



Academic Senate

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

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First WCC Academic Senate meeting for Fall 2018 – Since the last YCCD



BOT meeting, I officiated my first Senate Meeting as the new WCC Senate President. During our meeting, I took the opportunity to recognize our past-president, Matt Clark. We had a quick presentation of appreciation and presented him with a plaque with his own gavel. We are also in the process of finalizing our annual goals and establishing our community norms, based on the adopted norms of ASCCC's Executive

Committee. Both of which, once officially adopted by our senate, I will share with the Board during my report next month. In our review of our goals from last year, the WCC Senate was comfortable that many of our goals were accomplished or able to move to a "monitor" status.

Last Tuesday the college held our Professional Development Day – **Jenny McCabe** and her committee did an excellent job organizing a full day of opportunities including EEO training led by our District HR office. These trainings are important, especially as we move forward with new FT faculty search committees. Something we are all very excited about! I would like to publicly thank the Board for these resources that will have a direct impact on students and student success overall.

Later this month I will be facilitating one of our "Coffee & Connection" bi-monthly interdisciplinary collaboration professional development presentations inspired by the text Becoming a Student Ready College: A New Culture of Leadership for Student Success. Our librarian **Dena Martin** (and others) have been instrumental in developing and implementing this series. I was honored they asked me to be a small part of this project.

I would also like to highlight the 2nd Chicana/o Studies Bienvenida-Welcoming that was held on August 28th, coordinated in part by **Dr. Melissa Moreno**. There were over 70 participants involved in this event

that included a reception, keynote by Dr. Francisco Hernandez, and panel of speakers.

Finally, our Accreditation Steering Committee is working hard to finalize our addendum prior to our campus visit, and organizing a number of strategies to help prepare the campus for our soon-to-be-here guests.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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