



Academic Senate

President's Report to YCCD Board of Trustees (A.K.A "Howerton Highlights")

Date: May 14, 2020

Good Evening Trustees,

Question: Why do we say "Break a leg" to actors?

Answer: Because every play has a cast.

"A good laugh is sunshine in the house." – William Thackeray

Introduction of Newly Tenured WCC Faculty

Once again thank you for the opportunity to introduce our newest WCC tenured faculty this evening. We, as a district, are fortunate to have these dedicated, student-centered educators in our ranks.

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

We recently received formal notification from the International Center for Supplemental Instruction out of the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) that the WCC Supplemental Instruction Program has met all the qualifications to be considered Accredited. The process for this accreditation was a three-year process. This is HUGE as WCC's SI program is only one of 5 community college SI programs accredited in the nation. This amazing recognition could not have been possible without the sustained hard work by our faculty and staff in the WCC student success center. Dr. Julie Collins (Executive Director of the International Center for Supplemental Instruction) stated in her communication to our program, "...**there are many components of the program we were very impressed with, and we feel confident that your practices uphold the SI model and that your program is one for others to emulate.**"

Link to ASCCC Rostrum (April 2018): Supplemental Instruction Revisited (Randy Beach/Christopher Howerton) : <https://asccc.org/content/supplemental-instruction-revisited>

End of the Semester Update on WCC Guided Pathways Work

Annette Lee, one of our Guided-Pathways workgroup leads, reports: *Our Guided Pathways mapping activities have wrapped up for the semester, and what a semester it has been! This team tackled every barrier and challenge with dogged determination and **they have not only met their objective of preparing six maps by the end of the semester... they have far surpassed it by creating nineteen maps using the design principles we established last fall!** These first nineteen drafts of Guided Pathways Program Maps will, of course, continue to evolve as we fine-tune our approach to how exactly we plan to present this information to our students at each of our campuses. But... what a way to start the ball rolling!*

BIG thanks go out to our mapping team volunteers (see list below) for taking an active role in helping to change our students' experience for the better! Stay tuned for more information about The Unveiling of our map drafts coming this fall at convocation!

Agriculture

Joel Pyzer (Facilitator)
Candice Stafford-Banks (Major Specialist)
Brandi Asmus (Major Specialist)
Sandy Fowler (Administration)
Joanna Ramirez (Counselor)
Ingrid Larsen (Counselor)

Administration of Justice

Rajdeep Johal (Facilitator)
Leslie Deniz (Major Specialist)
Estelita Spears (Counselor)
Nili Kirschner (Curriculum Rep)
Sandy Fowler (Admin)

Business/Management

Tara Hansen (Facilitator)
Annette Lee (Major Specialist)
Jennifer Hanson (Discipline Faculty)
Gina Jones (Curriculum)
Juana Ruiz (Counselor)
Sandy Fowler (Admin)
Steve Wylie (Admin)

Communication Studies

Andrew Miller (Facilitator)
Christopher Howerton (Major Specialist)
Nili Kirschner (Curriculum)
Lisceth Brazil-Cruz (Admin)
Kasey Gardner (Admin)
Aracely Ruiz (Counselor)

Biology

Ariane Metz (Facilitator)
Andrew Miller (Major Specialist)
Brian Gillespie (Major Specialist)
Juana Ruiz (Curriculum)
Irma Rodriguez (Admin)
Lorell Cooke (Counselor)

Sociology

Candice Stafford-Banks (Facilitator)
Nili Kirschner (Major Specialist, Curriculum)
Irma Rodriguez (Admin)
Lisceth Brazil-Cruz (Admin)
Araceli Ruiz (Counselor)
Nelida Gonzalez-Diaz (Counselor)
Michelle Blair-Mederos (Discipline Faculty)
Yvonne Allen (Discipline Faculty)
Lizette Valdovinos (Student)

Current voting for ASCCC executive committee

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) is conducting the election of the next ASCCC executive committee electronically. The first rounds of elections have concluded, and the following executive positions are finalized: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and an At-Large Representative. Additional electronic elections are in process for area representatives and should results should be announced soon.

ASCCC President's Update (APRIL 2020) - <http://createsend.com/t/y-15096D3945E4B792>

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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