

Laney...-DAS-...Report

August 21st—September 3rd

Hi All,

Welcome back to another fun-filled year of DAS reporting! This year I'll do my best to keep things relatively short so if you have questions or would like me to expand on anything just let me know. And I'm always happy to meet with anyone to talk about any issues or questions you'd like me to take up with the District Academic Senate.

8/21 DAS Meeting

Our first meeting of the new school year was a bit abbreviated because of a special Board of Trustees Retreat on enrollment (which is not good) and the budget (which is also not good).

The main focus of the meeting ended up being on discussing DAS goals for 2018-2019 which were largely the same goals as discussed in the spring and at the August Plenary:

Proposed DAS Goals 2018-19

1. Direct more fiscal resources toward classroom activities
2. Coordinate AB 705 to ensure meetings between assessment coordinators, counseling, math and English faculty, and ESL to ensure adherence to legislation;
3. Collaborate with Academic Affairs to coordinate fall 2019 scheduling to address proper enrollment management for student access and to achieve FTES targets;
4. Collaborate with IT and AA to complete update AP 4250 to address need to support on-line standards
5. OER: Determine what improvements and support are needed to further this effort across PCCD;
6. Ensure continued development of shared governance structure and processes;
7. Other
 - a. Guided Pathways
 - b. Non-Credit
 - c. Career Education: Workforce Development
 - d. Integrated Planning

There has been no vote to formally adopt these goals so if you would like to suggest additions or modifications let me know before the September 4th DAS meeting when it's likely we'll adopt goals.

The real purpose of the meeting, however, was to conduct the DAS executive position elections: DAS President; DAS Vice-President; DAS Treasurer; DAS Secretary.

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The election is supposed to be conducted in May but DAS has ignored that for the last couple of years and it consists of only 12 voters because it is limited to DAS senators—I disagree with this and would like a Constitutional change...—so voting tends to be quick and pro-forma as there's no campaigning other than making sure, behind the scenes, that there's enough votes for President (nobody really cares about the other positions and they tend to be the Faculty Senate Presidents from the Colleges that the President is not from—so Fred lucked out as we'll see).

DAS election results

DAS President: Donald Moore from Laney (congratulations Donald!)

DAS Vice-President: Kelly Pernell from BCC

DAS Treasurer: Rochelle Olive from COA

DAS Secretary: Mario Rivas from Merritt

At this point Donald was showered with champagne and DAS called it a day secure in the knowledge that it successfully conducted, albeit about 3 months late, an 11 person “election.”

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 4th from 2:30-4:30 and we'll likely be voting on DAS goals for the year amongst other topics.

A few thoughts

1. Donald mentioned this in the President's Message he sent out last week, but faculty engagement is critical if you want to see academic senates do more than meet, talk about pet interests, and bicker while the District continues to struggle (this is what DAS did last year). DAS can, and needs to be, better than what it has been.
2. Laney remains the most engaged and active faculty senate and we continue to push the District, sometimes even successfully, to be more transparent and collaborative; this is an ongoing effort that needs your support! The more we speak up and act up the more positive change we can achieve in Peralta.
3. You are welcome to come to DAS meetings and you can participate and comment, but if you can't—or just don't want to—it's my responsibility to represent Laney faculty so if you want an issue addressed or discussed please let me know.

I'm trying to keep this brief so I'll stop here and if you want to know more about issues like District/Laney budget, Measure B, the IT/ONEPeralta mess, the Trustee elections this November, or just the sick, sad world of Peralta enrollment let me know and I'll be happy to oblige. Possibly with graphs.

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