

## President's Report April 6, 2022

Several faculty members have raised concerns about the blinding of scholarship applications. There has been a robust email conversation about this; Vice President Pedro Avila, Foundation Executive Director J Mullineaux, and concerned faculty members will be meeting to discuss.

The 2022 Guided Pathways Scale of Adoption assessment has been submitted to the Chancellor's Office and will be posted on the Senator Resources webpage. Thanks to Matthew Long and Stephanie Dirks for their support. I'd also like to acknowledge that there is a lot of GP-related work being done not only by the GP workgroups but also others across the college to implement practices that create clear pathways for students and provide the support that students need to follow those paths. Writing the Scale of Adoption assessment was an opportunity to reacquaint myself and describe much of this great work. Thank you to all who are contributing to making our college more accessible, more approachable, and more supportive of our diverse student body.

Yesterday College Council held a second retreat to work on the governance redesign, and we have a third retreat scheduled for tomorrow. Yesterday we the full list of committees and councils and separated out those that we agreed are in pretty shape and can be set aside while we give more attention to those that need it. Our goals include identify work products for each committee or council, identifying any work that the College needs done but that is not currently included in a committee's charge, and establishing clear relationships between and among committees, councils, and other bodies—for example, the relationship between Curriculum or Faculty Equivalency and the Senate. The work thus far has been very collaborative, there is a lot of consensus, and while Council members have concerns and strong opinions, my read is that everyone in the room is demonstrating a lot of trust by moving forward even though we can't see the final destination. Thanks so all of those who are contributing to this work.

Plenary! Byron, Nancy, and I will be attending. Voting on resolutions takes place on Saturday. Please review the resolutions packet and share your thoughts with us.

Nominations for at-large seats are due at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 11. Please encourage your colleagues to run for an at-large seat!

On Monday I attended a meeting on Open Educational Resources and Zero-Textbook-Cost courses organized by Dean Mary-Catherine Oxford. The discussion yielded a few goals—one, professional development for the faculty to ensure that more faculty members understand what OER and ZTC are, what resources are available, and how they can integrate these resources into their courses; two, a recognized need for faculty members to be aware of the cost to students of the books and materials we order. Also note that the bookstore's textbook adoption email will be coming out next week; please get your orders in in a timely manner!

Finally, I would like to thank Tara Jacobson for stepping in and serving as Vice President over the past several months. Monica Ohkubo will be back for our next meeting, on April 20. I look forward to having Monica back with us and have so appreciated being able to benefit from Tara's wisdom and contributions.

Thank you all for being here. I look forward to a productive meeting.