

SBVC Academic Senate President's Report

August 19, 2020

As I reflected while writing this report, I thought to myself, what can I report on? We just met last Wednesday. But so much has happened since last week. In just one week, the campus completed its first Convocation Week that concluded with our Guided Pathways relaunch and our All Faculty Meeting, among others. I sent our thanks to our wonderful guest speakers, Janet Fulks and Michelle Bean. We have started working as a body towards the action plan for our resolution. So many ideas were shared on how we can already start making changes in the areas we serve. The Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) was sent out on Friday afternoon after the faculty lead and principal writer, Celia Huston, shared the report with the different campus groups. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Visit will occur virtual from October 12- 16. Our Personnel Policy Committee chair, David Smith, has been working behind the scenes to update the faculty titles in timely manner. There has been inquiry on reconvening the Campus Sustainability Committee, which is in the Administrative Procedure, AP 2510.

Open Educational Resources (OER)/ Zero Cost Textbooks (ZCT): As Senate President, I have been asked by Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) who is this year's liaison. I have been in discussions with our previous liaison and administration. It is no secret that the cost of textbooks and materials pose a barrier for many of our students. The OER/ ZCT liaison and support structure may aid discipline faculty as they adopt and use resources that are free or low cost to students.

Senate- Assigned Committees: Assignments were sent out to faculty in April by our past Elections Chair, Davena Burns- Peter. The information was resent today and posted on the website for easy access. For the behind the scenes work, I give thanks to current Elections Chair Adam Pave and past chair Davena Burns-Peters.

The ASCCC requested the approval for the following members of our college to participate in the State-wide Senate Committees specified below for the 2020 - 2021 Term:

Faculty Name	Discipline	Senate Committee or Appointment
Jay Parnell	Business	Faculty Leadership Development (FLDC)
Tahirah Simpson	Counseling	Transfer, Articulation & Student Services (TASSC)
John Stankas	Chemistry	Coordinating transfer efforts through CID and Appointed to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee through the State's Chancellor's Office

The request was approved. Our colleagues' service to the statewide senate and the state Chancellor's office allows for the flow of information and much needed representation.

And this week, we also started the semester! As I reflect on this week and on why we do what we do, I believe it is to fulfill our mission and provide a quality education to our students.