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SCC ACADEMIC SENATE

HOT TOPICS

from the

November 21, 2022 MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A/S PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Vacant Positions:

- Applied Technology & Business: Senator

Graduation Task Force:

We are planning for an in-person graduation (evening). Please talk to colleagues (how can we engage more faculty to attend) and your students (we'd like to bring some old traditions back but can also now re-envision the event). Some ideas so far: create gathering/community opportunities with a Pre-party/BBQ, photo ops, meet ups with families, etc. Student Government reps can visit school meetings ahead of time and we can plan more outreach via James Thomas Media. The Senate plans to discuss how best to increase faculty participation more at our December 5 meeting, so please share ideas with your Senator(s).

[AB2449](#) - Changes to Brown Act Teleconferencing Rules

The declared State of Emergency (COVID) ends in California in February; we should begin to discuss and plan for how we will follow suit with our (Brown Act) meetings, determining hurdles/concerns people have about in-person meetings. AB2449 mandates quorum in person, with limits on how many consecutive meetings voting members attend online. On Dec. 5, this will be a Senate discussion topic (also including hybrid meetings, zoom standards, chat issues, etc.). We want to balance and honor the needs of both attendance models.

Senate Spring Meetings at VJO/VACA Centers: Senate plans to meet one time at each location to engage with students and our site-specific programs at these locations.

S/P ESPOSITO-NOY REPORT

VPAA REPORT

VPSS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEMS - approved

[Resolution in Support of Adjunct Faculty](#) – Rhuenette Alums & Andrew Wesley

The resolution was presented and read.

Discussion included mentions of office space identified in bldg. 300 for adjuncts, annual parking passes, more technology support & access, etc.

RESOLVED, Solano Community College Academic Senate work with administration and adjunct coalition to develop meaningful support, including mentoring for our part-time colleagues (newly hired and existing);

RESOLVED, that full-time faculty cultivate an environment in departments where adjunct faculty are included in conversations, email threads, and gatherings and given opportunities to participate in department-specific conversations and decisions.

Approved by acclamation; Senate President Scott will share this resolution with the Board of Trustees. Please share [the resolution](#) with your areas.

Thank you to the task force: John Perez, Wini Hunton-Chan, Pam Muick, Rhuenette Alums, & Andrew Wesley.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Accreditation Report – Saki Cabrera

The first draft of accreditation summaries (in response to the standards of specific areas) is due December 9th. Please include evidence that best illustrates the spirit of the standard. Summaries should remain simple (like a technical report, not a data dump). When the team visits, it will be for clarification in specific areas instead of a site-wide visit. Please highlight evidence in yellow when writing your summary/draft and list file-names of evidence documents so they link up easily. There is a shared drive with the standards, etc, available: [2024 ISER](#)

Hiring Prioritization Process: Debriefing – Josh Scott

Recap: The prioritization process began earlier in the cycle with a Senate meeting devoted to discussion of our College values/data determinants, and other factors to consider while prioritizing. A separate meeting included stakeholder presentations (no powerpoints) limited to 3 mins.

While administration is still unsure of whether hires may take place, ATEC is at the top of the list. Voting tallies seemed more consolidated during this year's prioritizing.

Senate discussed the possibility of utilizing other data points beyond broad department numbers, possibly acquiring segregated data for departments where it makes sense to do so (ex: A&P data instead of full Biology data when making the case for an A&P instructor hire). Immediate need vs long term planning is still an issue (acknowledging that a FT faculty in a department is needed in order to actually be able to plan long-term.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Distance Education - John Perez

- Ongoing support for DE- we are advocating for the following: increasing release time to at least 67%, hiring a director/instructional designer, and hiring someone to assist with developing course shells that meet the needs of universal design.
- A DE helpdesk ticket team is in effect and handling most requests for support (Carol things)
- Spring shells are ready as of 11/17; the shell-creation process will be automated for summer.
- A video with instructions is coming out soon for faculty working on Blueprints.
- The CVC Exchange work is moving forward: we are now working on Canvas integration to the statewide CVC system, eTranscripts is next (A&R flow), and POCR certification for faculty reviewers is underway
- The DE Newsletter from 11/1 covers new features in Canvas; a December newsletter is underway
- John & Erica Beam are developing an online DE handbook
- Canvas global announcements guidelines are in the works (accessibility!)
- Title V changes: REC (regular effective contact) is now changing to RSI (regular substantive interaction). The Committee will explore how SCC will address this shift.
- Two major zoom updates will take place over break: A Solano vanity URL will be created and available via MySolano (single sign on).
- Our campus Zoom storage is 1000% over our allocation, files will be deleted from the zoom cloud. IT has developed a "how to back up your data" video for faculty – 12/23/22

will be cutoff date to for backing up.

- Canvas Cleanup Project: shells from 3 years+ will be archived (removes them from your Canvas homepage). A schedule for this cleanup will come out in spring.

Professional Development - Michelle Smith

The call for January professional development sessions is now closed; Jan 2023 Flex sessions planning is underway and details will be sent out to all faculty soon.

Other

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