

Academic Senate President's Report

April 19, 2017

SIS Revised Timeline (due to input from the steering committee and thanks to heightened awareness of the need for scheduling for inclusion, the timeline has been revised thus:

Event	Date/Timeframe
Release of RFP	May 5, 2017
Deadline for vendors' questions to College by 2:00 p.m.	May 19, 2017
Deadline for College to respond to vendor questions	June 1, 2017
Deadline for vendors' submission of RFP – before 2:00:00 p.m.	July 28, 2017
Selection of vendors who will be invited to give onsite demonstrations	Sept 15, 2017
Onsite vendor demonstrations and presentations	Oct 2 – Nov 10, 2017
Request for Pricing Proposals issued	Oct 9, 2017
Pricing Proposals Due	Oct 27, 2018
Vendor Selection	Nov 17, 2017
Finalization of contract terms and pricing	Dec 2017
Approval of contract award by the College's Board	January 2018 Board Meeting

Project Truth

Project Truth will visit the Santa Rosa campus on April 24th & 25th, from approximately 9:00 am – 2:00 pm on each of these days. They intend on conforming to the college's free speech guidelines regarding "time, place and manner" throughout their demonstration. We have suggested they be located in the Bertolini Quad so that their activities can be closely monitored. At this time, it does not appear that they intend on visiting the Petaluma campus or any other district site. Project Truth is a mainly conservative evangelical organization that is devoted to opposing abortion rights. When they have come in the past, there have been peaceful, student-organized counter demonstrations, and organized discussions by instructors of, for example, critical thinking classes. We always warn the college community when they come because they have a strategy of trying to provoke strong emotions and make their money by suing people of free speech violations. For many the wisest course of action may be just to steer clear of them. But there is nothing wrong with engaging them in a calm discussion, and rebuttal if you have a mind to, of their views. They are trained to be on their best behavior. Personally, I can't resist talking to them.

Senate Work Groups

- AP, IB, CLEP. This is fairly urgent, and we are working on it.
- **Disciplines and the COR:** I have developed a plan that is now underway. We will do an inventory of Disciplines in all CORs, standardize them to align with the Disciplines List, identify problems and propose solutions, all by the end of next fall.
- **Class Size Task Force:** I have been told that the MOU is nearly ready. I have received offers to work on this from several faculty. We will make appointments to the revised task force as soon as the MOU has been signed by District and AFA negotiators

ASCCC Plenary

April 20-22 near SFO. We leave tonight and return Saturday evening. The updated Resolution Packet is at asccc.org. Find Plenary program, Resolutions tab. Please read and solicit feedback from constituents. I will be available during plenary by email, as will the other attendees. Amendments to Resolutions can be made until Thursday at 4:00. Voting is on Saturday. I welcome your comments on how to vote for resolutions until and into Saturday morning.

Attendees are Eric Thompson, George Sellu, Laura Aspinall, and Robin Fautley (in place of Nancy Persons who had to cancel).

Each college has only one voting delegate, and that is usually the senate president. I am yours at present. I represent you to the statewide body, and I don't know all the nuances of every discipline, obviously, so I need your help in knowing how to speak to, and vote on, resolutions that affect where you live. So please read the resolutions and tell me what you think.

Eric Thompson