

Academic Senate President's Report
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A quick update this time around given our recent PDA Day ([see my opening comments here in case you missed them](#)), and long holiday week-end (ahead and past)...

In preview to our AP7120A discussion today, to require certain majors to be on hiring committees could create a hardship or bottleneck in areas with small majors which could result in reduced ability for student participation. We want as many students to engage in the process as possible. Also, as captured in the support document including the District's formal response, it is best practice and common across other California Community Colleges (CCCs) that Student Government selects their own members of hiring committees. We also have consultation with the co-chairs built into our process, which is more than most other CCCs have and provides the committee the opportunity to provide feedback. Senators have also asked about SGA's process for selecting students, and I reached out to their advisors last week but had not heard back in time to include in this report. I'll reach out again and hopefully someone may be able to speak in Open Forum to this effect.

[Happy New Year, too, as we begin the year of the Fire Horse!](#)

