

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

Friday March 29, 2019

**This President's report covers activities between the last official Senate meeting and Monday 3/25/19. I will provide an oral report for meetings after 3/25/19 during the next Senate meeting.*

Off Campus Stuff:

1. **Area A Meeting (3/22/19) including an Update from ASCCC** - [Update on ASCCC Resolution Fall 2018 07.03 "Improving Participatory Governance with the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges"](#) We also collectively discussed proposed [resolutions \(found on the ASCCC website\)](#) for the upcoming spring plenary
2. **ACCJC** –invited me to serve on another accreditation team for fall 2019. I have accepted the invitation with college and district administration support.

On Campus/District Meetings Stuff:

1. **3/12- All Faculty Meeting** – Topics discussed was progress on the EMP (Educational Master Plan) and the various action plans that are being developed for the next 3 years. There is conversation about aligning large college objectives to the state chancellor's office *Vision of Success* with an added enhanced focus on equity and hiring. The college will vet the draft updated EMP in various settings including PIE, PC, College Council, and Senate. Senate will have first and second reads in April. Additional topics included a presentation from Dean Siwabessy about students concerns and resources for faculty.
2. **3/12- Academic Senate Leadership with YC-AFT Meeting** – This meeting was not held.
3. **3/13 – WCC Senate President and Senate VP planning meeting** – Senate VP Pierro and I met to discuss upcoming agenda topics for future senate meetings (such as a student success update, and possible retreat topics of focus). We also reviewed various topics that we discussed in Senate to bring to our weekly meeting with college administration. We will be having 1st and 2nd reads of the updated EMP as well as the Equity Plan in April.
4. **3/14 – Possible VCEP and Senate Leadership Meeting** – Meeting was not held.
5. **3/14 – Senate Leadership Meeting with College Administration** – Dr. White, VP King and myself attended from LCC with senate VP Pierro located at WCC. We noted that with all the various search committees that a request for faculty for the CCC Special Programs Director was not requested to senate for a faculty appointment. VP Pierro will send a call-out, but because the process has already started the process may need to restart due to a full committee was not in place prior to committee work. Other topics we discussed included: Dean of Arts & Sciences transition plan, student participation with guided pathways and other committees like student success
6. **3/14 – YCCD Board of Trustee Meeting** (The agenda can be found on board docs) – this was an exciting meet for a number of reasons. First, it was held at LCC. I was able to spend some time at LCC prior to the meeting to check in with some LCC faculty (and had the opportunity to meet a new PT faculty member). I always enjoy seeing the campus and spending time with LCC faculty and staff. Thank you for making me feel welcome. This particular meeting included: Executive Dean Wylie presenting a LCC update; the district and FAYCCD sunshine intended articles in the CBA for negotiations; the WCC student trustee discussed a concern over funds from WCC vending that had traditionally been a source of income for ASWCC; and with a possible new WCC presidential hire scheduled for June, a trustee asked if it was possible to move the board meeting in June to WCC. In addition, there was one more big thing...TENURE. (I hope you saw my just-in-time e-mail I sent to faculty right after the vote). The YCCD BOT approved the tenure for several YCCD faculty including our own Brian Gillespie (Biology) and Laney Mangney

(counseling). Trustee Teagarden (Board President) shared that upon review of all the evaluation documents that the trustees are extremely happy with the progress made to make evaluations a more meaningful process. They were impressed with the narratives and thanked both the senates for their efforts to strengthen this process. After the meeting trustees and attendees enjoyed some pie for PI-day thanks to past WCC Academic Senate President Matt Clark. Check out my [President's Board Report "Howerton Highlights"](#) for some by Pi-puns.

