

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

(August 28, 2020)

**Some additional reports may be given orally during the regular senate meeting*

COVID-19 Resources:

1. YCCD Coronavirus resource page – [LINK HERE](#)
 - a. Includes links to student resource guide, faculty & staff resource guide, town hall communications and video messages, CARES Act Reporting

Off Campus Stuff:

1. The MIC Droppers Club – I was invited by this student club from Rogue Community College (in Oregon) to be a guest presenter for an upcoming workshop.

On Campus/District Meetings Stuff:

1. **8/17 – YCCD Townhall** – [Link to List of YCCD Town Hall Recordings & PowerPoint Presentations](#)
 - a. **Topics:** Update on recent PowerGrid outages for the district; The Data Integrity Project and the use of an outside consultant; CARES emergency funds for students; our district guidelines for reopening that is now published and in alignment with the CDC; Spring 2021 scheduling – plan to have a mix about 80% DE/ 20% F2F. There are also planned extensions of some state executive orders around the use of EW grading and P/NP. Next Townhall 8/31
2. **8/18** – VCEP & Senate Presidents meeting- Christoph Noffsinger (YC Senate President) and I met with Dr. Lolland to discuss priorities and strategies for DCAS. We discussed briefly Degrees when Due (DWD), Data Integrity, Educational Master Plans process, overall strategic planning, our review of APs and BPs. And the IFTF (Institute for the Future) – this is a two week training (Sept 14-25) in preparation for our district strategic planning. YCCD will be sending a team (the two college senate presidents were invited to be part of this pre-work for our district)
3. **8/20 DCAS** - Started with a quick report out from the Safety Committee meeting that happened prior to this meeting (air quality and resources to support students) Our topics for this meeting included: Review of our charter/committee purpose and the need for future committee orientation. We discussed our membership especially with the additions of the colleges' VPSSs. It was agreed to keep them as "resource members". We reviewed our planned schedule and acknowledged the vast amounts of APs and BPs that were reviewed last cycle. The approved integrated planning cycle was discussed with a small addition adding district review/update of staffing plans; CARES Act funding and the live application found on each college's website. Timeline for the district/college strategic planning; and the new District Data Integrity Project on which I will also serve due to my role as Senate President.
4. **8/20 – Senate Executive meeting** – Deanna, Aree and I meet bi-weekly to discuss senate agenda planning, and review any topics that are emerging that we need to discuss with administration. Deanna and I are looking at the proposed APs and BPs to be reviewed in DCAS to affirm they are 10 + 1 and their category (1 or 2). After DCAS comes to a consensus on the delineation of the APs and BPs we will vet the list with the senate prior to work. We continue to discuss our work as the senate executive team.
5. **8/20 – Senate Leadership meeting with WCC Administration.** I shared the draft agendas for the joint college council meeting and our senate meeting on the 28th. VP Gardner shared with us a list of manager assignments to our college/district committees. We are reviewing to ensure that there is not the expansion of additional members beyond what has been approved in the current operating agreements. We also discussed enrollments, convocation follow-up with activities and a survey. Work on our websites and other marketing, possible support by WCC in

response to evacuation due to local fires, possible future grants – that should be considered in PIE.

6. **8/21 – Meeting with Dean Reed** – I met with Dean Reed briefly to discuss evaluations, specifically the formation of the tenure evaluation committees and the various roles. She is in the process of initiating and convening the new tenure committees for the two new faculty in her area.
7. **8/25 – Data Validation Steering Team Meeting** – an oral report maybe given during the senate meeting.
8. **8/27 – Senate Leadership meeting with WCC Administration** – an oral report maybe given during the senate meeting.

Other Stuff

1. I met with Carid and affirmed that our senate budget was funded appropriately. As of the start of this year we have funded several faculty to attend the ASCCC Curriculum Institute and a faculty member to attend the ASCCC Academic Academy.
2. We are also in the process of getting the senate laptop updated and transferred to our new senate secretary.

Performing Arts/Culinary Arts Building Updates

1. Project Schedule:
 - Preliminary Planning Phase: Completed March 2020.
 - Working Drawings Phase: January 2021
 - DSA Final Approval: July 2021
 - Award Construction Contract: November 2021
 - Complete Project: August 2023
2. Project Cost Summary (Per the latest State Approved JCAF 32 Funding Plan):
 - State Funding Match: \$17,899,000
 - District Funding: \$23,765,000
 - Total Project Cost: \$41,664,000*

Upcoming Meeting Calendar for Howerton

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

- ***My regular schedule of meetings for the semester is still being developed.***
 - ***DCAS, DC3, CLASS, SEM, PIE, weekly meeting with admin, and monthly meetings with Chancellor Houston,***
- ***Known meetings***
 - 8/31 – YCCD Town Hall Meeting
 - 9/1 – DC3
 - 9/2 – ASCCC Legislative and Advocacy subcommittee meeting
 - 9/3 – DCAS
 - 9/3 – WCC Senate Executive Committee meeting
 - 9/3 – Senate leadership meeting with WCC Administration
 - 9/4 – College Council?
 - 9/10 – Senate leadership meeting with WCC Administration
 - 9/10 – YCCD Regular Board of Trustee Meeting
 - 9/11 – WCC Academic Senate Meeting