



President's Report

February 17, 2020

College Happenings

Administrative Changes. There's been quite a bit of movement...

- Dean Richardson, the latest recipient of the Laney Eagle, will take on acting VPI duties at Merritt College starting March 2 and until June 30. Her last day at Laney is February 20. Dean Richardson's department are being reassigned to the remaining deans.
- Pending Board of Trustees approval next week, a new Dean of Liberal Arts will soon take his/her place in Chuen's old office.
- We have hired a director for Gateway to College. William Ramos Ochoa, a doctoral candidate in the Educational Leadership program at Mills College has already started.
- As part of the chancellor's de-/centralization efforts, each of the four colleges will be hiring their own director of financial aid. A hiring committee has been formed at Laney. At the other end of the spectrum, the chancellor plans to consolidate all facilities positions under DGS; no details yet.

Laney Love

- More tee-shirts are coming!
- Another way to show your Laney love is to attend the graduation on May 22. Regalia is ready to be ordered; see Maisha Jameson's email from Feb. 21.
- Staff Appreciation Day is on May 14. We need faculty to serve on the planning committee.
- Have you seen the Clean Laney video yet? [Check it out!](#)
- This year's We Rise Awards will include a student employee award.

Recruiting. President Gilkerson is gathering a taskforce to streamline Laney's part of the hiring process. Two faculty are needed, so come forward and volunteer. I'll hide the bad news here: Although the president approved the faculty prioritization list, there is to be no faculty hiring in 2020-21. (The district's Faculty Obligation Number, or FON, is beyond the required minimum.)

Beyond Laney

2020-21 Budget. Preliminary numbers indicate that Laney's discretionary budget will go down 10% from this year. As the Planning & Budgeting Council's (PBC) sole co-chair (sigh), my understanding was that the district would take utilities "off the top"; but it seems that it was simply separated out of our discretionary budget. Still according to preliminary information, Laney's discretionary budget would be less than BCC's. Huh? And finally, the colleges have been asked to provide the district with a report on their spending of the Parcel Tax for the oversight committee. (As far as I know, the colleges have never had a choice in how to spend those funds; it was always dictated by the district.) We will hopefully know more about all of this nonsense at the next PBC meeting on February 21.

Faculty Award. On March 8, at FACCC's Advocacy & Policy Conference in Sacramento, librarian Francis Howard (one of our senators) received the Part-Time Faculty Member of the Year Award. Our heartfelt congratulations to Francis!