

## Academic Senate President's Report

September 7, 2016

### *Summer Conversations*

- SSSP/Equity: I met with Li Collier and Kris Abrahamson about Student Equity and Success; the focus of the conversation was the importance of faculty collaboration and input.
- I had an exchange with Doug Roberts about the bookstore; he was seeking faculty input on what should happen with it, so it is on today's agenda.
- I had conversations with AFA leadership about senate/union relations; these conversations are ongoing, and we are looking for times and spaces for larger group gatherings of AFA/senate folks to collaborate, continuing what we started last year.

### *Summer and Pre-Semester Work of the Senate Executive Committee*

- **New Faculty Mentoring Program**  
The Academic Senate is now in charge of the mentoring of new faculty. We paired 27 mentors with mentees, and provide orientation and guidance to mentors; all four of the members of the executive committee are mentors as are several other senators. We welcomed 30 new faculty this year, but 3 of them were not paired with mentors since some of them actually started mid-year last year and have already had mentors.
- **New Senator Orientation**  
The senate executive committee welcomed and oriented 9 new senators, 5 returning to the senate after a hiatus, and 4 who have never served before.

*Early Meetings (Since the Councils and Committees I sit on really haven't got going yet, I'll report on most of them next time).*

- 20K @ 2020 Plan. Dr. Chong has presented a question and challenge to the college community about enrollment growth, about which there was a well-attended discussion on PDA day. This discussion will be continuing.
- 2030 Plan Steering Committee met August 26, during which the current state of the plans for Petaluma and Santa Rosa campuses were presented and discussed. Four more meetings are planned. The proposals for the Public Safety Training Center, Shone Farm, and Southwest Center will be presented on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### *Upcoming Senate Retreat*

- The Academic Senate Fall Retreat will be Friday, September 16, from 9:30 to 3:30 at Pepperwood Preserve. We will be serving a Continental Breakfast, lunch by Gogi, and will have some stimulating conversation and set our goals for the year. Please plan to attend.

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