

Academic Senate President's Report

March 15, 2017

Faculty in Shared Governance

- The SIS RFP Steering Committee has additional faculty seats now: I have appointed Filomena Avila to the committee; and a regular meeting time: Mondays 8:00-9:00 am
- The SSEC (Student Success and Equity) committee now has additional faculty seats, still needing faculty volunteers to serve
- Once the Class Size MOU is finished, we will need probably two more faculty members to serve on that body
- We will need faculty leaders to oversee the issue of Disciplines and the COR
- We will need faculty leaders to work on Equivalency issues

Please indicate interest in any of these committees to me (Eric) or Jessica Melvin or both.

ACCCC Regional MQ/Equivalency Workshop

Last week, March 9, 8:30 to 3:00, we hosted the Equivalency Regional Workshop. This was very helpful but raised more questions than it answered. The number one criterion for our funding is the qualifications of faculty and there are areas of ambiguity that raise very troubling questions. The CTE disciplines are one location of ambiguity, but there are others as well. In some disciplines, past practice has not always been in compliance with the state Disciplines List, particularly in the hiring of adjunct instructors. The senate will need to study this to find some direction

ASCCC Area B Meeting

Chabot College, 10:00-3:00, Friday March 24, during Spring Break. Eric Thompson, Robin Fautley, Jennifer Carlin-Goldberg, Nancy Persons

ASCCC Plenary

We are still finalizing our attendees. It is April 20-22 near SFO. The Resolution Packet is on our Senate website. Please read and solicit feedback from constituents.

Samples:

3.01 Faculty Hiring Practices “Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges update the paper A Reexamination of Faculty Hiring Processes and Procedures and bring it to the Spring 2018 Plenary Session for discussion and possible adoption.”

17.01 Senate Purview in Initiatives and Grants Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge local senates to remain vigilant in their contributions to and review of grants, programs, and initiatives that fall under the purview of academic and professional matters; and Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges urge the Chancellor's Office to include mechanisms, including a local academic senate signoff, that ensure local senate involvement

in and approval of all grants, programs, and initiatives that fall under the purview of academic and professional matters.

11.02 Expansion of the Online Course Exchange Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges remind the Online Education Initiative (OEI) that faculty primacy in academic and professional matters applies to curriculum and academic standards, which includes the academic standards for development and offering of courses for the Exchange, and that any decisions directly impacting courses need to be made in consultation with the OEI Steering Committee and with input from the OEI Consortium;

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges insist that high standards, including review of courses by trained faculty reviewers and determination of alignment with the OEI Course Design Rubric by those same faculty reviewers, remain in place to ensure that courses offered on the Exchange are of superior quality, of appropriate rigor, and offered and supported locally prior to being offered on the Exchange; and

Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the Online Education Initiative to develop enrollment management criteria for managing the number of courses individual colleges have on the Exchange and managing the selection of courses offered on the Exchange.

New Faculty Mentorship and Soup Fest

Those who are mentors of new faculty are required to attend Soup Fest to get PGI and flex. I have received RSVPs from many. Good. But to reserve your seat (it often fills up), you need to still RSVP to Nancy Persons. It is Thursday, April 27, 5:30-8:30, Safari West. New faculty mentees are also required to go as part of their orientation.

Eric Thompson