



Academic Senate

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

Date: March 14, 2019

Good evening YCCD Trustees,

Before I get into my "Howerton Highlights" for this month, I would like to take a slice of time and on behalf of former WCC Academic Senate President and our math department wish you a very happy Pi-Day. I will admit I am trying to restrain myself from using too many berry bad puns that might come across a bit crusty. I also do not want you to think that I'm approaching this report in a flaky or half-baked manner.

So to a few quick highlights:

ACCJC-Last week I received an invitation from ACCJC to serve on another accreditation team in the fall. This will be my third team experience and look forward to the additional professional development this will provide.

Ethnic Studies Curriculum -I was informed that our Ethnic Studies Professor **Dr. Melissa Moreno** has worked closely with UC Davis and collaborated with the university to create a lower-division course for UCD that was approved and titled, "Food Justice: Chicana/o and Indigenous Communities". This may provide an opportunity for additional discipline-specific curriculum development for many community colleges across the system.

Hiring Committees -Our senate has been busy this term recruiting and appointing faculty to many screening/search committees. We are very hopeful that we will have successful searches for many important faculty and administrative roles for our college.

AB705 -I would also like to acknowledge the above-and-beyond work that faculty (and others) have done in preparation to help the college become AB705 compliant. This has not been an easy process, or light work. At WCC I would like to thank faculty members, **Jose Vallejo** (counselor), **Aree Metz** (English), and **Lewis Felver** (math) who serve on our local AB705 workgroup. Also, **Noel Bruening** (English), and **Matt Clark** (math) who we appointed to the district AB705 workgroup team; and finally **Jessica Agree** (ESOL) and **Deanna Pierro** (our senate VP and WCC's Student Success Resource Faculty Member) who are currently serving on both the local and district AB705 workgroups.

Faculty Diversification Meeting -On February 25th, **Jose Vallejo**, **Melissa Moreno**, and I attended the ASCCC faculty diversification meeting that was held at Yuba College.

ASCCC-Later this month, I will be attending our Area A meeting where we will discuss possible resolutions for our Spring Plenary. ASCCC will hold our next plenary on April 11-13. Therefore, I will now send my early regrets that I will be absent during next month's board meeting. However, at the May meeting I will share an update of the event and provide you information about the formally adopted faculty positions as I did last fall.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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