

## **President's Report**

Academic Senate September 5, 2018

### Over the Summer:

- The Guided Pathways Work Group met several times, and held an all-day conference on August 8 which was attended by about 65 people from all cross-functional categories— Faculty, Management, Staff, Students. Three breakout groups were formed and each was facilitated by a member of the Chancellor's office Guided Pathways implementation team. Conversations were lively, representing a diversity of opinions, and the framework for the task of Guided Pathways Inquiry was established for the year.
- In conversation with Jane Saldaña-Talley, a scheduled summit of the AAC (Academic Affairs Council) to discuss program revitalization and discontinuance was postponed until a conversation could take place with the Academic Senate president (yours truly). That conversation happened, and the summit occurred, with an invitation that I come and watch. I was unable to make it, unfortunately, but will take up the offer at a future AAC meeting.

### Shared Governance in the New Year:

Within this new semester, robust conversations involving cross-functional participation in what I perceive as meaningful and positive ways, reflecting a trend toward healthy shared governance have occurred at PCC (President's Consultation Council), Enrollment Management Work Group, and a group to study the feasibility of building student housing. Some highlights . . .

- In the PCC a draft will be brought to the next meeting proposing a process, the formation of a cross-functional work group, to study our shared governance structure and propose a restructuring for the purpose of reducing, consolidating, and eliminating redundancy in our committees and councils. It is not yet clear how, but a "reset" of our Strategic Plan will also be connected to this conversation.
- Faculty voice is now well represented in the Enrollment Management discussion which is much needed as we figure out what size and what kind of college we will be in the future. Pedro Avila has energetically solicited faculty inclusion, and is to be commended for doing so.
- A work group was formed to hire a consulting firm to study the feasibility of creating low-cost housing for students as well as possibly for faculty and staff. That group met to hear and discuss the results of the study yesterday. The discussion included several faculty members, including one adjunct faculty member. There will soon be open forums so that the ideas we are working on can be shared with, and discussed by, the whole college community.

### Administrative Support for the Senate:

We asked Dr. Chong, and he granted, an increase in the Senate's Travel Budget enabling us to continue to take people to Plenary. Thank you Dr. Chong!

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