



Academic Senate

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

Date: August 13, 2020

Good Evening Trustees,

There has been a lot of virtual activities happening this week in preparation for this next term. Full-time and part-time faculty have been busy adjusting courses to meet the needs of our students in this pivot to a mostly online modality. The WCC FLEX/Professional Development committee and our Instructional Designer, **Betsy Allen** put together a very well attended "just in time" set of targeted trainings to help faculty including:

1. *Make Your Life Easier with WCC Online Course Template*
2. *Purposeful Module Design*
3. *Canvas Studio A-Z*
4. *Creating Interactive Online Lessons*
5. *Fighting Zoom Fatigue: Sizzling Synchronous Teaching Ideas*
6. *The Curious World of Canvas Quizzes*
7. *Keeping Your Course Running*

Earlier this week, I was invited to meet with the WCC administration and managers to provide a senate orientation and answer questions. I'm providing the link to my presentation here: [WCC Senate Orientation for Administration Presentation – 8/10/2020](#)

I also had the opportunity to provide a WCC Academic Senate update during this week's YCCD Townhall.

Earlier today (Thursday 8/13/2020) The WCC Senate held our annual planning retreat. During our meeting we welcomed our new senators, discussed our annual assignment to senate sub-committees, and multiple updates. During this meeting we also reviewed our community norms (which I have shared with the YCCD BOT previously), reviewed our website, and discussed possible annual goals. We once again welcomed the WCC Administration to our retreat which allowed an opportunity for all of us to continue fostering our collaborative working partnership.

Finally, the state academic senate is confirming membership to standing committees this week. **Nili Kirschner** will be joining the ASCCC Accreditation sub-committee, and I will be joining the ASCCC Legislation and Advocacy sub-committee.

Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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