



Academic Senate

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

Date: July 9, 2020

Good Evening Trustees,

This week I am attending the ASCCC Curriculum Institute with several other members of the WCC faculty and administration. This year's institute is being conducted virtually and themed as "Responsive Curriculum & Collective Impact". Several of the breakout sessions involved topics such as: curriculum basics, guiding regulations, roles within curriculum processes, C-ID, noncredit, designing curriculum through an equity lens, access and accessibility, credit hour and attendance accounting, dual enrolment and many more.

Nili Kirschner, as part of the ASCCC Curriculum Committee, is co-leading several breakout sessions including: New/Newer Curriculum Specialist, program submission requirements, course approval process, and development criteria and addressing local needs. **Brandi Asmus** is also presenting on stackable certificates.

Next month, the WCC Senate will hold a planning retreat. I am currently working on that agenda. As part of our work during this time we will reaffirm our community norms, finalize our standing subcommittee appointments, draft our annual goals, and review our procedures. As I mentioned earlier, I am excited that we will have new senators joining us this year and look forward to their voices in our discussion. Once again, we will invite the WCC administration to join our retreat to strengthen our working collaborative efforts, and provide support as we formally onboard new faculty, and college administration.

I would like to take a quick moment to thank Dr. Houston and Vice-Chancellor Kaur. Last year, Elena and I requested a stronger faculty role in the district budget planning process. During the last few weeks both Yuba College Academic Senate President and President-Elect, as well as, Woodland's Academic Senate President and Vice- President were included in the formal district-level planning discussions prior to the tentative budget formal presentations to DC3, and here tonight.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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