

AS President Report to Academic Senate

August 31, 2022

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- Senators, **please sign up to read the SRJC Land Acknowledgement Statement** at AS meetings (Natalia will pass around signup sheet at our meeting 8/31, please write so others can read your name)
- **The Academic Senate is *urgently* in need of a Short Term Non-continuing (STNC) classified professional** to work 24 hours/week from approximately September 14 – December 16th while our own Natalia Haworth is on leave.
- **The Area B Fall 2022 meeting** will be held virtually on Friday, October 14th, from 10:00-2:30 pm. The purpose of the Area meetings is to take a first pass at draft resolutions coming to the ASCCC Plenary in November and share information about things happening at our local institutions. All faculty are welcome to attend and there is no charge to do so. Occasionally resolutions are drafted at area meetings as well. It is also an excellent opportunity to network with faculty colleagues from area institutions and learn more about our statewide community college system. Please note that if you are not already receiving email from our Area B representative Karen Chow, [you can sign up at the ASCCC website](#) for this and various other newsletters relevant to your work as faculty members in the California Community College (CCC) system.
- **The Fall ASCCC Plenary** is a hybrid event that will take place November 3-5 in Sacramento. Only 1 person from each institution will be permitted to attend in person. As our local academic senate president I will be doing so. Those interested in attending Plenary should send an email indicating so, with a brief description of their interest to the [Academic Senate email address](#), by Wednesday, September 14th, at noon. The SRJC Academic Senate is able to finance the registration for a limited number of SRJC faculty.
- **Appointment to Area 13 vacancy** – There were 4 faculty members who applied to fill this vacancy. Per Academic Senate Bylaws, Wayne Downey (Psychology, Area 6) was appointed. Welcome to the AS, Wayne!
- **Student Equity Plan 2.0 Work group** – Faculty needed to apply by Wednesday, Sept. 1st, at noon, if they are interested in serving on the SEP 2.0 work group.
- **Appointment to Interim SR Dean of SS hiring committee** – Roam Romagnoli (English) was appointed to serve on this hiring committee. Thank you Roam!
- **XB12 Instructional Materials Cost Data Element and OER/ZTC grant info:** First, the ASCCC has a website dedicated to information on the program at <https://asccc-oeri.org/oer-and-ztc/>. The Chancellor's Office has introduced a new data element to begin gathering data on the actual costs of a course in the CCC system. Our liaison to the ASCCC OERI group is Jen Carlin-Goldberg, and I will be working with Jen, our VPAA, and the IT department regarding compliance with reporting of this new data element. More significantly, the CCCCO is releasing funding in three phases for the development of no- or low-cost programs throughout the CCC system. The initial grant to each college will be in the amount of \$20,000 per college for Phase 1. The initial \$20K (w/potential augmentation in phase 3) to each college is only to certify commitment to ZTC program requirements, identify a ZTC program for development, and will be paid through apportionment. Allowable uses: only 2 – professional development and technical assistance,

other activities that enable the development and implementation of a ZTC program (e.g. self-assessment, technology support, collaboration, research), must be in line with local hiring and procurement policies and practices, must consider sustainability of ZTC efforts. Must certify participation in Nova by November 1, 2022. No plan is needed at this point. **Phase 2** is up to \$200K per program, independent of Phase 1 grants, and is intended to facilitate expedited implementation by fall 2024. More information on this grant will be forthcoming.

- **Back to school exhaustion** – Many of us are finding that we are happy to see so many students and colleagues in person on our campuses and sites, but that the increased level of personal interaction and navigation of hybrid environments is exhaustion-inducing. For some of us this is happening on top of other challenges already being faced. Please remember to breathe deeply and slowly, be honest with yourselves about how much you can take on and acknowledge hard moments before moving on.
- **Student Preferred Pronouns/Names** will be on our Consent agenda for the 9/7 meeting, and in addition FACCC reported via email on Sunday, August 28th that on Tuesday 8/23, “FACCC sponsored AB 2315 (Arambula) passed the Senate Floor on a 30-8 vote. This bill would require community colleges to implement a process by which students, staff, and faculty can declare a chosen or affirmed name and gender identification to be used in their records where legal names are not required by law. AB 2315 is co-sponsored by Equality California and Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis. The bill has wide support, including from the Chancellor’s Office and our faculty union colleagues. The legislation now goes back to the Assembly for a concurrence vote and then will go to the Governor for his signature.”
- **Committee appointments:** There are a few shared governance committees that still have vacancies. The Academic Senate has sent out numerous calls for volunteers and will be making another round of appointments this week based upon responses received. ***One point of confusion we hope to address is that some faculty are not aware that our practice has historically been to require that all faculty respond annually to the call for committee interest, regardless of whether they are in the midst of a multi-year term.*** The ASEC will review this process to see if there is a way to update this practice in the future.
- **Mentor Meetup:** We held an informal meetup for this year’s class of mentors and new faculty mentees on Friday, August 19th. Almost all of our new faculty (31 total) were able to join us and meet with their mentors. We hope to offer a couple of social events over the course of the year, and all mentors and mentees should stay tuned for more information about that. Finally, we learned through the process this year that we still need to diversify our pool of mentors. We are extremely grateful for the faculty who stepped forward to serve – we had more mentors than mentees to match them up with! That said, several mentees indicated they would appreciate a mentor from their affinity group, and while we did have a number of BIPOC faculty mentors, we are lacking in the area of LGBTQ+ faculty.
- **Academic Senate Retreat:** I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for all faculty who engaged in the Retreat last Friday, 8/26. We had a very participatory, engaged conversation for four hours. We had frank, trusting conversations, explored issues around IDEAA principles, and identified potential topics to serve as our goals for this year. We will put AS Goals on an upcoming agenda that reflect the topics discussed at the retreat. We know not everyone could participate due to other commitments, and appreciate the fact that there are many significant demands on our time.

- **ASEC meetings are open to the public**, and the Academic Senate will send out the Zoom link for these meetings shortly.
- **Academic Senate President office hours:** I have been waiting for my schedule to be populated with regular meetings. Now that this process has happened, I will send out information about a regular office hour when I can be contacted via Zoom for clarifying questions and to request items for discussion at future AS meetings.