

## Christopher Howerton's WCC Academic Senate President's Report\*

Friday January 25, 2019

*\*This President's report covers activities between the last official Senate meeting and Monday 1/21/19. I will provide an oral report for meetings after 1/21/19 during the next Senate meeting.*

### Off Campus Stuff:

- 1) **State Board of Education** – SBE appointed Dr. Melissa Moreno to serve as a member of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Advisory committee.
- 2) **Registered for Spring Plenary** – Who else is going? April 11-13, 2019 in Milbrae, CA. If there is available funds, I may extend an invitation to attend to other faculty.
- 3) **ASCCC 2018-2019 Hayward Award** – I am serving as a reader to review and score applicants from Area A
- 4) **IEPI – Data-Informed Integrated Planning:** I am registered to attend this professional development full day meeting held in Sacramento 2/11/19
- 5) I received an e-mail from Dr. Matthew Lee (Director of IEPI) to serve on another RPT for Palomar College who is working on integrated planning. Due to my other obligations, I had to decline serving at this time.

### On Campus/District Meetings Stuff:

1. **YCCD BOT Meeting (12/20/18):** There was a reception for Trustee Sandy to thank him for his service to YCCD. In his personal remarks he was proud that the relationship with the two college senates with the board had become a constructive partnership during the time he served. During the annual organizational meeting, the board elected their officers (Pres- Teagarden, VP – Wheeler, Clerk – Alves). The board also approved their [2019-2020 schedule](#) (note there is a meeting scheduled at LCC on 3/14/19; and WCC 5/9/19). I am happy to report that the August meeting is a week before college convocations (not the week of!). Other Topics during the meeting was the YCCD 2019 Facilities Master Plan (which we saw in PIE), approval to replace the chiller system in building 600, and the CCAP agreement between YCCD and Williams Unified School District. There were presentations on dual enrollment for both colleges, and the YC ESL Program. [My WCC Senate President's Report can be found HERE.](#) Dr. White shared the WCC Report to the Community
2. **YCCD BOT Meeting (1/10/19):** During this meeting, the board swore in new Trustee Ortiz, and started with resolutions honoring Yuba College Modular Police Academy Graduate, Corporal Ronil Singh, black history month, and Presidents' day. Board members expressed their favorable support for the CCAP agreement with William Unified School District and the various opportunities for student success. There was a formal presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase solar energy storage projects with fiscal analysis. The 2017-2018 YCCD fiscal audit is complete. The audit firm representative and VC Brewington shared the findings. The Board created a new sub committee on Student Success and finalized Trustee appointments to their subcommittees and other bodies that required their representation. [My WCC Senate President's Report can be found HERE.](#)
3. **Meeting with CTO Devin Crosby (1/10/19):** On Dec. 10, the district and college representatives attended a demonstration of the Elumin software tool that can integrate many functions. There are two modules: Module 1 includes SLOs/Program Review; and Module 2 includes Curriculum management/Catalog. After the demonstration, participants provided feedback to IT. Before moving forward, CTO Crosby invited Elena Flacks (YC Senate President) and myself to meet with him to ensure that we were comfortable with the faculty input in this decision. We did discuss the cost,

and I requested that once we move forward that we offer open campus demonstration for those who may wish to see the product.

