



# Academic Senate

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

**Date: November 8, 2018**

Handout for Trustees:

- Voting results of ASCCC resolutions from fall 2018 Plenary
- Communication Studies Marketing material (from college night)

**Good evening YCCD Trustees,**

### **ASCCC Plenary**



Tonight I am providing you with a summary of the results from delegate votes during the recent ASCCC fall 2018 Plenary. Elena Flacks (YC Senate President), Christopher Noffsinger (YC Senate President-Elect), and I attended this event. Elena and I served as our college's official delegates. During the plenary we attended numerous general sessions that included the following

topics: Student Centered Funding Formula, Guided Pathways, AB 705, CTE minimum qualifications, and Faculty diversification. I was really impressed with the data presented during the faculty diversification presentation that showed a direct positive correlation to student success based on representation of diverse faculty for a college. Yes students who identify with underrepresented populations do better when they see people like themselves leading and teaching at the college, but what is impressive is that ALL students achieve higher outcomes with diverse and vibrant faculty. ASCCC is holding a northern regional meeting on faculty diversification in February. I have already registered, as well as our Ethnic Studies Professor, Melissa Moreno. I shared this information with Dr. Houston and our district HR director.

As I mentioned during our last meeting, I was a co-presenter for two of the Plenary's breakout sessions, one on Accreditation fundamentals, and the role of the Senate President in representation all faculty. Both of these

sections went well, and I enjoyed many after-session conversations with my colleagues across the state and with the ASCCC executive committee members.

### **College Night – October 25, 2018**

Over the last few weeks, WCC has held a number of events and opportunities to engage students and the community. On October 25 we held our “College Night” and many faculty participated by staffing tables to promote their programs and services. Some academic programs that participated included our Ethnic Studies Program, English, Biology, Agriculture, and my Communication Studies Program. (I will note that my table was placed between our Biology Program that had synthetic body parts in a cooler, and our Agriculture program table that had cool plants and bugs).



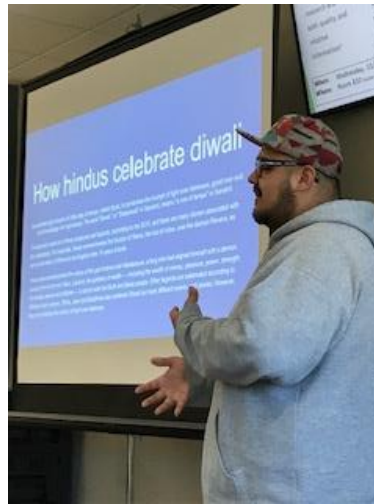
### **Dia De Los Muertos**

Last week we held a presentation for Dia De Los Muertos, and the library housed many displays.



## Diwali

Yesterday, students (and our biology faculty member, Dr. Jaya Shah) offered a presentation on the history and traditions of Diwali (festival of lights). Many students attended. It was a nice educational opportunity to share traditions and learn more about how various communities might participate in this event.



I hope you and your families have a nice Thanksgiving,  
Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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