

# SBVC Academic Senate President's Report

September 2, 2020

A few updates as we move forward with our 2020-2021 goals.

**Anti-Racism/ No-Hate resolution work.** The email to all the committees is forthcoming. The Senate has purview with some committees, and the chairs of those committees, such as Curriculum and Program Review, have already put on their agendas this work. Many other committees are under the purview of College Council. To fulfill the intent of the Academic Senate of making this a campus-wide effort, the email therefore should be a joint email that includes our College President and Classified Senate. Infusing anti-racism into our subcommittee charges is also in the works as we update our bylaws.

The Academic Senate for the California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Fall Plenary theme is Addressing Anti-Blackness & IDEAs (Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism) in Academic and Professional Matters. It is a virtual event.

Civic engagement is necessary. We will hear what we can do from our legislative chair, Todd Heibel who has been in discussions with the legislative policy subcommittee and with Ray Carlos, director of Student Life. At the Chancellor's Office System Webinar today, State Chancellor Eloy Oakley asked colleges to open polling places, and I urge us to consider doing so while following safety guidelines.

**Accreditation.** There is interest from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) visiting team to join an Academic Senate meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>. However, the Wednesday of their visit is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. The Senate Executive committee will discuss and bring to the full Senate for a vote as necessary. Please read the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) if you have not had a chance to do so.

**Guided Pathways.** The committee has met and updates will be provided in the near future.

**Distance Education/ Format of Instruction.** There is an update and action item today!

**Professional Development Themes.** Rania Hamdy and Heather Johnson are working on the topic of microaggressions to be presented soon.

**Student career exploration and networking.** Our campus has the Transfer Center and CTE Advisory Boards, but we see improving the communications between our discipline areas and students becoming stronger. This goal needs work.

**My personal goal- follow through.** Many of us who have been here for some time know that items may fall through the cracks, and when that occurs too frequently, may lead to apathy and exhaustion. I want my colleagues to know you are heard and that my goal is to follow through. But there is a lot happening, so please be kind, patient, and remind as needed. If something has not been addressed that needed to be, please let me or your senators know so it may be rectified as soon as possible.