

President's Report

February 2, 2018

New semester, bigger challenges...

A Quick Word About the District

Be sure to read Blake Johnson's latest DAS report! (The FCMAT link was one of my favorites; and the "lively pep talk from our president" link was very close to what actually happened at the last DAS meeting.) I will only add to Blake's report that I attended the emergency meeting of the "finance group" Friday morning for as long as I could stomach it. The meeting had no chair/direction, but I'm told that we managed to set dates for more meetings... Noticeably absent from the meeting was Chancellor Laguerre.

You might recall an email from VC Brown offering 50% release time for a faculty member to "oversee" the District's response to the ACCJC; May Chen was chosen. I suppose that checks the shared governance box.

Oh, and the ACCJC responded to our letter from December 14. They want a substantial update on March 1 and our final 5-year fiscal plan on May 1.

Now Back to Laney

Program Review

Comprehensive Program Reviews (CPRs) and Annual Program Reviews (APRs, formerly APUs) are due on Monday, February 4 (extended from the original due date of January 28). Not very many have been submitted yet, so department chairs must be working very hard this weekend. The institutional Effectiveness Committee (IEC) meets next on Thursday, February 7.

Department Chair Retreat

VPI Besikof organized a retreat for Department Chairs on Friday, February 1. The hope was to have departments begin (?!) talking to one another to develop better class schedules. ("Better" meaning "student-centered.") Attendance was very good and some discussion did occur! Progress?

Side note: If you haven't been in F-170 lately, don't bother. The room we used had both big screens out of commission, and the HVAC noise was awful. On the bright side, Casey Frahm got us a great lunch!

Finally, I can't help but remind senators once again to communicate with the faculty they represent. It is even more essential now that we are considering a vote of no confidence. I encourage you to talk to your friends at our sister colleges as well.