

AS President Report: 5/5/21

As I have done during past meetings this semester, I will begin by saying their name. Today I say the name of Matthew “Zadok” Williams age 35 April 12, 2021. Saying their names is a way of reminding us of the importance of our anti-hate, equity, diversity and inclusion.

I would like to share out that this is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. I would like to challenge and encourage faculty to consider ways to lift up the voices and work of the Asian American and Pacific Islander people and incorporate discussions of the rise in hate they are experiencing as well. As we enter the last weeks of the semester, consider ways you may be able to incorporate these things within the activities and assignments you have planned.

I always enjoy sharing good news and highlighting the hard work being done by our faculty on campus. One of the ways to do so is to share the applause cards that will be celebrated and recognized at the next Board of Trustees meeting. The list this month is quite long, and I must point out that there seems to have been a lot of collaboration occurring with the Kinesiology and Athletics Departments this past couple of months.

Applause Cards

- Devin BennetX3
- Colleen Calderon
- Keith Candelaria
- Carter ThomasX3
- Kristin Haugex2
- Brandy Heller
- June Hill
- Tricia HolderX3
- Mary LawlerX6
- Kenny Lawlerx2
- Jenna LefayX3
- Jeremiah Marquezx3
- Jim/James RatiganX3
- Maureen RyanX2
- Yolanda Simental
- Bethany Tasaka
- Andre Wooten

There are many applause cards recognizing both faculty, staff and administrators across the campus and district. I generally share the names of faculty as it is most related to the work of Academic Senate.

There was one name on the list this round though that I wanted to share in this meeting and that is of our VPI, Dina Humble. Congratulations and round of applause to all those who are being recognized and thank you for all the work being done.

At the last Guided Pathways meeting, our current faculty leads announced their resignation from the positions. The faculty lead position/s will need to be filled as soon as possible. We are unsure if this will continue to be a shared position or if it will be a solo position. The plan at this time is to fly the position and discussions will continue regarding the division of time. The call for letters of interest will be forthcoming shortly.

As a reminder, we do have one last meeting this month, Wednesday, May 19, 2021. This is a meeting that has been on the docket from the beginning of the year and has been published as a planned meeting. It is recognized that this will occur during the week of final exams, but it is my belief the meeting was set this way given the fact we no longer have a block schedule for final exams and there would be no conflict as in the past years. Given this has been on the docket, the agenda planning has been crafted in a way to align with the 19th being the last meeting. We do have several important items to be shared out and finalized and need the last meeting to wrap up our work for the semester. Please make note of the date and ensure it is on your calendar. I respectfully ask that you do all you can to attend given we will need to meet quorum in order to take any final actions.

This completes my report for Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

Respectfully,

Davena Burns-Peters

Academic Senate President