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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

September 12, 2022 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S President Scott read a faculty member's letter of concern regarding the recent email phishing test.

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Vacant Academic Senate and Sub-Committee Positions:
 - Academic Program Review Committee: ATB Representative
 - PDFC Committee: Part-Time Faculty
 - SESC Committee: Coordinator/Chair
- ASSC Senate & Elections Promotion: please encourage your students to participate in the [elections process](#) taking place this month
- [Fall Plenary](#) will be a hi-flex event, November 3-5 in Sacramento
- As a best practice for hybrid meetings, participants are encouraged to have their cameras on when possible.
- Tenure Tea will take place October 11th (Flex) from 4pm-6pm; the event will be a joint celebration for newly tenured faculty, faculty tenured during COVID, distinguished faculty, newly hired faculty, and Faculty Emeritus Joe Conrad
- SEA Plan update: African American, Latino, and First generation students are three DEI populations that were identified for focused attention
- DE Support: DE committee recommends that the coordinator position be full time due to the demands of our current online program and upcoming CVC exchange participation. Currently two support roles exist that are split between DE and IT, with a third position in the works.
- Modified Hiring Prioritization process: We're going to meet October 10th with deans to discuss the data and what we see as priorities for the college, then we'll send out applications to faculty. On October 24th we will rank these positions.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

The recent phishing email test, required federally for financial aid funding and insurance purposes, is an example of statewide CC security testing. No names were collected. Our results: 21% clicked in; 4% of clickers gave their info (login credentials). Discussion ensued regarding concerns with the email's messaging and methods and how these concerns relate to equity work and feelings of being targeted. Celia will reach out to the company hired to conduct the test with our concerns.

We may not have funds for new hires/positions, except an ECE position that we began recruiting for in Spring 2022. For the upcoming modified Hiring Prioritization process: What data do we want to look at, what are the goals, and then what process addresses the data and goals?

VPAA REPORT

There was some resistance at the Deans meeting to the recently proposed multi-step hiring prioritization process due to feelings that the proposal was overly complicated for the timeline this year. We will discuss further with the Deans in October.

VPSS REPORT

The SEP is due 11/30; this document's taskforce, workgroup, and 5 subcommittees are in full effect.

As participants in the [USC Race & Equity Center](#), we will ask our students to contribute to a 4-week survey beginning Sept. 27 which will focus on race and equity issues in regards to our campus climate. This participation is a year-long process.

ASSCC elections will take place soon; ASSCC is still looking for more senators: please share with your students.

SCC is hiring a Director of Outreach and a Dean of Financial Aid.

We applied for and will receive grant funds from the Chancellor's Office to support LGBTQIA+ : services, programing, etc. A student group is forming a club to support this population as well.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointments to Interview Committees, Advisory Committee, Calendar and Safety Committees: all approved.

ACTION ITEMS - approved

Resolution 09.12.2022 : State of Emergency

[To allow senate to continue to meet remotely](#). Approved unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Hi-Flex vs. Hybrid vs. Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Instruction -John Perez, Neil Glines

As a new (to many) modality, Hi-flex is a mix of multiple modalities with the highest level of flexibility for attendance purposes. It is both synchronous and asynchronous, as students may opt to attend a face-to-face class that is being recorded or to attend/review the class later via recording.

Discussion ensued to clarify questions differentiating hi-flex and hybrid. Many students may benefit from the flexibility/options provided by hi-flex (working students, caregivers, illness absence, etc.). Concerns were expressed (barriers, technology, etc.) and curiosity as to what students think of the option.

A task force was established (John Perez, Robin Sytsma, Jose Cortes, Sara Barsness, LaNae Jaimez, Neil Glines, Michael Reilly) to look at tech limitations, timeline, above mentioned considerations, etc.

Dean Glines also noted that there are impacts/issues to address with hi-flex that are beyond Senate: attendance and apportionment, the online class finder for students, union issues/contract, etc.

Low-Cost Textbook Designation (B12) – Atticus Frey & David Williams

[Attachment 1](#) / [Attachment 2](#)

ASCCC surveyed 55 CCs to see what colleges have defined as a "low textbook cost":

- Thirty designated \$40 as their LTC
- Nineteen designated \$50 as their LTC (9 of these are from LACC).
- None designated higher than \$50

Funding is available for a Zero Textbook Cost pathway program: \$20K available to each college for phase one, \$180K is available for phase three funding. Phase 2 is program specific; multiple programs can apply for \$200K. Phase one is now available; we need a plan in order to claim these funds. Colleges are creatively using their \$20k beyond stipends (ex: integrating textbook costs into class finders).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Program Review – LaNae Jaimez

The School of Mathematics and Science is currently working on program review. APR committee is working with R&P to determine the best way to provide data for this round of reviews. The committee is providing feedback for the last few program reviews submitted in the spring.

Curriculum – Sarah Barsness

Workshops are paused now; there is a large amount of committee work to get through. The committee is working on establishing a more official equity process for course development/review. This year the group will revisit options for a local GE degree. We need student reps on the committee and also need one more Math/Science rep.

OTHER REPORTS

Guided Pathways Steering Committee– Melissa Reeve

Planning for an in-reach event (current students who aren't settled in program/major) [early November] is in the works. Week 1 will include a calendar of info sessions zooms from various programs. Week 2 will include an open house/demos from specific programs so students can come drop in and find out more (special facilities, etc). The committee is looking for program faculty to prepare drop in activities, etc. This event will become the foundation for a spring open house.

Treasurer Report – Erin Duane

Senate's general fund has \$11,431.44.

The Senate's Scholarship Fundraiser now has 21 donors: \$5750 one time, and \$180/pay period

Many thanks to these new donors who have pledged since the 8/22 Senate Meeting:

Sheila Kaushal

Maria Isip-Bautista

Josh Scott

Anonymous donor from the Counseling/Library area (\$5,000 pledge!!)

The scholarship drive will continue until September 26th so please encourage your areas to donate.

Other

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