

Academic Senate President's Report

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College Council

- A presentation was made on space utilization on campus. Dr. Whisenhunt will bring information and action plan to a future Senate meeting. Faculty Staffing Prioritization Committee presented the prioritization list. Technology Committee shared prioritization list. Wayne Branker, representing Administrator's Association union expressed frustration and concern with process used to create new administrator positions. Student Success & Equity submitted a request for additional support for Black/African American students.

Accreditation Steering Committee

- Standard I group met to discuss evidence collected. All information is being uploaded into a shared folder. Standard II will meet in March.

Operational Excellence Steering Committee

- Continuing to develop Academic Affairs Operational Manual.

Human Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC)

- Working on revising charge for HRAC and 2 subcommittees; Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Council (EEOAC) and Equity in Hiring Taskforce (EIHT). The District received feedback on the EEO Plan and it was reviewed in the meeting. A request was made to send documents in advance of meeting to allow time for review. The Personnel Commission is in the process of doing their "roadshow" to inform and train on new process for hiring Classified Professionals and some supervisor positions.

Additional Notes

- Faculty Handbook taskforce formed. Karen Hern will be chairing the committee. Members are: Karen Hern, Richard Unis, Jeanette Calo, Christian Castillo and Jacqueline Washle. If you have any requests or suggestions, please email Karen Hern.
- Evaluation Taskforce was formed, and names were sent to Cuyamaca Senate President, Manuel Mancillas-Gomes, who will be scheduling the first meeting. Members from Grossmont include Joyce Fries, Hadeel Yaqoub, Jessica Silva, June Yang

(AFT), Irene Palacios, and Nadra Farina-Hess. All divisions are represented except for CTE/Strong Workforce.

- Ten Sabbatical Proposals were ratified by the Governing Board. Abstracts are in the attachments folder. Congrats to all faculty members!
- Faculty member expressed concern with Barnes & Noble (B&N) unable to receive textbooks from McGraw Hill publisher due to B&N's ongoing fiscal issues. Dr. Whisenhunt and Dr. Neault are aware of this and District working to resolve problem. Please inform Senate if you experience any issues.
- Jennifer Bennett stepped up to Chair the Council of Chairs & Coordinators. A special thank you to Jennifer. Call out for new Chair will go out soon for new term beginning Fall 2024.
- VP Agustin Albarran is revisiting the low enrollment cancellation policy. Shared in Enrollment Strategies and will share with other groups to solicit feedback.