

## **President's Report**

May 16, 2018

### **The Budget**

#### **California**

- The May Revise is a dud from our point of view. The state budget could have allocated resources for CCCs, as requested, that speak to our real needs like more full-time Faculty and professional development. Instead, asked-for funds for full time and part time faculty are still at zero in the governor's revise. In the meantime, the revise, though slightly softer on performance-based funding, is still putting its money where its mouth is: coercively implementing the Vision of Success, with the unfunded mandate of AB 705 as partner, and relentlessly pursuing the FOC (Fully Online College) in defiance of faculty input, as well as similar input from CEOs and CIOs.

#### **SCJCD**

- A projected deficit remains, and a plan for short term and longer term reductions has been issued by Dr. Chong, and the conversation continues at PCC and BAC (President's Council and Budget Advisory). In a promising act of shared governance, a document entitled, "Academic Affairs Guidelines for Class Cancellations" was shared with DCC/IM yesterday for discussion. The Guidelines conform to the Contract, and are nuanced and fair-minded, in general. There was one statement to which several objected, which called for deans to visit classrooms and "discreetly" check to ensure that enrolled students were actually attending. It was argued by a faculty member that faculty should be trusted to report attendance and deans should not be so utilized. One dean spoke in agreement with the faculty member, and acting VPAA Jane Saldana-Talley removed the item.

#### **The Academic Senate**

- Our own budget needs help. Our dues to ASCCC go up every year but our allocation from the District does not. Our ability to provide materials for the Faculty Awards Ceremony, our retreats and other things is supplemented by faculty donations to the Senate. Our donations have declined as faculty have retired and/o left the Senate. We have payroll deductions forms if anyone would like to donate to the Senate a small amount of each check, or increase the amount you already give. Thank you.

### **COR Change**

In order to solve a problem with Chancellor's Office approval of curriculum, and after vetting affected departments, there will be a minor change in the COR: Formerly "Contact DHR" with be "Lab TBA." There currently is inconsistency the way lab TBA hours are noted in the COR; the change will be made to all for consistency, and to eliminate a bump we currently have at the Chancellor's Office.

### **Resistance**

No confidence in the Chancellor: as of this writing, the Academic Senates of 4 colleges in our system have adopted resolutions of no confidence in Chancellor Eloy Oakley, and several other have drafted and are discussing them. I am on record as saying that Santa Rosa intends to bring one such resolution to the Senate first thing next fall. I will be working on it over the summer. It will be discussed and potentially voted on in our first and/or second meeting of the new semester.

A plan was just formed and articulated today for CCCs to send resolutions of no confidence to the Board of Governors. The next president of the BOG will be Tom Epstein, who visited our campus a couple of months ago, as well as a number of others around the state. Many feel he is more sympathetic to the critique of faculty than the current president.

So, this Academic Senate will decide, when we resume in the fall, whether or not to participate in a growing statewide movement in our system that takes a position of resistance toward the current Chancellor. The principle issues are the usual ones: autocratic leadership that bypasses, ignores, or defies faculty input on academic and professional matters, treats faculty collective bargaining with contempt, and shows no honest concern for the quality of the education we provide to our students.

I hope everyone has a rejuvenating summer break.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Thompson