs academic freedom, impacts with Course Outlines of Record, etc.

SUPERINTENDENT-PRESIDENT REPORT

Wednesday's Board Meeting will include a football study session. No decisions will be made at that meeting.

We are waiting on Noll + Tam (library architecture firm) to deliver a survey that can be used to determine next steps on the Quad's design. A timeline will come thereafter.

Campus Housing & SB169: These funds are limited by legislation to be used for "traditional student housing" (FT, 12 units, no dependents). While this doesn't serve our entire student population, we will apply (phase 1) and then pursue funding for phase 2 (students not covered by Phase 1) and phase 3 (active seniors etc.)

Ramadan will begin on or around March 22nd. Remember that adherents may have special circumstances to be sensitive towards. Kristen Connor will send out info to the campus with more information.

VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

VP Williams has encouraged Deans to share budget numbers with their division faculty. Upcoming yearly purchase request timing begins soon (March). If items are not agreed to be "imperative", those requests should still be moved forward for consideration.

VP OF STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

- VP Neeley reported that Bluebooks / scantrons will be available to students for free at the Centers and Library.
- Space has been designated in 400 for our Pride Club/LGBTQIA+ student group.
- Culture affirming space for Black/African-American students is being established on the 2nd floor of 400 with offices for A2MEND and IMANI as well. A mini launch event is planned there soon.
- Thank you to all who've planned and supported Black History Month events (February). Women's History month (March) events are in the works.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS

Request by voting members of the Academic Senate to participate remotely due to "Emergency Circumstances" - approved unanimously

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Academic Senate Election Update - LaNae Jaimez

Two "At Large" positions are open for nomination: March 1st-15th. Elections will take place March 20th - April 3rd.

School elections: if a senator's term is ending please work at your school to establish nominations and recruit for this position.

Introduction of Curley Wikkeling-Miller (Coordinator for Center for Educational Excellence)

Curley presented "The Center's" Vision & Mission [Draft](#). The Center's Meeting (who meets?) will be the 4th Thursday of each month in room 113. Please email Curley at CEE@solano.edu for more information. The Center is designed to house Professional Development activities (in union with our PD Committee), will oversee our mentor/mentee program, and includes service to CSEA and administration as well as faculty.

Procedure for naming facilities based on significant contributions of time, effort, or other outstanding nonmonetary contributions to the college.

Rhuenette and Josh are working with Curt Johnson to develop a procedure for naming. See the draft, attached. Please contact Josh if you are interested in helping with these efforts.

[Academic Senate Goals](#) for FY2023 – Josh Scott

Senate reviewed the goals and discussed.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

*Assessment Committee – Andrew Wesley (5 minutes) - **attached***

Distance Education – John Perez (5 minutes)

- The committee is going to focus on preparation for upcoming accreditation reporting and auditing needs
- Course schedule automation project is at tail—end: summer shells should auto generate by end of March. New blueprints will be shown at the 3/15 flex
- CVC exchange: we are working on our campus ability to send/receive transcripts
- Regular substantive interaction is replacing Regular Effective Contact- we have no policy/definition for this as of yet
- A new DE newsletter is coming out at the end of this week

Professional Development/Flex Cal – Michelle Smith (5 minutes)

The PDFC committee is finalizing the professional development program for Wednesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 16. We have lots of great sessions planned and we look forward to seeing everyone, online or in person, soon!

Other

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