

Academic Senate

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Guided Pathways

Ed Insights, a private company employed by the Chancellor's Office to study and report on Guided Pathways implementation, has requested a follow-up meeting with us. We acquiesced to a three-day study with Ed Insights last spring during which they interviewed administrators, myself, guided pathways faculty leads, students and classified professionals. Their request is for another three days in spring 2020. They had promised a full report of their study of 12 colleges, including us, but that report has not yet been sent.

Accreditation

We have an ACCJC liaison who wants to meet with the Senate Exec as soon as possible. We need to get moving on our self-study, which is due in August of 2021.

For that process, we need to define a process to conscript one or more faculty leads, who will get reassigned time, to oversee the self-study research and writing project. Faculty roles in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports, is number 7 of the 10 + 1, and one of the 5 items in Board Policy that the Board "relies primarily" on the Senate for.

We will also need many faculty to step up to this work, so please consider joining a team when we give the call.

Following Up with Ongoing Concerns

Yesterday I met with Jane and Jeff Rhoades about Community Ed. We are working on a Procedure document (there is currently a Policy but no Procedure) that will address Senate concerns. Jane is also following up on concerns about Adult Ed that we discussed when Sami Lange visited the Senate last month.

On Monday of this week we held a Faculty Forum on the recent college closures due to power outages, wildfires, and shooters. Many experiences were shared that point out things we need to fix in meeting future challenges. Many frustrations were voiced about the slowness of action so far taken. We discussed ways that we should be preparing for future fire closures, which we should all assume will likely be an every year event for the foreseeable future. Faculty were urged to attend Board of Trustee meetings and voice their concerns in open forum.

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