



Academic Senate

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

Date: June 13, 2019

Good evening YCCD Trustees,

Welcome back to our campus!

Tonight is a big night! As the YCCD Board of Trustees, you have officially approved the appointment of our 3rd official permanent college president. Many are excited about this selection and the senate looks forward to developing a strong working relationship with Dr. Pimentel. We also wait in anticipation for the identification of our other executive/management administration members. It is in this spirit that the WCC senate decided to hold our official senate retreat prior to the start of the fall semester (instead of traditionally holding the retreat at the end of the academic year). The timing of a pre-fall semester retreat will allow an opportunity for our new local administrators to meet with the senate during our planning session to ensure clarity on expectations as we begin building that important collaborative climate necessary for us to achieve synergy to support student success.

We are also thrilled regarding the official hiring of new tenured-track faculty members. I look forward to meeting with each of them upon their arrival to provide a personal welcome and offer an initial orientation to the role of faculty (and the work of the senate) for our governance.

During our final senate meeting of spring 2019, the senate officially adopted two resolutions of appreciation for Dr. White and Dean Monica Chahal for their years of service and commitment to the college and district.

This week we started our summer term. It is nice to see (and hear) the energy of our campus buzzing with students. These 6 weeks will fly.

Although summer tends to be less hectic with fewer standing meetings and conferences, we have faculty who are busy attending professional development opportunities. This week Annette Lee and I are attending the ASCCC Leadership Institute, and next month we have several faculty members attending the ASCCC Curriculum Institute.

Finally, last month Dr. Matthew Lee (IEPI) assigned me to another Partnership Resource Team (PRT) as part of the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) to assist the College of the Redwoods on an identified area of need. This is my second time serving on a PRT for another institution. I am looking forward to this collaborative experience in the fall.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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