7. **3/15 – PIE Meeting** – There was not a quorum to conduct work. However, as we discussed in earlier meetings there is a desire to add additional faculty to PIE to represent the various task groups (SLOs, scheduling, staffing). PIE will recruit from the established task groups for first right of refusal to join into PIE. Future PIE topics will include grants and our grant process.
8. **3/15 – College Council** – There were updates from the student success committee and the FLEX/Professional development committee. The updated FLEX/Professional operating agreement was shared with college council and did include our recommended language change we offered during senate review.
9. **3/19 – Academic Senate Leadership with FAYCCD** – We discussed the following topics: hiring processes, the perception of our collaboration (senate leadership with FAYCCD), update about the negotiations, and a question regarding load for PT faculty.
10. **3/20 – Meeting with VP King for PIE co-chair planning** – this meeting had to be rescheduled due to conflicts
11. **3/21 – DCAS** – approved revised AP4101: Independent Study and AP4300: Field Trips, Excursions and Authorized Student Absences; and BP4100: Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates. We also discussed late adds in a semester and when is late add too late? In addition, there has been past concern with students forging faculty signatures to add forms. We also received legal guidance on student privacy for *requiring* students to upload self-images (especially in online classes or virtual class environments using our LMS). The legal opinion provided to our district is found [HERE \(hyperlinked\)](#). Or if you would like to see a hard copy please contact me and I can send you a copy. We also discussed our internal process of reviewing APs and BPs, as well as, plan assessment of the faculty evaluation process, district planning/resource allocation, and allocation based on intent. Finally, the district will have a first visit from an IEPI PRT for HR. The senate presidents requested a list of the members on the team and their affiliations (which we received after the meeting).
12. **3/21 – Senate Leadership Meeting with College Administration**- Topics discussed: Transition plans for Dean of Arts & Sciences, Executive assistant to the President, and President. Senate leadership requested clear and broad communication to the campus community about these plans. We discussed Temporary Faculty and asked for updates on search committees. We also requested a follow up by administration to communicate accurate information for the display of films (copyright information). The Dean of A&S could post as early as March 26th, current work is being managed with an emphasis on PTF/FTF evaluations. After spring break IT will be moving to a new space. We also discussed offices. Senate budget will be handled through the VP's EA. Concern around needing an active and accurate directory. We also discussed coordinators.
13. **3/22- Area A Meeting (all day)** – This meeting was held at San Joaquin Delta College. I linked the agenda for the meeting [HERE \(hyperlinked\)](#).
14. **3/22- IEPI meeting with YCCD HR** – I was invited last minute, however, I had the Area A meeting as a conflict. The agenda for the meeting included staffing plans, hiring process, onboarding, performance management process, evaluations, professional development, and position control-technical. Although I was unable to attend with such short notice, I did discuss this with Dr. Houston during my monthly meeting with him.

15. **3/25 – Senate Leadership with YCCD-AFT** - an oral update will be provided during my president's update during our next senate meeting
16. **3/26 – ASCCC Accreditation sub-committee meeting** – an oral update will be provided during my president's update during our next senate meeting
17. **3/26 – Senate Leadership standing meeting with Chancellor Houston** – an oral update will be provided during my president's update during our next senate meeting
18. **3/28 – FLEX presentation** (12-1pm) and open discussion of draft/proposed spring 2019 resolutions
19. **3/28 – Senate leadership meeting with College Administration**– an oral update will be provided during my president's update during our next senate meeting

Other Stuff

1. [ASCCC President's Update \(March 2019\)](#): Topics include: funding formula, Legislative updates, response to resolution Fall 2018 07.03 (link provided in my Area A meeting information), faculty diversification, AB705, 2019 Academic Academy, Guided Pathways, Strong Workforce Program, and OERI Update. (past ASCCC president's updates can be found on the ASCCC website)
2. WCC promotional materials purchased by our senate has arrived. I have also placed an order for some additional senate office supplies such as certificate paper (for printing ceremonial resolutions), certificate holders, perforated paper for ballots, etc.
3. WCC Academic Senate welcome letter for new FT faculty. If you have any additional suggestions, please let me know. The draft document is [HERE](#) (hyperlinked).
4. In progress – development of draft supplemental procedures including: the process of recruitment of faculty, local resolution process (including numbering system and repository), and identifying faculty to attend ASCCC institutes/funding. Several of these topics will be during our end-of-the-year retreat as well as a review of our senate constitution and bylaws (with proposed next steps).

Upcoming Meeting Calendar for Howerton

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

- 3/30-4/7 – Spring Break (**NO MEETINGS!!!!**)
- 4/9 – All Faculty Meeting
- 4/11-4/13 – Spring Plenary (in SF)
- 4/11 – YCCD Board of Trustee Meeting
- 4/16 – ASCCC Accreditation sub-committee meeting
- 4/17 – Meeting with VP King (PIE co-chair planning meeting)
- 4/18 – DCAS
- 4/18 – Senate leadership meeting with College Administration
- 4/19 – PIE Meeting
- 4/19 – College Council Meeting

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

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