
LANEY COLLEGE FACULTY SENATE

President's Report April 20, 2019

Senate Elections

The nomination period is open and has been extended to Tuesday, April 23, 12:30 p.m. All faculty should have received an email with the nomination form attached; if you did not, please email me at fbourgoin@peralta.edu as soon as possible.

A clarification: While all faculty may submit nominations for President, Vice President, and DAS Representative, no one can nominate outside of their area. (The areas are listed on the back of the nomination form.) In particular, this means that part-time instructors can only submit nominations for the "Part-Time Faculty" area.

Voting will begin on Wednesday, April 24 and end on Tuesday, April 30, 11:59 p.m. Results will be communicated by email by the end of that week and ratified at the next regular meeting on May 7.

Faculty Hiring

Rumors initiated at the district office that we will be hiring faculty for next year using general funds are false. Interim Chancellor White has made it clear that hiring will only occur if there is a demonstrated accreditation, health and safety, or compliance requirement (as deemed by her).

The college is moving forward with the hiring of three counselors (replacements) with SSSP funds. Hiring committees for the General/Early Alert Counselor and the General/Highschool Transition Counselor positions are being finalized; the request to advertize (RTA) for the General/DSPS Counselor position was completed this week.

College Council

Were approved (with minor adjustments in some cases):

- Distance Education Plan
- Public/private partnership with Union Bank
- Budget Advisory Committee's augmentation rubric and process
- Career Education Advisory Committee's membership composition
- Facilities Planning Committee's charge and responsibilities
- Changes to the Technology Planning Committee
- Changes to the Health, Safety and Security Committee
- Prioritized facilities request list
- Prioritized IELM request list

Changes to the Curriculum Committee's composition were also approved but with heavy abstention. Although the Curriculum Committee is a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, the proposed changes were not approved by the senate. We will consider those changes at the April 23 special meeting. If the Faculty Senate does not approve, that will be reported to the next College Council meeting.

The proposal to merge the SSSP and Equity committees was not approved. The College Council voted to send the proposal back to the Faculty Senate.

The prioritized technology request list was not approved either. More work needs to be done in light of the district office's request to prioritize bond-funded "big projects."

Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC)

The PBC had a long, frustrating meeting yesterday.

- In the midst of VC Brown's update about the Associate Vice Chancellor of Institutional Research position, the PBC unanimously approved the recommendation to the Participatory Governance Council (PGC) that it create an overall integrated district-wide staffing plan by August 1, to be reviewed through shared governance in the fall.
- A new proposal for budget reductions was presented by Budget Director Adil Ahmed. Not-so-robust, rather circular discussion ensued. In the end the PBC opted to hold a four-hour special meeting on Tuesday, April 23 (1-5 p.m.) to finally make a decision... Look for an announcement about that special meeting to appear in your inboxes shortly.

In Other News...

Voting results from the ASCCC spring plenary are available [here](#) on the Faculty Senate's website.

VPI Besikof and I will conduct interviews in the coming week for the position of Faculty Accreditation Coordinator.