4. **DCAS Meeting (1/17/19):** Topics included AP 4101 – Independent Study; AP 4232 – Pass/ no-Pass; and update discussion about AB 705. Sonya Horn, Devin Crosby, Monica Chahal were guest to discuss some of the challenges and considerations to be able to implement some of the curricular changes being recommended by faculty.
5. **ASC Meeting (1/17/19):** Was Canceled
6. **WCC Administration and WCC Academic Senate Leadership Meeting (1/17/19):** Prioritized a discussion regarding our college OER leadership and the transition. I asked VP King to set up a meeting with Julie Brown, Dena Martin, and Andrew Miller to discuss our OER need for sustained faculty leadership. It was heard by administration that the senate considered it an overstep in the way that a faculty member was recruited by an administrator without senate call-out or senate driven. This led to a follow up conversation that Senate VP Pierro and I had about the need to clarify some of the variations in which a faculty member may be recruited and appropriate appointments. We will start a discussion in the senate to see past practices, and to ensure that the senate (at some level) is connected with faculty all faculty appointments. Other topics we covered: guided pathways, reflection on the amazing and dynamic professional development/ flex offerings during the days before the semester, YCCD successfully applied for an IEPI RPT for our district HR. CTC extended facilities use agreement through spring 2019- will go to the YCCD BOT in FEB.) CTC might move locations on WCC campus from the 800 to the 600 building. Accreditation update – Dr. Houston and the two college presidents presented to the ACCJC Commissioners an update on the efforts since the site visit prior to final actions by the commission. Once the commission makes a final determination we will receive notice of the final actions (should be soon within the next few weeks). We also discussed the Student Success Center renovation update. I also requested that administration distribute semester enrollment updates to the college. PTECH grant is in draft for the application due the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month (PIE has discussed this topic numerous times). Discussed the challenge of processing equivalencies during the summer when faculty are not on campus.
7. **PIE (1/18/19):** The college equity plan is due this semester. We discussed that we will need to work back to ensure that the senate have two reads before senate will sign and to coordinate YCCD Board approval. With the government shut down some of our grant submissions and follow up HSI designation paperwork is being delayed. Potential Learning Lab STEM grant: Julie Brown and Betsy Allen are working on this submission and opportunity. Betsy shared with me

*“Just to give you a little background on the timing of this grant. The RFP came out in mid-December, looking for letters of intent by Jan. 7th, concept proposals by Jan. 22 and finalized project proposals in March. The grant seeks collaboration with UC, CSU and CC's to create adaptive learning lessons in the stem fields for hybrid or online courses that demonstrate best practices in accessibility and equity. UC Davis included WCC with Julie Brown named as faculty who would teach the lessons most likely to be developed by CSU Santa Barbara. At WCC Julie and I would work to create video lecture content for Chem 2A and General Chemistry to be made available also as an OER (enabling us to jumpstart our studio video production).”*

We also discussed how we utilize the student Health Fee. We endorsed the staffing list that we reviewed in senate and will now officially go to Dr. White in a memo from me and Phillip as the co-chairs of PIE. We will have several screening and search committees starting soon. I made it clear to administration that we need to form these teams early so that job announcements development will include committee input prior to posting for recruitments. We also discussed upcoming work for our EMP action plans and the development of the next 3 year plans based on our EMP. PIE has agreed to meet every other Friday this semester to make additional progress on numerous projects of the committee. Our next meeting Feb 1 will focus on Program Review. VP King and I are now

meeting regularly to plan the PIE work and efforts. Equipment request and funding was also updated.

8. **College Council (1/18/19):** Topics: proposed committee reports scheduled for this semester and the assessment of committee effectiveness for those groups that report to College Council. We also discussed EMP (As the Senate we will be working in collaboration in the development of these extended action plans).
9. **Grievance Panel Training (1/18/19):** Senators Clark & Vallejo and I attended the required panel training prior to the creation of any necessary individual committees.
10. **Meeting with the Chancellor (1/22/19):** Oral report will be provided during the 1/25/19 senate meeting
11. **WCC Administration and WCC Academic Senate Leadership Meeting (1/24/19):** Oral report will be provided during the 1/25/19 senate meeting

#### Other Stuff

- 1) **FLEX Presentation: APs? BPs? What are These? –** My Presentation can be found on our Senate Website under Resources or by clicking [HERE](#).
- 2) **Tenure Recommendations:** I sent an e-mail Reminder to Deans on 1/14/19 to forward any tenure recommendations to me so we will be prepared to review and make an official recommendation to the President early in February. I will request materials from HR soon.

#### Upcoming Meeting Calendar for Howerton

**This list represents my planned meetings prior to our next full WCC Senate Meeting**

- 1/28/19 – WCC and YC Senate Leadership meeting with YC-AFT  
 1/29/19 – WCC and YC Senate Leadership meeting with FAYCCD

#### **Calendar of upcoming ASCCC events for our Senate planning and attendance: See Below**

Link for all ASCCC events: <http://asccc.org/calendar/list/events>