

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

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Handout:

- List of adopted WCC Academic Senate Goals 2019-2020
- New WCC Senator Orientation Agenda

Good evening YCCD Trustees,

Tonight I am sharing with you our senate's approved goals with senator assignments and additional objectives/ considerations.

Due to a resignation of our part-time senate representative for LCC/CCC we recently held an election to fill this vacancy. Stanley Silsby was successful in his bid to serve. Over this last year, I have been developing a formal orientation for new senators. I am sharing with you the agenda that I have built for that activity. This is an interactive orientation. I conducted this orientation virtually from my office space to his using zoom and screen sharing. He will attend his first senate meeting as a representative tomorrow, and I know he is ready to hit the ground running and represent his constituency well.

Last week I had the privilege to work with the WCC Performing Arts/Culinary Arts new building project user group as we reviewed many outstanding proposals and conducted interviews. I really enjoyed the frank conversations that we had and overall I am pleased with the quality of the firms that we reviewed. Thank you David Willis for your leadership in this process. In an effort to keep my faculty fully engaged and informed, I now have as a standing update (that is shareable) about this project in my president's report for my senate.

Last week (it was only a 4-day workweek, but super packed!) I also attended an accreditation team training in LA where my team started our important work in preparation for a campus site visit at the end of this month. I'm looking forward to visiting the Cuyamaca College campus in San Diego, and learning more about their college.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted, *Christopher J. Howerton, M.A., Ed.S. WCC Academic Senate President*