



Academic Senate

President's Report to YCCD BOT (A.K.A "Howerton Highlights")

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Gearing up to start the fall 2018 Semester: There has been an increase in energy on our campus as faculty, staff, and administrators prepare for classes to commence this coming Monday. As Dr. White has shared, our convocation yesterday was themed "Creating Our Paths for Student Success". WCC Senate leadership and administration worked collaboratively to make an agenda that was informative, thought provoking, and allowed an opportunity to strengthen collegiality and collaboration among all constituencies in attendance. The primary aim for yesterday's activities was to expand campus-wide awareness and gather input regarding Guided Pathways and what that might look like for us. In addition, the convocation contained the usual campus updates and announcements, as well as, sharing with the college our recently submitted final Accreditation Self-Evaluation document (the WCC ISER) and our current plans as we prepare for our site visit in October. **Deanna Pierro** (Student Success Resource Faculty Member) and I over the last few months worked with Dr. Darla Cooper and Alyssa Nguyen to prepare an interactive presentation for convocation that used our local WCC data, and helped us collect ideas that will be used by our local WCC guided pathways work group as we move forward with the exploration of how guided pathways may work and look for WCC and LCC/CCC. Also, tours of our updated digital lab space and Makerspace was provided by **Betsy Allen** and **Dena Martin**.

FLEX Offerings: I would also like to share that our FLEX coordinator **Jenny McCabe** has helped organize many professional development presentations for our faculty that are being offered all week. Earlier this morning I presented a Flex presentation on how to be an effective committee chair. This was offered to faculty who maybe current and/or future committee chairs. The presentation material from this session is available on our WCC Senate Website resource page. Another notable presentation was delivered on Tuesday to demonstrate our current point-to-point technology that we are starting to use so that we can deliver more of our curriculum to LCC and CCC. As with any new technologies there are "bugs" to work out while we also strive to figure out exactly which courses

are best served in this modality, that does not jeopardize student success, achievement of outcomes, or the expected rigor of the curriculum.

ASCCC: Just as we are planning for our academic year, the State Academic Senate (ASCCC) is also finalizing their committee appointments for this next academic year. **Nili Kirschner** will be officially appointed to the ASCCC Curriculum Committee (one of their charges is to coordinate the annual curriculum institute); **Brandi Asmus** will be appointed to the CTE Leadership committee; and I have been officially appointed to the Accreditation Committee and will be working to organize the annual Accreditation Institute that will be co-hosted by ACCJC in late spring.

Finally, I would like to just bring your attention to the fact that WCC is hosting the part-time faculty meeting/dinner this evening and Dr. White and I are unfortunately previously committed to be here and unable to welcome these hard-working faculty tonight personally. I hope as the Board considers next-year Board of Trustees meeting schedule that we might be able to minimize this conflict in the future.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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