

SBVC Academic Senate President's Report

November 18, 2020

Sandra Bland. Sandra Bland deserves justice.

ASCCC Fall 2020 Plenary. Plenary was held from November 5- 7, 2020. The theme for the Fall 2020 Plenary was "Addressing Anti-Blackness & IDEAs (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism) in Academic and Professional Matters". We sent a team of faculty that attended and participated in numerous general and breakout sessions. We have brought back many ideas, including presentation materials, for us to share and even implement. A brief "What to Expect at Plenary" meeting lead by John Stanskas helped the team get ready for plenary. Thank you, John! As your delegate, I voted on resolutions on November 7th. I also want to thank my colleagues who provided me with feedback. Here are the [Adopted Resolutions](#).

How Did We Get Here and Why Aren't We Looking into It? This was posed by our colleague Anthony Blacksher during plenary. While some of us may just want to make changes to the now, it may be worthwhile to reflect on what has allowed systemic racism and white supremacy to persist even within our own institutions. For your reading consideration: *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (on my break reading list).

Ongoing Digital Resource Support. Please see the [memorandum](#) sent by the Vice Chancellor Barney Gomez indicating ongoing support for key system-wide technology support including Canvas.

Guided Pathways. This week, on **November 19 at 1 PM**, Guided Pathways intends to facilitate dialogue about the next part of the hiring process - specifically, the composition of the first level committee, committee training requirements, and the paper evaluation of candidates. I encourage senators and interested faculty to attend, if possible. The link to register is [HERE](#).

Senate President Resignation. I am resigning from the Senate President position at the end of this semester. The role of Senate President, in this long emergency situation, in addition to teaching an online lecture and an online lab, has been overwhelming and I cannot sustain the workload. Davena Burns-Peters, our current Vice President, has agreed to take on the role of Senate President. Fortunately, just this week, District Assembly Executive Committee agreed that the Senate Presidents (SBVC and CHC) will each receive 0.20 reassigned time next semester. That brings up the SBVC Senate President time to: $0.67 + 0.20 = 0.87$. I am thankful to District Assembly for the extra time allotted and I believe it will help Davena as she serves in the role of Senate President.

Last Academic Senate meeting of 2020. We have our last meeting on 12.2.20.