

AS President Report to Academic Senate
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Action Item Omission:

- Senators, in the crush of work to get the agenda out to you all in time to have the full weekend to review and to meet Brown Act requirements for posting, I overlooked the 2 PDA Day Activity Question Action Items that should have been include on today's agenda. These two action items will appear on our May 1st agenda.

Senator Elections:

- Ballots have gone out for both contract and associate faculty representatives. **The deadline to vote is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th (tomorrow).** Please be on the lookout for a ballot coming to you from SurveyMonkey. If you don't see one, please check your Barracuda account, and if you use Microsoft Outlook's Clutter feature, look in that folder, or in your Junk folder in Outlook. If, after that, you do not see that you have received a ballot, please contact the [Academic Senate](#) office to inquire.
- Associate elections: The ballot for associate faculty representatives has gone out and has the same deadline as above. The certification of ballots for associate representatives will occur after the current vote to amend the Constitution has concluded and the results of that balloting have been certified. At that time, if the amendment to the Constitution to increase the number of associate representative seats from 4-6 is approved, the following will be the process for seating new representatives: There are currently 5 candidates running to fill 4 available seats. The 2 candidates receiving the most votes will take the seats currently up for election in Area 12 and 13. The candidate receiving the 3rd most votes will be seated for a 2-year term, and the candidate receiving the 4th most votes will be seated for a 1-year term. This will ensure that the terms for our 2 new representatives are staggered. The body will need to determine at a later date how to handle the areas of representation: we could either have 3 associate faculty represent each of the 2 existing areas, or we could redistribute the areas of representation for associate faculty to create an additional area of associate faculty representation.
- Faculty with questions or concerns are encourages to contact the Academic Senate Executive Committee (ASEC).

Resolutions Posted for ASCCC Spring Plenary:

- The first draft of resolutions to be voted on by the assembly on Saturday, April 20th, has been published and can be accessed at this page: <https://asccc.org/resolutions-process> . Resolutions are reviewed in Area Meetings that take place Friday, April 19th, and the official packet of resolutions for voting is then produced Saturday morning, April 20th. Please review the resolutions packet, share with your constituents, seek their feedback, and encourage all to share with me their thoughts regarding any of the resolutions. Each local senate has one official voting delegate who, like myself, is usually the local Academic Senate President. I appreciate and value the feedback from the SRJC college community.

District Educational Plan (DEP):

- The DEP workgroup continues to meet weekly. We are currently reviewing all SRJC plans (Student Equity, Strategic, Facilities, Equal Employment Opportunity, etc.) and inviting leaders from various SRJC Programs (e.g. Older Adults) to come to meetings to describe their programs. At each meeting we also review and discuss various examples of District Educational Plans from other California community colleges. This past week we reviewed Fresno City College and Imperial Valley Colleges' ed plans.

Career Technical Education (CTE) Minimum Qualifications Webinar:

- On April 10th, I attended an Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Webinar on minimum qualifications for faculty teaching in the California community college system. Links to the webinar recording and presentation materials can be found on [this CTE Min Quals webpage](#). With new facilities and programs in CTE coming to SRJC, a sound understanding of the minimum qualifications for faculty and administrators is needed more than ever.

ASCCC Shared Governance Training:

- On Friday, April 12th, the Academic Senate held a 2-hour training led by ASCCC Coach Dr. David Morse on Shared Governance issues. Many senators attended, and in addition a couple of academic deans joined us as well. The Shared Governance Presentation will be posted to the Academic Senate's current materials webpage as soon as we are able to – Drupal was fighting back this morning as I attempted to do so. We are not sure we will be able to post the recording of the session as there were some issues with it, but the presentation includes all the information that was imparted during the training.

Changes to Academic Senate Constitution:

- At its meeting of April 3rd the body voted to put forth to the electorate proposed changes to the Academic Senate Constitution to bring it into alignment with changes approved last year to our Bylaws. Per our Constitution Article VI Section 4, I have notified the Board of Trustees and Superintendent/President Dr. Garcia of our intention to put forth a ballot to the electorate calling for a vote on this issue. Ballots will go out today for this important vote. **The deadline to vote is 5:00 p.m. on April 23rd.**