

President's Report May 4, 2022

The academic year is winding down. Students are working hard to finish papers and projects and study for exams. Our colleagues, too, are working hard to get a lot of projects as close to “done” as possible before the end of the year. Today’s agenda reflects our colleagues’ push to get Guided Pathways projects finished. We’ll hear from four of the workgroups today, and from the fifth workgroup on May 18. And while we won’t be getting additional funding for Guided Pathways for next year, the Chancellor’s Office is allowing colleges additional time, beyond this fiscal year, to spend down any remaining funds. So the completion work can continue over the summer and into fall if needed.

At our next Senate meeting, there will be a short report on College Council’s progress to date on the governance redesign project. Also, we are working to schedule a one-hour town hall meeting before the end of the semester, so that we can provide a fuller report on our progress.

In-person Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 28. Please see the email from Dr. Saldana-Talley, sent Tuesday, April 26. The email provides a link that you will use to indicate interest in attending.

The District is currently soliciting interest in two Professional Development Coordinators: a one-year position to fill a mid-term vacancy, starting at the end of this semester; and a two-year term that starts the first day of the Fall 2022 semester. The application process is open to tenured faculty members and Year 4 probationary faculty members whose tenure, effective Fall 2022, was approved by the Board this spring. Applications are due by Monday, May 16, at 5 p.m. Please consider applying and building on the good work that has been done by the many wonderful faculty colleagues who have served in these roles.

The application deadline for the Teaching Fellows Program has been extended to Monday, May 9. It’s a great program—students get wonderful experience, they work closely with a faculty mentor and also develop relationships with the other fellows in their cohort, and the scholarship amount is significant. Please consider finding a student to apply with. If you have questions, you can reach out to Shawn Brumbaugh, Rachael Cutcher, Katie Gerber, Leon Hsu, Cathy Prince, or me. We are happy to answer your questions!

There will be a Strategic Planning Town Hall meeting on Friday, May 13. Please attend if you are able! Also, please know that if you can attend part but not all, you are still very welcome. Come for whatever part you can. The email invitation will be out soon.

Finally, you may have seen that all members of the 2021-2022 Academic Senate are the recipients of the Academic Senate President’s Award. Every member who has served this year has contributed so meaningfully that there was no way that I could choose among you for this award. I hope that you will all be able to attend the online awards event tomorrow afternoon.

I look forward to a productive meeting! Thank you!