

What's this about? The quick five W's of the DAS White Paper

Who is this about?

The DAS, or District Academic Senate, is the primary consultative body at the Peralta Community College District. Made up of senate presidents, vice presidents and DAS representatives from each of the four colleges, the DAS is responsible for oversight of the "10+1" (Title 5), which includes:

1. Curriculum including establishing prerequisites and placing courses within disciplines
2. Degree and certificate requirements
3. Grading policies
4. Educational program development
5. Standards or policies regarding student preparation and success
6. District and college governance structures, as related to faculty roles
7. Faculty roles and involvement in accreditation processes, including self-study and annual reports
8. Policies for faculty professional development activities
9. Processes for program review
10. Processes for institutional planning and budget development
11. Other academic and professional matters as mutually agreed upon between the governing board and the academic senate

What is happening?

The DAS is considering a **vote of no confidence** or **censure** of Chancellor Jowell Laguerre and/or the Board of Trustees and ask faculty district-wide to provide their input.

When is it happening?

Mid-February

Where is it happening?

Via online survey

Why is it happening?

Some of the issues discussed at DAS which have led to this survey include:

- **Ineffective budget management** that has summoned **FCMAT** (Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team) and given our district the lowest fiscal health score of any California Community College. Some of the items noted at DAS include student receivables, misuse of funds intended for students, lack of budget development and transparency.
 - **A lack of consultation** with shared governance about hiring, the creation of a new unit to manage noncredit courses, ignored formal recommendations, and a participatory governance structure that is not evaluated, maintained or respected.
 - **Questionable administrative practices** that include a ballooning of district administration and budget, a failure to adhere to the funding model for the colleges, continuous turnover and a massive classified hourly employee layoff that directly impacts instruction at all four colleges.
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