

Academic Senate President's Report

March 06, 2023

College Council

- Several Strategic Hires were put forward for review. College President shared additions to faculty prioritization list (in attachments). Classified Staffing Prioritization list reviewed (in attachments). Subgroup presented on updates to Governance Handbook (in attachments).

Academic Affairs Advisory (formerly Council-Expanded)

- Reviewed committee charge and composition for new members. Reviewed last year's list of potential goals and discussed new ones. One issue discussed was regarding low response from faculty for textbook adoption. Discovered that emails were sent from Barnes & Noble email, which went to Spam folder. Discussed other ways to bring to faculty attention (Canvas, Chairs & Coordinators, email reminder from VPAA). Question came up regarding struggles with tutoring services. Update provided about numerous discussions taking place to identify more secure funding for services. More info to come. Discussion about creating a catalog committee.

Online Teaching & Learning Committee

- Excellent presentation from Adelle Roe regarding AI/GPT. Shared ideas on how to use to support student learning. Presentation was recorded and will be emailed to faculty. Five more instructors have become DE certified. POCR training still open.
- Participated in interviews for new POCR Lead/Coordinator. Great candidates!

Additional Notes

- Eight faculty members were granted sabbatical. Abstracts in attachments. Congratulations!
- Numerous new faculty member will become tenured at end of semester. List in attachments. Congratulations!
- Professional Development application is back. Can qualify for a \$500 reimbursement. Application in attachments.

- District IT will attend March 20 Senate meeting to provide important updates regarding Self-Service transition, fraudulent students, transfer of Perkins survey to Self-Service and other items.
- The District is working with IEPI to assist with a review and reorganization of committees. On Thursday, 2/23, participated in discussions with IEPI team to discuss issues with structure of committees and flow of communication.
- Governing Board requested, effective March, all constituency groups will submit written reports instead of oral reports. Tables will be removed. Public Comment will still be available.
- Sent calendar invite for Legislative Update workshop. Flyer in attachments. Will record for those who can't attend. Jim Mahler will also be sending to SDCCD.
- Please attend Communication Workshop sponsored by AFT on Friday, March 10 from 9am – 12pm in Griffin Gate. Aligns with Academic Senate resolution on communication. Please register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/communication-bootcamp-navigating-interpersonal-conflict-tickets-532618735977>
- Save the Date! **Student of Note Ceremony** is coming back! Dave Dillon and I will be co-chairing planning committee. This is an opportunity to nominate a student who has overcome insurmountable obstacles to get to their goal of graduation. Nomination requests will go out later in March. Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 19 at 5pm in Griffin Gate.
- Please help out with hiring committees. Receiving little to no submissions. Committees cannot move forward without proper representation.