

Greetings everyone,

I will begin this update with the recognition of February being Black History Month. I would challenge and encourage our faculty body to consider how to use this time as an opportunity to highlight the often-unacknowledged contributions that the people of color make daily in current times. I would also encourage you to take part in the events occurring virtually in honor of this month. The Arts, Lectures and Diversity Committee and the SBCCD Black Faculty & Staff Association have several events planned. Keep an eye on your email accounts for more information.

Patrick Warren January 10, 2021. I am committed to saying their names and invite you to do the same.

This week you will note the lack of a specific agenda item related to the Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism resolution passed by the Senate. This is not forgotten and will return at the next meeting. It is worth noting, the actions items being presented today are part of the overarching work related to Anti-Hate and Anti-Racism.

As a friendly reminder, we will once again be awarding a 250.00 scholarship from the Academic Senate Scholarship fund. The fund balance as of June 30, 2020 was \$1, 680.00. If you are interested in contributing to this fund as a one-time donation or through payroll deduction, please complete a donor card and note the account as the Academic Senate Scholarship Fund. If you should need help in where to find the form, please let me know.

Several request for faculty representation on hiring committees have been made this week. I sent out an email for volunteers with no results. I will be moving forward with assignment of faculty to satisfy the request. I thank you in advance for your support.

As a result of information shared by LBCC during opening week about their Curriculum Audit process, conversations have begun on our own campus as to how select components can be incorporated into a process here at San Bernardino Valley College. Having curriculum be more equitable for our students is a core part to change happening. More to come as these discussions continue.

I was able to attend the CCCC Webinar about advocacy this morning and was pleased to hear the work and intention of the various bodies (ASCCC, Senator Leyva, and others) to advocate for a revised Financial Aid package and system in support of our students and with equity in mind.

The District Institutional Effectiveness Committee has shared the results of the Environmental Scan. The results are now being reviewed for feedback and comments to be provided back to the committee. The Environmental Scan will be presented at the next College Council meeting for review as well. We will keep you informed.