



Academic Senate

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

Date: August 12, 2021

"When nothing is sure, everything is possible." – Margaret Drabble

Good Evening Trustees,

I send my regrets that I am unable to attend this meeting in person. I am currently in Riverside for this month's ASCCC executive meeting. Although I may be "away" I did want to take a quick moment to acknowledge all the work that faculty, staff, and administration are doing in preparation for the start of our next term.

These are still unusual times and I appreciate the flexibility, adaptability, and creativity that I am seeing as we strive to serve our students. Instructional faculty (both FT and PT) are busy adjusting their courses, counselors are meeting with students, and others are busy supporting and "fine tuning" their work to hopefully ensure a strong start for all.

This week the WCC Academic Senate held our annual retreat. During our planning session we started to consider our goals for this year, reaffirmed our commitment to our community norms, and staffed our senate sub-committees. I look forward to sharing our senate goals during an upcoming YCCD BOT meeting.

Convocation and our Professional Development/FLEX week focused on equity with a keynote address by Dr. Keith Curry and a focus on our Guided Pathways (GP) work. Once again, we welcomed Stephanie Curry from Reedley College to help facilitate our work along with our GP Faculty Leaders, Rajdeep Johal and Laney Mangney. We ended our day together focusing on preliminary work that will lead to the creation of our college's next Educational Master Plan.

Be Well and Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,
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