

President's Report
August 21, 2018

Please forgive the length of this first written report; it has been a busy summer, and we still have much to do this academic year. I hope you are all energized and enthusiastic about this new year

Summer Happenings

- Personnel
 - District
 - Associate Vice-Chancellor of WDCE: Debra Jones
 - Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources: Janelle Whittaker (interim until June 2019)
 - Director of Human Resources: Ruby Andrews (interim until June 2019)
 - Director of Employee Relations: Royl Roberts (interim until June 2019)
 - Director of Fiscal Services: Ahmed Ali (interim until January 2019)
 - Various administrative consultants, including Fran White (interim chief of staff), Christine Williams (former interim Vice-Chancellor of Finance), and Annette Dambrosio.
 - College
 - Vice-President of Instruction: Rudy Besikof
 - Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences: Mark Fields
 - Associate Dean of Educational Success: Diane Chang
 - Research and Systems Technology Analyst: Clifton Coleman
 - Machine Technology Instructor: Adam Balogh
 - Women's Track & Field Coach: Robert Crowley
 - African-American Studies Instructor: Dana Grisby
 - Mathematics Instructor: Nick Shaposhnikov
 - Business Instructor: Bangjun (Tiffany) Wu
 - DSPS coordinator (to be advertised shortly)
 - ECT Instructor (failed search)
 - Food Service Manager
 - Music Instructor (in progress)
- Budget
 - 10% Cut to Discretionary Budget

Announced at the very end of the spring semester, that cut was recently rescinded. The official reason given was that the district collected more FTES than expected in the summer. However, it should be noted that faculty, classified professionals, and

administrators vehemently protested the manner in which the cut was originally imposed.

- Measure B

College Presidents were tasked (on very short notice) to budget their respective apportionments of Measure B funds. This will have the positive effect of allowing the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) to be able to track Measure B spending throughout the year. A renewal of Measure B will be on the November ballot, but there are some notable opposers (Michael Mills, who recently resigned from the Citizens Oversight Committee).

Senate Appointments

All appointments, save the last one listed, require majority approval of the senate (Constitution V.A.7).

- Secretary: Suzan Tiemroth-Zavala
- Parliamentarian: Louis Quindlen
- Treasurer: Scott Godfrey
- CTE senator: TBD
- Ethnic Studies senator: TBD
- Music senator: TBD
- Service faculty senator: Indra Thadani (fall) / Phillippa Caldeira (spring)
- Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) faculty chair: Blake Johnson

Appointments to Committees / Committee on Organization

A few seats remain vacant on various committees. Per Article IX.B of our Constitution, I will appoint members to a Committee on Organization. This committee will be charged with making recommendations for member appointments to existing committees and possible changes to the College's participatory governance structure (including, but not limited to, senate committees).

Proposed Changes to the Format of Senate Meetings

The Senate Executive Committee met last week and discussed the changes outlined below. The ideas were well received by a small group of faculty who attended the DAS plenary session on August 15, but we are open to suggestions.

- Agendas, Minutes, and Reports

Beginning with our first meeting in September, a draft of the agenda will be sent out to senators on the Tuesday or Wednesday before the meeting, with minutes from the previous meeting, the President's report, and the DAS Representative's report. Input will be requested from senators, and the finalized agenda will go out that Friday. Since written reports will be made available well in advance, oral reports at the meetings will be succinct and focus on the latest developments.

Approval of minutes will not be given much time at the meetings; senators are expected to review them in advance so that corrections can be made efficiently.

- Laney Eagle Award

While we recognize the value and popularity of the award, we anticipate 2018–19 to be a very busy year for the senate. In order to maximize discussion and action at our short meetings, the award will only be on the agenda for the first meeting of the month and will be placed at the end of said agenda.