



## Academic Senate Standing Report District Governance Senate

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**Date of District Governance Senate Report: 5/9/2023**

**Date Academic Senate Met: 4/26/2023**

### **Public Comments:**

Danielle Alberti – Danielle called on COSTA and the District to come to an agreement to accommodate disabled faculty. Danielle shared some examples and requested that leadership establish an equitable process for employees with disabilities.

Teresa Mendoza – The AS Faculty Awards Ceremony is scheduled for May 10th at 4:10 pm. The second hour will be a regularly scheduled Academic Senate meeting.

Tracy Redden – BP 2435 is up for review (Evaluation of the President). Tracy suggested that the President include evaluation surveys from his constituent groups, faculty, and classified staff. Some other colleges include evaluations. Two colleges had DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) in the president's evaluation—this was also suggested by Tracy at the latest DGS meeting. These changes could be made in the BP and submitted to the board for their approval, however, it may be more pertinent to place changes in the AP. Please email Tracy Redden for feedback.

Tracy Redden – Regarding the Hiring Policy: Twice this semester the hiring policy (old and new) has been violated. A new faculty member that is hired without a division runs into issues with respect to the contract. There is no place for this person in the hiring procedure and in many places in the contract, like evaluation, which affects the tenure process. Tracy has reached out to Jennifer Vega La Serna to start a discussion. In the meantime, please email Tracy Redden with any input or suggestions.

Octavio Barajas – Octavio shared an event for next week: Killing County: The Ramirez Family Testimony, on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30 pm in Ponderosa. Octavio asked for support to make sure that students are aware of this event.

Octavio Barajas – The Faculty Hiring Procedures Taskforce has continued to meet and review the Legal edits for the Faculty Hiring Procedures document. Their review has not yet been finalized, but the recommendations should be reported at the first academic meeting in the fall.

Juan Arzola – Urged senators to take the DGS survey. 8 out of 26 senators have responded so far. Three subcommittees had a response rate was 1 – 2 %. Those subcommittee chairs were advised to confirm that the information on the SharePoint site is accurate, and if not, identify the members who are part of the group and send that information to Juan or Teresa.

Juan Arzola – Regarding changes to the Academic Calendar for the current and Academic Senate upcoming three years: Shall the two instructional days during the week of Thanksgiving be removed, and then this removal permanently enshrined in AP 4010. Senators were asked to obtain feedback from their constituents.

Danielle Alberti – Jennifer Vega La Serna stated that if faculty didn't want to teach during the week of Thanksgiving, this will be a permanent change.

**Academic Senate acted on the following:**

Approved by consent: Meeting Minutes, the meeting Agenda, Faculty Appointments: David Hurst to Accreditation Workgroup Subcommittee IV.

Action items:

- Curriculum (Harris), MSA.
- Discipline Assignment List (Harris), Shannon Cooper had one change for ASCI 202 needed an "OR Ag Business or related services." MS, Amended, MSA.
- Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI) Guidelines (Nakamura), Discussion centered largely on the peculiar nature of hybrid courses, which fall under Title 5 rules requiring RSI, but which also meet in person. The primary concern was that RSI language treats a hybrid class as if it was two separate classes, but for accreditation, our guidelines need to follow Title 5. Samantha Brookshire recommended adding language to the document for hybrids. Brice said that if a hybrid had a discussion board, it would fulfill the interaction documentation between students and/or the instructor. The online component of the hybrid needs to follow RSI guidelines. The document is not contractual, but rather an internal document to help faculty develop DE courses in a manner that will pass accreditation standards. MSA
- Native American Task Force (Barajas) Moved to action from discussion, the document is the same as the one posted at the last meeting with the following change "a minimum of the following groups/positions." This is because there is growing interest from faculty and will likely exceed the number of the different groups that are referenced. Octavio requested support for this as an action item since this is the second to last meeting and it would allow for the opportunity to make appointments at the final meeting so that work could be completed over the summer. MSA

**Information items:**

Juan Arzola – The most recent Spring Plenary featured 35 resolutions of which 30 passed, 4 were referred, and 1 was voted down. There were 27 amendments made. The keynote speaker, Ben Chida, pushed back on faculty concerns regarding initiatives and stated that many of the initiatives that were passed have not been completed for the past five years. There was not going to be any slow up from the legislatures.

A recent email from Juan shared a joint letter addressed to the Chancellor's Office leadership which was signed by the chairs of the Higher Education Committee in the California State Assembly and California State Senate. The Chairs have demanded that the Chancellor's Office 'cease and desist' with Cycle 2 of the CCC Bachelor program application process. The CCC Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office remain committed to the current process and are looking to respond to the Chairs.

Two pieces of legislation were brought forward that deal with Brown and the limitations and restrictions of being able to meet publicly. One dealt with the posting of addresses on the agenda for those teleconferencing. The other dealt with having quorum in one location.

Sarah Harris – The Curriculum Institute will be held in July this summer in Riverside. If anyone wants to attend, please contact Sarah.

**The following Discussion items were addressed:**

COS Native American Action Taskforce (Octavio Barajas) – this discussion item was moved to action – see above.

**Meeting adjourned 5:20pm**