

## **President's Report, 20 October 2021**

**Julie Thompson**

Our Vice President will be out on leave from early November to early April. Our Constitution and Bylaws are silent on how to fill officer leaves. Guided by past practice and existing language regarding *Senator* leaves, the Executive Committee has decided that we will invite Senators to express interest in serving in this position during the term of Senator Ohkubo's leave. I will consult with Senate Exec and appoint a Senator to serve during this leave. Please watch for an email from the Senate account inviting Senators to put their names forward for consideration.

We have a number of other Senator vacancies. Also, if you are planning on a sabbatical, can you please let Amy know at your earliest convenience so that we can appeal for faculty members to serve while you are out.

Deadline for submitting interest for Plenary is this Friday. Interested Senators, please reply to the email that you received from the Senate account.

At the Area B meeting last Friday, attendees reviewed the Fall 2021 Resolution packet, and the updated packet has been posted to the Senator Resources page (alphabetized under "Fall 2021 Plenary Resolutions"). You will see two links, one to general information about the resolutions process and the other to the Resolution packet. Please read these as you are able, share them with your Area colleagues, and forward your thoughts to Senate Exec. We will share input with the team attending Plenary.

### **[General Information Resolutions](#)**

A third and final round for Spring 2022 Communities of Practice will take place in November (Nov. 5 - 22).

EPCC--Educational Planning & Coordinating Council--had its first meeting on Thursday, October 14. I would like to thank the following faculty colleagues for being willing to take on this additional responsibility on short notice: Laura Aspinall, Joe Fassler, Dr. Emmanuel Raymundo, and Dr. Roam Romagnoli. VP Saldana-Talley and I are co-chairing the Council. Our goal is to support the Senate in the expedited review and, where necessary, revision of policies and procedures that must be quickly brought up to date for our accreditation process. Senate Exec hopes to start placing these recommended drafts on Consent agendas as soon as possible.

As this work moves through the Senate, the Senate is encouraged to identify those policies and procedures that we may wish to bring back soon, for further deliberation, even though we may find the proposed drafts perfectly workable. Remember that policies and procedures are living documents.

Regarding our current policy work, you will also be hearing from our CRC co chairs today. They will share remarks that will help to prepare you for the Curriculum-related policies and procedures that you will see on the November 3 Consent agenda.

To those of you who were able, thank you for attending the Accreditation and SLO Assessment training on Monday. We have a training session on Curriculum and DEIA

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on Monday, November 15. Members of Senate Exec and Faculty Co-Chair of CRC met with Stephanie Curry, from ASCCC, yesterday to plan for the November 15 session.

We are also working on a training session on the Brown Act. We are receiving conflicting information about how the new legislation--AB 361, Rivas--is to be implemented, including the meaning of pertinent dates in the legislation. Further, we have learned that more committees and councils are subject to the Brown Act than we originally understood to be the case, so education on the Brown Act.

The Executive Committee will be meeting with our new faculty PD Coordinators, Matthew Martin and Anne Donegan. The new job description for the coordinator positions states that Senate Exec and the coordinators meet twice a semester, so that Exec may function as a conduit between the Senate and the faculty professional development work facilitated by the coordinators. New language in Article 30: Tenure Review gives the Senate a role in identifying content for the New Faculty Learning Program for Year 1 faculty members. I am hoping that we can make time for that at the Spring retreat so that the Senate priorities guide the development of the Spring 2022 workshops and the workshops for the next academic year.

Dr. Saldana-Talley has approved additional hours for the Guided Pathways workgroups to meet with each other, so that they are aware of each other's work. I would like to thank Tara Johnson for initiating that collaboration among the groups.