



# Academic Senate

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

Date: November 14, 2019

### Handout:

- [List of ASCCC Fall 2019 Resolutions and result of delegate voting.](#)

### Good evening YCCD Trustees,

This evening I am sharing with you the results from last week's ASCCC Fall Plenary. Our senate VP **Deanna Pierro**, Senator **Jose Vallejo**, and I enjoyed ASCCC very thoughtful program of general and break-out sessions. Some highlights of the event include:

- A general session and break-out sessions on how we can reimagine our program review process to be more student-centered and framed in this era of Guided Pathways and AB705.
- A passionate Keynote presentation by Dr. Daniel Walker titled "We are the key, not the lock".
- A focused conversation on our hiring and thinking of equity by considering how individual colleges consider their hiring practices with screening processes to fully consider the Second Minimum Qualification that include "criteria that include a sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students." California Ed Code §87360
- Advocacy for faculty diversification and the impact on our student success.
- An emotional moment as all attendees during our area meetings observed 85 seconds of silence at 11:08am on 11/8 to remember the lost lives during the fires a year ago.

I would also like to take a moment to highlight one of our part-time faculty members **Ryan Miller** (Geography). He recently won the Tom McKnight & Joan Clemons Award for Outstanding Paper. His paper titled: "*Risk, Real Estate, and Climate Gentrification: A Difference-in-Difference Analysis of Three U.S. Counties.*" I've included here a picture of him and his colleague Dustin Tsai who also won an award

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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