

Academic Senate President's Report

April 5, 2017

Faculty in Shared Governance

- There has been a general problem through institutional processes of late in scheduling events for maximum faculty input: The bookstore fora, etc. Most recently were the fora for the finalists for the Dean III, Liberal Arts and Sciences position (Kris Abrahamson's replacement). These fora were held on successive Tuesdays at 10:00 am, again, prime teaching time. None of this unfortunate scheduling is intended to exclude faculty, they just weren't designed well enough to *include* faculty—an issue of neglect rather than abuse. Mary Kay and I had a conversation about this, noting the difficulty of scheduling anything because everything is so impacted. We decided to **survey** the faculty on what would be the best time in which to schedule these kinds of events in the future. When you see the survey please fill it out. We intend to solve this problem and make it easier for faculty to participate in important institutional decisions.
- I attended both fora for the Senior Dean position. I was one of two faculty in the room, but many more saw them on live-stream. I gave my feedback to Mary Kay. I encourage anyone who saw it via stream or recording to forward your feedback as well.
- The SIS RFP process is well underway, the evaluation teams having met once so far. I recently recruited more faculty from the senate to be on evaluation teams. Thanks Scott Rosen and Lauren Nahas for stepping up.

Faculty Forum Follow-up

- We (AFA and Senate jointly) are proposing another Faculty Forum for PDA day—the 3 hour afternoon session.
- We are also submitting a proposal for a “Fireside Chat” with Mark Kay, also for PDA Day.

ASCCC Plenary

April 20-22 near SFO. The updated Resolution Packet in at asccc.org. Find Plenary program, Resolutions tab. Please read and solicit feedback from constituents.

Attendees are Eric Thompson, George Sellu, Laura Aspinall, and Nany Persons

Senate Work Groups Being Formed

- AP, etc.
- Disciplines and the COR
- Class Size Task Force expansion

Let me know of your interest

New Faculty Mentorship and Soup Fest. Those who are mentors of new faculty are required to attend Soup Fest to get PGI and flex. It is Thursday, April 27, 5:30-8:30, Safari West. New faculty mentees are also required to go as part of their orientation.

Eric Thompson