

President's Report

March 7, 2018

Spring Retreat of the Academic Senate

Our retreat will be between 11:00-3:00 on Friday, March 9, at the home of Laura Aspinall.

Area B

This semester's Area B meeting is FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 10:00-2:00 (Friday of our Spring Break) at the **Petaluma Campus**. If you happen to be in town, this is a great way to meet colleagues from our region (Area B covers the entirety of the greater Bay Area, containing 34 California community colleges). All are welcome. Since we are providing a continental breakfast and lunch, please tell us if you plan to attend by March 2 (jmelvin@santarosa.edu).

Guided Pathways

8 Faculty, 5 administrators, 2 students and 2 classified went to a Workshop to receive training and give feedback on Guided Pathways in Oakland, March 1, and 2. This group came to a consensus about a basic approach to filling out the Work Plan. I asked Executive Vice Chancellor Laura Hope for an extension of the deadline for the Work Plan and she granted us an extension to April 15. A larger group of about 18 faculty (the 8 attendees plus about 10 more) will be assembled, along with additional students and perhaps classified colleagues, to write the Work Plan and shepherd the study of Guided Pathways at SRJC.

Not all of those faculty members who applied have been chosen to be part of the group. The executive committee in assembling a work group from those who applied was seeking for balance and diversity. It so happened that there was an over-abundance of applicants from some departments and not enough from others. We had to make hard choices in favor of broad representation. The Work Shop attendees, again, were: Eric Thompson (Academic Senate/Liberal Arts), Nancy Persons (Academic Senate/Library), Roberto Alvarado (Counseling, Petaluma), Summer Winston (CTE), Michael Ichikawa (math), Lauren Servais (English), Tara Johnson (DRD), Lauralyn Larson (Work Experience); and the additional faculty on the larger Workgroup are:

Alexa Forrester (Philosophy), Michael Hale (English), Amy Merkel (Counseling), Jessica Pardoe (ESL), Julie Thompson (English/AFA), Nancy Ruud (Adj. Counseling, Petaluma), Kelly Windsor (Adj. CTE/Business), Katy Jamshidi (Biology), Phyllis Usina (Library).

Note that there are missing representative elements. We have no one from KAD or instructional faculty from Petaluma. We are still recruiting. Also, when the workgroup meets and defines tasks more specifically, the group will break out into smaller segments and there will be room for expansion. Our intention is that everyone who wants to will be able to participate and contribute eventually.

Visit from Tom Epstein, Vice President of the Board of Governors

Tom Epstein, Vice President of the Board of Governors visited SRJC Tuesday, March 6, 2018. He had meetings with administrators (President, and Vice Presidents), with Faculty and with Students. The faculty meeting occurred from 1:45-2:05 in the Senate Chambers, Santa Rosa campus. In attendance were myself, Nancy Persons, Laura Aspinall and Brenda Flyswithhaws. Tom wanted to know why we had "issues" with The Vision for Success. He heard our thoughts, many of which were very critical of The Vision, he took copious notes, and also gave his thoughts in support of The Vision.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Thompson