

## **President's Report**

April 4, 2018

### **Plenary:**

ASCCC Plenary will be held at the San Mateo Marriott, April 12, 13, 14. It will be attended by Eric Thompson, Mike Starkey, and Nancy Persons.

### **Area B:**

There is much to say, but I'll summarize it this way. Everything that we're experiencing here is a microcosm of the statewide system. Same problems, same issues.

### **The Summer School Announcement and Guided Pathways:**

My first response to the announcement of the cancellation of most of summer school (Thursday afternoon, March 29) was that the whole Guided Pathways enterprise was thereby obliterated. Thanks to the efforts of many, initiated mostly by faculty leadership, with a special note of appreciation to Tara Johnson, by the end of Friday (ca 5:15 pm), March 30, students received an email telling them not to worry, their classes would not be cut and registration would take place as scheduled. In point of fact, however, summer classes were not officially restored until today as a result of a discussion and vote of the President's Consultation Council.

In the meantime Guided pathways goes on. I am doing my best to facilitate a good faith effort in making the best of Guided Pathways, in spite of being one of many faculty who are skeptical of the program. The rescinded move to cut summer school unilaterally really does undermine any attempt to make something positive for the success of our students, and I have impressed that upon the administration.

Now that summer school is reinstated, we will continue scheduling a meeting of the larger Work Group, edit the common Work Plan document being contributed to by the 31 members of the work group, and have a last communal look at the Work Plan before we submit it on April 15. Again, by consensus of the group, only the elements of inquiry are being filled out and committed to by us.

### **At The President's Consultation Council this morning**

Among the many important things discussed, Dr. Chong reported that he was personally told by the Chancellor that we will be granted the "hold harmless" apportionment funding at pre-fire levels (19,500 FTES), and COLA to boot.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Thompson