

Academic Senate President's Report
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It's good to see everyone after our unexpected hiatus. In addition to my Oct. 15th report, here are some additional updates ...

Last week I attended the [California Community College Association for Occupational Education \[CCCAOE\] 2025 fall conference](#), and was inspired by the passion, resources, and energy of this cross-section of statewide student-centered, equity driven faculty, administrators, and classified personnel. There is massive innovation occurring across the state enabling students to gain real life experience, skills, and knowledge in classrooms, labs, fieldsites, and on the job. Our colleagues in SoCal are leading the way in resource development for institutionalizing processes like Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), equity-focused career development, and reimagining assignments in the Age of AI. I will also be collaborating, going forward, with my CCCAOE conference fellow faculty attendees - A. Merkel, K. Kinahan, and A. Mansfield - and Director B. Davis and other district colleagues in strategizing how to bring awareness and engagement in career and technical education efforts and resources. Thank you again to Dean B. Davis and his office for their support in sending me to this important conference.

Business and workforce colleagues were very clear in their messaging around GenAI at the [\[CCCAOE\] 2025 fall conference](#): by 2030, anyone wishing to gain or maintain meaningful work will have to be able to demonstrate effective use of GenAI. "The Genie is out of the bottle," someone said Thursday morning at the conference. "The volcano has erupted," someone else stated during our launch of the SRJC GenAI Taskforce last Friday where we started the work involved in making meaningful choices locally that reflects our commitment to our students and one another as well as address regional and state concerns. We are threading a needle like no other before it, but thread the needle we must.

[Faculty shared committee appointments are wrapping up, and there are less than 10 vacancies left.](#) I'm grateful to everyone who stepped up - either for the year or a semester - and appreciate everyone's patience, support, and engagement. ***There are still seats available, and I'd love to have those seats filled asap.***

Grateful for everyone's patience and understanding in the meantime. I also appreciate everyone's work to support our students and fulfill our mission to the community. Let's continue to center the human experience in all that we do and in all of its gloriously messy, beautiful, and complicated manifestations. Here's to all of us, together, serving the community.