



## Academic Senate Standing Report District Governance Senate

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**Date of District Governance Senate Report: 10/22/2024**

**Date Academic Senate Met: 10/9/2024**

### **Public Comments:**

Regarding items not on the Agenda:

Danielle Alberti – Regarding AP 4626 recommendations: Faculty should not be punished for aspects that are not contractually obligated.

Russell McKeith – The Harvest Festival will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd from 5- 7 pm at the Tulare Campus.

Chris Mangels – There are three performances available for the production, “Reefer Madness.” Check COSeNEWS for details.

Juan Arzola – ASCCC Fall Plenary is scheduled for November 7th – 9th in Visalia at the Convention Center. If there is still funding available, senators interested in attending can have their registration fees covered. Please reach out to Juan Arzola and Teresa Mendoza. Additionally, there may be 5 registration slots open since the district is a sponsor in the event.

Juan Arzola – Juan will be at a statewide conference on Wednesday, October 23rd. David Hurst will lead the Academic Senate meeting.

Regarding items on the Agenda

David Hurst – asked to remove Emily Vaughn from the Consent Calendar – Taskforce 2.

### **Academic Senate acted on the following:**

Approved by consent: Meeting Minutes, Meeting Agenda, Faculty Appointments:

- Strategic Plan task Forces—Task Force 1: Amanda Thomas, Marvin Turk, Milena Seyed, Randy Villegas; Task Force 2: Chiara McPherson, Octavio Barajas, Trinity Gabato, Vanessa Bailey; Task Force 3: Ambar Alvarez Soto, Iris Flores, Russell McKeith, Samantha Brookshire; Task Force 4: Carlotta Marin, Christian Anderson, Deysi Sanchez-Arreola, Elise Baker, Juan Arzola
- Educational Technology Committee—Olivia Estrada (co-chair), Kelly Diaz
- Technology Committee—Iris Flores
- ASCCC Liaisons—Samantha Brookshire, Crystal Salazar

### **Action Items:**

- a) Curriculum Report (Sarah Harris), MSA. Sarah Harris – 1) Several new courses and a new/updated certificate in Ag Tech. 2) Several courses have new common course

- numbering. Anything with a C in front of it and a 1000 number has been updated for Common courses. 3) Funding will be available for faculty that are working on or want to work on common course updates and curriculum updates related to Cal-GETC. Funds will be available soon – faculty will need to apply. 4) New associated degree for transfer in Human Services and Social Work.
- b) SLO Alignment Recommendation (Sarah Harris), MSA. Sarah Harris – Curriculum committee and Outcomes & Assessment Committee have recommended Courseleaf as the source of truth for outcomes. This needs to be completed for accreditation reasons.
  - c) Native American Action Task Force Recommendations (Octavio Barajas) MSA. Octavio Barajas – asked for support in approval of 7 recommendations outlined in the NAAT report as an Academic Senate resolution.
  - d) Faculty Hiring Recommendations (Katie Beberian), MSA. Katie Beberian shared the changes made to the Faculty Hiring Recommendations Policy. The policy was first revised in October 2021 and approved by Academic Senate in May 2022. Legal counsel made changes after that, and in March 2023 the FHP Taskforce worked to look at legal's changes and edit the policy to reflect those changes (these changes did not fundamentally change the procedures that were approved in 2022). Katie outlined each change. The policy will be reviewed every 3 years.
  - e) AP 4237 Credit by Examination for Articulated High School Courses (Juan Arzola), MSA.

#### **Information items:**

- a) Strategic Plan Update (David Hurst). David Hurst – Four taskforces are working on objectives and actions to present to faculty at the Strategic Plan summit scheduled for October 18th. The summit runs from 9 am – 1 pm with a light breakfast and lunch at Moro Gym.  
  
Juan Arzola – only 9 faculty members have signed up for the summit. The summit offers an opportunity for faculty voices to be heard.
- b) Equivalency Committee E of Year and Beginning of Year reports (David Hurst)
- c) FEC Beginning of Year report (Liana Craven)
- d) Curriculum Committee Beginning of Year Report (Sarah Harris)
- e) O&A Committee Beginning of Year Report (Sarah Harris)
- f) Committee A Beginning of Year report (Samantha Brookshire)
- g) DECOS Beginning of Year Report (Elise Baker)

#### **The following Discussion items were addressed:**

- a) ISER (Sarah Harris). Sarah Harris – Sarah thanked the accreditation workgroup members, evidence team, and members of subcommittees for their work on the ISER. The ISER survey produced 47 responses (38 % F/T Faculty, 30% P/T Faculty, 8 – 9 % Admin, and 11 % Classified). There were 11 individual comments. Please review, send any requests/ feedback/ changes to Sarah or Jennifer Vega La Serna. They are looking for substantive feedback. Will be an action item next time.  
  
Danielle Alberti – Is concerned about Section 4.1 that there is information missing, specifically there is no reference to the Senate Resolution reaffirming Academic

Freedom and there was even an instance when a community member brought concerns to the Board that were covered by Academic Freedom, but the Board response was questionable. From a part-time faculty perspective there is a concern that these issues are not mentioned.

Sarah Harris – The workgroup talked about it, but felt it did not rise to the level of not meeting a standard. The report is really focused on meeting the standard and it was not felt disagreements of this sort had a place there.

- b) AP 4106 Awarding of Certificates (Juan Arzola). Juan Arzola – asked senators to obtain feedback from their constituents about this policy. Will be an action item next time.
- c) AP/BP 4030 Academic Freedom (Juan Arzola). The policy had been approved last year by Academic Senate. It returns with changes made by admin.

Tracy Redden – The word “disputes” is removed from the title, however, the content references disputes throughout the policy.

- d) Guidelines for conducting Academic Senate meetings (Juan Arzola). Juan Arzola – presented some suggested guidelines for conducting Academic Senate meetings. Senators discussed guidelines. The guidelines would be brought back to the next senate meeting for adoption. This could be incorporated into the senate bylaws.

**Meeting adjourned 5:30 pm**