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From your Academic Senate:

## SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

### HOT TOPICS

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## September 26, 2022 MEETING

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public asked why public comments don't appear on meeting minutes. While usually not included on minutes because the comments are not part of the published/formal agenda, commenters can request that their comments be reflected in the minutes.

#### **A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

Vacant Positions:

Applied Technology & Business: Senator

Filled Positions

- Mike Silva – New SESC Coordinator
- Brian Weathersby - ATB Representative for Academic Program Review Committee
- Andrew Wesley – Part-Time Faculty Representative for PDFC Committee
- [Fall Plenary](#) will be a hi-flex event, November 3-5 in Sacramento. SCC Attendees will include Ashlie Lawson, LaNae Jaimez, Josh Scott, and Rebecca LaCount.
- ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) planning and funds: We would like to identify a coordinator to lead the charge on our campus application for \$20K offered by the Chancellor's Office. This (phase 1) will allow us to develop an 18mo plan for ZTC on our campus; if we plan successfully, we qualify for an additional 180K to implement the plan. (Training, stipends, etc.)
- The Hi-flex task force met: The group defined hi-flex courses as those that offer fully in-person instruction that is recorded and therefore also available as fully online/asynchronous. Enrolled students can choose to attend any way they need/want, at any time. Considerations moving forward: Banner issues, IT needs, compensation/Union considerations, trainings, etc.
- Tenure Tea will take place Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm during Flex. An invite was sent out; please RSVP.
- Pilot/Modified Hiring Prioritization Process: We're going to meet October 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> we will rank these positions.

#### **S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT**

S/P Esposito-Noy and Jim Petromilli spoke with the auditors re: our campus's recent phishing email test and the content/storyline of that test. The discussion was positive and the auditor will approach Jim Petromilli ahead of time re: the topic/content of the next assessment.

A campus-wide drill will take place on Friday 9/30. This is deliberate; there are fewer folks on campus on Friday, so as to ease back in to drills. A larger drill will take place later on, mid-week, when there are more people.

October 11: Flex Day – The Vallejo Center will have a "Re-Open House" and there will be a staff appreciation lunch on the FF campus tennis courts from 11:30-1:30.

October 13: Another Find the Falcon event will take place, with a mental health awareness

focus.

October 5: The UCD School of Education is conducting research on Hispanic students and college attendance; a survey is available to our students (via email only) and forty \$50 gift cards will be distributed. Please encourage your students to check their email and complete the survey. A presentation will be made to the Board of Trustees on 10/5. A livestream recording will be available.

*Choosing Solano College: Latinx/a/o Enrollment and Perceptions Presented by: Marcela G. Cuellar, Ph.D., Sherrie Reed, Ph.D., Michal Kurlaender, Ed.D., and Mayra Nunez Martinez, Graduate Student*

November 17: Presentations will be made to the Board of Trustees re: rebooting Football at SCC

#### **VPAA REPORT**

VPAA Williams expressed his appreciation for Senate President Josh Scott and former Senate President LaNae Jaimez.

#### **VPSS REPORT**

Oct. 11: Vallejo Center will have a "Re-Open House" from 5:30-7:30 pm; the event will include a welcome-back feel with food, music, and introduction to the Center's new supervisor.

Heritage months events:

Oct 4: Filipino-American History Month Keynote speaker ([Library, 12-1pm](#))

Oct 20: Undocumented Student Action Week Keynote speaker ([Library, 12-1 pm](#))

A support grant for LGBTQIA students will start with a group for planning a space and other supports. Matthew Schweitzer and Lauren Taylor-Hill are working with VP Neeley on this.

Oct 13: Find the Falcon (Room 437, 11-1) – focus on Mental Wellness & Support

Reminder: Student Services open hours are T-Th 10-4 with window service. Mondays/Fridays are remote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**All approved**

#### **ACTION ITEMS - approved**

##### **Low-Cost Textbook Designation of \$40 – Atticus Frey**

If approved, our campus designation will be \$40 (in line with most other colleges); books should be from a readily available source. Once we implement this designation, many faculty will automatically be able to apply the LTC indication on their course in the class finder. Considerations to note when selecting a LTC: access codes and other supplies (\$40 should be the total cost), the bookstore is the best location for students to purchase from (due to financial aid usability). Share your textbook costs with your division admin so the icon can be applied to the schedule. Some colleges are making their LTC courses a searchable field in their online schedules.

#### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

##### **Solano College Adopted Budget Presentation ([see attachment](#))-**

**Susan Wheat, VP of Finance & Administration**

VP Wheat provided an overview of the adopted budget, reviewing the Student Success Funding Formula, and reviewing revenues and expenses.

- SCC is now out of hold harmless
- Salaries/benefits are approx. 83% of expenses (want between 81-85%)
- Anticipates (planned) deficit spending for 22/23 to reduce ending fund balance
- Our Reserve is sitting at 20.9% of expenses
- Overall: SCC is in a very good place, fiscally

##### **Adjunct Faculty Support – Rhuette Alums**

A forum was held last week to gather feedback from adjunct faculty. There were 24+ attendees with lots of valuable contributions to the discussion. Priorities included: #1: space/center/offices for adjuncts to gather/meet. #2: Mentoring. #3: Compensation (union issue). The forum concluded with a desire for support from Senate on action, including a possible resolution and advocacy work. Discussion ensued with ideas for next possible steps:

- There's a potential adjunct space in bldg. 300 (DW);
- provide visible recognition at mass-events (flex, etc),
- draft a resolution of support;
- provide more opportunities for Adjuncts to gather, share, support one another, as well as more opportunities to build/maximize and support leadership among adjuncts;
- create orientation program with funding for execution plus flex credit for attendance;
- get rid of (or get credit for) trainings that are repeated at other districts (Keenan, DE)

A task force meeting will be held to draft resolution and explore options for Senate to pursue.

## Committee Reports

13.1 Assessment Committee -Andrew Wesley (5 minutes): couldn't attend today

13.2 Distance Education Committee - John Perez (5 minutes)

Ongoing DE support: the committee requests a full time faculty coordinator position plus a full time support person dedicated to Canvas. The Canvas 1-800 number and chat features have been activated, which has alleviated many tickets.

Other DE items:

- Course Schedule (Spring 2023): John will create courses in Canvas with expectation that IT will be automating this process moving forward.
- We are now official/recognized on the CVC exchange/website; we now need a local POCR process (process by which courses are approved for listing on the exchange).
- Online instruction certification program: we have @ONE access codes to help faculty who need this training. Please contact John for information.
- Canvas updates: new annotation service available, Respondus 4.0 installed and working, recent influx in Canvas errors is global.

13.3 Professional Development/Flex Cal - Michelle Smith (5 minutes)

"The PDFC Committee is pleased to offer a variety of sessions on our upcoming Professional Development/Flex day on **Tuesday, October 11th**. Some sessions are available online while other sessions will be held on the Main campus. Watch your email for the full program with details!"

## Other

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