

**Academic Senate President's Report**  
**March 2, 2022**

I'll be yielding most of my time to Dr. Raymundo and Dean Holcomb, who will be doing the Ethnic Studies report. So I will keep today's report short.

The appointments to the search committee for the next VPAA will be Nancy Persons and Luz Navarrette Garcia. Thank you to all who submitted statements of interest.

Ballots are out for those Areas that have candidates. There are several Areas that have no candidates. Please consider putting your name forward for an At-Large seat. Encourage your colleagues to run. I know that everyone is really tired, and I thank you for making filling next year's seats a priority.

Plenary is coming up. Exec has discussed this and was hoping to send six people as we have done the past couple of semesters, but it's a little more expensive this time and we'll need to see what the budget allows. Once Exec determines how many people we can afford to send, I'll email the Senate account to ask about interest, so please think about whether you'd like to attend.

Finally, a huge thanks to Kate Jolley, Serafin Fernandez, and Dr. Chong's Cabinet for approving and facilitating creating a new Chambers space for us. For years people have complained about the current Chambers, with its long table that separates us from one another. We'll be moving to one of the big rooms in Doyle, with a setup that will allow all members of the Senate to sit in more of a square. Space affects relationships and conversations, and this new configuration will be a positive change for this body. I won't have the opportunity to facilitate a meeting from this new space, but I am looking forward to seeing Nancy tap her gavel in that new space. The current chambers will be converted to a long-needed staff lounge.

There's a lot more going on—Strategic Planning, Accreditation, policy work, College Council's governance redesign project, Guided Pathways, vetting of possible Enterprise Resource Projects and Student Information Systems, and more. I'll say more about this in a future report. In the meantime, the faculty is underrepresented at the Strategic Planning Town Hall meetings. Please attend, and if you are unable to attend, please contribute your ideas via the survey tools.