

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

Friday March 8, 2019

**This President's report covers activities between the last official Senate meeting and Monday 3/4/19. I will provide an oral report for meetings after 3/4/19 during the next Senate meeting.*

Off Campus Stuff:

1. **2/25/19 – ASCCC Faculty Diversification Meeting (held at Yuba College):** WCC Senator Jose Vallejo, Professor Melissa Moreno, Trustee Jesse Ortiz, YC Senate President Elena Flacks, and I attended this event. Senator Vallejo and I will provide a brief update to the senate. ASCCC's website hosts the PowerPoint presentations from the event.
2. **Area A meeting -** March 22nd at San Joaquin Delta (Reminder our next Senate meeting is 3/29 where we will be discussing the proposed resolutions for Spring 2019 Plenary

On Campus/District Meetings Stuff:

1. **2/26/19 – Senate President standing meeting with Chancellor Houston** – We had a discussion of the use of interim appointments and his comment to the Policy Committee on his moratorium on this practice until there is an assessment and work to develop a clearer policy, timelines, and identify best practices. We also discussed the district faculty hiring taskforce who should be working on the faculty-hiring manual and the lack of meetings called for this group. Dr. Houston has approved the recruitment for the faculty hiring for YC and WCC. There is an upcoming IEPI RPT for HR to focus on developing automation for self-service for HR functions. We also discussed an update regarding AB705 briefly. Elena and I shared our observations from the faculty diversification workshop and discussed support for EEO work, and consultation to help review our documents with the lens to promote diversity in our faculty, staff, and administration.
2. **2/27/19 – PIE Planning meeting with VP King** – This was a planning session for the upcoming PIE meeting. (see topics shared from the meeting – 3/1)
3. **2/28/19 – Senate leadership meeting with WCC Administration.** – Due to scheduling miscommunication, I attended alone (too short notice to find another senator or a second faculty member to attend with me). Therefore, I had a quick check-in to share a few topics that we will need to discuss during our next meeting. However, as an update:
 - a. update on hiring
 - i. FTF ESL (GF-tenure track)
 - ii. FTF Instructional Designer (GF-tenure track)
 - iii. FTF Physics (GF – tenure track)
 - iv. FTF Business/Accounting (GF –tenure track)
 - v. FTF Counseling/Career (GF-tenure track)
 - vi. CCC Special Programs Director (GF-permanent)
 - vii. WCC Student Support Services Director (GF –permanent)
 - viii. SEED Academy Special Program Director (grant funded)
 - ix. Healthcare Professional Expert (grant funded)
 - b. Update regarding our HIS status – Dr. White will send out details in his campus musings.
 - c. I mentioned that the current budget handbook is in a different format than previous years.
 - d. I did request that the next time we meet we should also discuss the concern of the transfer center in 700, and equivalency processes.

- e. Although this was just a quick check in, I did update administration on our tenure deliberation process, and the importance of ensuring that there is faculty participation in the review of job announcements.
4. **3/1/19 – PIE Meeting** – Introduced a draft of our EMP update timeline, a draft of a “full cost of ownership” planning form to calculate all associated cost with new faculty hires, updated full list of current grants for the college, and a draft for overall college grant development and submission process. PIE also reviewed updated action plans for EMP provided by each dean.
5. **3/1/19- College Council** – Reviewed the committee effectiveness timeline, hear reports from PIE, student services council, and the safety committee.
6. **3/5/19 – DC3** – *Information will be shared as part of my oral President’s report*
7. **3/7/19 – PIE co-chair meeting with VP King** – *Information from this meeting may be shared as part of my oral President’s report* (main task – working on updated draft of PIE operating agreement for committee review)
8. **3/7/19 – DCAS** – CANCELED due to an IEPI RPT visit
9. **3/7/19** – Senate leadership meeting with WCC Administration – CANCELED due to Dr. White off campus for an Accreditation site visit.

Other Stuff

- 1) I sent an e-mail on behalf of the senate to congratulate our new WCC Part-Time Senator-Elect, Claudia Ross-Ibarra. Although she begins this new role in Fall 2019, I have requested to meet with her prior to the end of the semester to provide an orientation. I will also invite her to attend our end-of-the year retreat, and collect bio information to update the senator page on our web site over the summer.
- 2) I ordered WCC promotional materials to be used when we host campus meetings (such as the scheduled ASCCC Area A meeting). I will bring a sample of the items to a future senate meeting.
- 3) I sent official memos of our senate recommendations for tenure to Dr. Houston and Dr. White.
- 4) Faculty Hiring Committees - Dr. Houston has permitted WCC to move forward for full-time faculty searches for ESOL, Instructional Designer, and Physics. We will finalize senate faculty appointments during our 2/8 meetings. However, the committee administrative chairs have been instructed to work with divisions to identify department/division faculty ASASP so that there can be faculty involved in the immediate review of possible job flyers. The administrative chairs will inform the senate of these faculty appointments for our records. Once the senate has identified our senate-selected faculty for these committees, we will identify the faculty co-chairs.
- 5) The Fall 2019 ASCCC Senate Rostrum has arrived! I placed hard copies of this publication in Senators’ faculty mailboxes. I am sending copies to LCC for our LCC reps. If anyone desires additional hard copies to share, please let me know.
- 6) I signed the IEPI grant request.
- 7) Reminder about the WCC Foundation’s Founders Day Dinner scheduled for 3/15/19
- 8) **Faculty Development Resources** – (From Jolene Torres and Dena Martin)
“Journal of Faculty Development -Print copies can be checked out from the WCC Library are great for seeing trends and just browsing what is being published on faculty development. You can access the online version via the [Library's Database portal page](#), which is great for searching for specific articles, but there is a trick to it (be sure to use advanced search and fill out the field that says publication with the title Journal of Faculty Development). If you are off campus, you will need to copy and paste the username and password in order to access the full text we have subscribed to. If you have any issues or a questions accessing or finding articles from the Journal of Faculty Development, contact a WCC librarian, like Dena Martin or Jennifer Morrissey-Myatt.”

Upcoming Meeting Calendar for Howerton

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

- 3/12- All Faculty Meeting
- 3/12- Academic Senate Leadership with YC-AFT Meeting
- 3/13 – WCC Senate President and Senate VP planning meeting
- 3/14 – Possible VCEP and Senate Leadership Meeting
- 3/14 – Senate Leadership Meeting with College Administration
- 3/15 – PIE Meeting
- 3/15 – College Council
- 3/19 – Academic Senate Leadership with FAYCCD
- 3/20 – Meeting with VP King for PIE co-chair planning
- 3/21 – DCAS
- 3/21 – Senate Leadership Meeting with College Administration
- 3/22- Area A Meeting (all day)
- 3/26 – ASCCC Accreditation sub-committee meeting
- 3/26 – Senate Leadership standing meeting with Chancellor Houston
- 3/28 – Senate leadership meeting with College Administration

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

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