



Academic Senate Standing Report District Governance Senate

Date of District Governance Senate Report: 12/10/2024

Date Academic Senate Met: 11/13/2024

Public Comments:

Regarding items not on the Agenda:

Octavio Barajas - Emailed Academic Senate a PowerPoint presentation on participatory governance, presented during Fall Plenary. Also shared a free OER Canvas resource by the ASCCC on Participatory Governance. He also mentioned the ASCCC Hayward Excellence Award: Social Science Division put forth Randy Villegas; asked President Arzola for a letter of support for the application packet. Octavio recommended divisions to nominate their colleagues.

Josh Geist - Committee B will bring a draft for the proposal of the Taskforce for Equivalency at the next senate meeting

Regarding items on the Agenda:

Juan Arzola - The tentative date for a special meeting regarding CPL and MAPS will be December 4th at 12:00 pm. A team of three from Norco College will be presenting. This will be an information only meeting. He also emailed faculty the newly adopted Faculty Hiring Procedures and suggested senators to review. Finally, he announced this will be his last term as Academic Senate President. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact Juan so he can help with the onboarding of the role.

Sarah Harris – First time Plenary was held in Visalia and was a good showing for COS. Juan Arzola, Dr. La Serna, and President Calvin were supportive and did a lot of work for the event.

Juan Arzola - Senator Esther Villegas was a keynote speaker on the first day of Plenary and did an excellent job.

Juan Arzola - Item 4a will be limited to a 15-minute discussion time.

Academic Senate acted on the following:

Approved by consent: Meeting Minutes, Meeting Agenda, and the appointment of Michele Bolt to DECOS.

Action Items:

- a) Suggested guidelines for debate on Action items: Move to approve with amendment to have “senator” stricken and replaced with “division representative can speak on matter four times”. Motion failed.

Senators discussed that there was already authority to limit debate. There was concern that smaller divisions would have less time to debate (fewer senators). There

were questions as to where the guidelines would be posted. Octavio Barajas clarified that the document was to make AS meetings more efficient.

- b) Curriculum Report (Sarah Harris) Sarah Harris – MSA.
- c) COS GE Framework & ILO/GELO Updates (Sarah Harris) Sarah Harris – the document needed the correct GELO for ethnic studies. Corrected document has been posted. The documents need approval before the end of the semester so that courses can be submitted for fall implementation. MSA.

Information items:

- a) Strategic Plan update (David Hurst) – Strategic Plan Summit was a success. All four taskforces have submitted 12 objectives and 44 actions. The plan has been reviewed in IPEC with suggestions shared with the taskforces. Changes will be reviewed again by IPEC, then senior management and back to IPEC one more time. The Strategic Plan will not come to Academic Senate for approval, but senate should put eyes on it.
- b) Non 10+1 AP/BPs:
 - i. AP/BP 4250 Academic Notice
 - ii. AP 4255 Disqualification, dismissal and readmission

David Hurst – policies were revised to move away from negative stigma language to more palatable language. Please send any revisions and/or additional comments to him.
- c) Academic Freedom Faculty Statement – rough draft (Samantha Brookshire)
Samantha Brookshire – Please send any suggestions/revisions to Samantha. The Statement will be brought back by Committee A in the spring.

There were no Discussion items.

Meeting adjourned 4:45pm