

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

(September 13, 2019)

**Meetings after Monday 9/9/19 will have an oral report during the senate meeting.*

Off Campus Stuff:

1. Scheduled phone meeting with ASCCC President (9/11) – YC Senate President Elana Flacks and I have a scheduled phone call with ASCCC President John Stankas to discuss possible ASCCC technical visit help with faculty roles in district allocation development process.

On Campus/District Meetings Stuff:

1. 8/26 – ASCCC Standards and Practices Sub-committee- We are drafting several resolutions to be considered during the Area meetings prior to being officially debated during ASCCC Fall Plenary. We are working on resolutions that may change term limits and election processes for the state senate executive committee and officers.
2. 8/27 – Senate Leadership meeting with Dr. Houston – We discussed our desire to have a conversation and look for opportunities to strengthen faculty roles in the development of the district budget. I did share with Chancellor Houston our senate goals. Other topics included monies to support AB705 work at the colleges, professional development funding, a follow up for the district faculty hiring taskforce, and district Guided Pathways work.
3. 8/29 – Standing meeting with Senate and College Administration leadership – This was our second official meeting. Several topics from our 8/22 meeting were carried over. We also discussed tutoring at CCC, Guided Pathways “launch” meeting, planned college presentations for the upcoming YCCD BOT meeting, VP forum (scheduled for 9/10), and to begin larger district/campus-wide conversations with enrollment management and enrollment targets.
4. 9/3 – New WCC Building user group conference call (1-230pm) – The team reviewed project proposals and narrowed the short-list of architectural firms to three to invite for formal interviews (scheduled 9/6).
5. 9/3 – DC3 (3-5pm) – I shared with DC3 the concern and need for a transparent budget handbook for all line item GL codes. Many faculty and staff at the college are still relying on an outdated budget handbook as a reference. DC3 also reviewed a final budget presentation that with the YCCD BOT budget committee will review next week. We also reviewed the draft BOT agenda. We also approved updates to the following APs: [AP5013](#), [AP5015](#), [AP5017](#), [AP5020](#), [AP5030](#), [AP5031](#), [AP5040](#). We also discussed a draft of a new [AP3415](#)
6. 9/4 – All day Accreditation team training in LA – I met with my team for a full day workshop to begin our pre-visit work. I will be off campus the week of Sept 30 – Oct 3 for a campus visit.
7. 9/5 – DCAS (9:30-11:30am) – This was our first meeting of the academic year. Dr. Houston let this meeting. Once Interim Vice-Chancellor Lolland is with the district, she will be the official chair of DCAS moving forward. As a group, we reviewed our charter and decided to clarify how we process category 1 and 2 APs and BPs. We also reviewed our committee effectiveness survey results, discussed our goals, and got a quick update about curriculum management work. DCAS asked for updates on the district hiring task force and AB705 taskforce and guided pathways taskforce.
8. 9/5 – Orientation for new WCC Senator – Stanley Silby was elected as the new PT LCC/CCC senator to finish a term that was vacated. I met virtually with Stanley via zoom to provide a formal orientation to the work and role of the senate. Very similar to the orientation I provided with Claudia's election. I am still formalizing this orientation and hope to eventually develop an accompany PPT. I will share with the senate at a future date.

9. 9/5 – Standing meeting with Senate and College Administration leadership – Information update on the VP hiring timeline, needed discussions about leadership structure within student services, possible hiring of a new FT faculty to start Spring 2020, clarified some logistics support for our Area A meeting, the self-placement tool and AB705 update, tutoring for Colusa, need for larger campus awareness and discussion of FTES/FTE with our targets and campus efforts, the development of an FW grading (this was a carryover from our DCAS discussion that morning), coordinator review process – I then forwarded appropriate FAYCCD article to help inform correct procedure that includes the senate, next steps for developing a clear articulation officer job description in concert with YC (task assigned by DCAS). We also discussed meeting schedules for PIE and college council, our senate VP compensation, and sustainable leadership for guided pathways with increased faculty/staff and administrative participation.
10. 9/6 – New WCC Building Architect interviews – All Day. The team will be forwarding a recommendation to the YCCD BOT for consideration.
11. 9/12 – YCCD Board of Trustee Meeting – An oral report of this meeting to be provided at our next regular scheduled WCC Senate meeting. My Senate President’s report to the YCCD BOT is linked in the WCC Senate agenda.
12. 9/10 – Joint meeting of senate leadership with FAYCCD – this meeting was canceled.
13. 9/11 – scheduled joint phone call with YC Senate President Flacks and I with ASCCC President Stanskas.

Other Stuff

1. Stanley Silby is the new LCC/CCC PT senator. Welcome aboard!
2. FT Sabbatical Leave Applications – All Full Time faculty received an e-mail from Renee Hamilton with information about upcoming deadlines and resources for submitting a sabbatical leave application.

Performing Arts/Culinary Arts Building Updates

1. David Willis is working with the user group to establish meetings. Review of initial architect proposals by the user group was on 9/3. We invited three firms to interview with presentations for the user group on Friday 9/6. The user group is forwarding one firm to the YCCD BOT for consideration during the October BOT meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Calendar for Howerton

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

- 9/17 – Monthly meeting with Senate Leadership with Chancellor Houston
- 9/19 – DCAS
- 9/19 – Standing weekly meeting with college administration
- 9/20 – PIE Meeting
- 9/26 – Standing weekly 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>