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**Faculty Senate Meeting
 Tuesday, February 18, 2020
 Tower T-450, 12:05–12:50 PM**

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| Present: | John Reager, Dana Grisby, Vena Cera, Eleni Gastis, Suzan Tiemroth-Zavala, Laura Bollentino, David Ross, Fred Bourgoin, Indra Thadani, Francis Howard, Mallory Barkdull, Johnnie Williams, Louis Quindlen, William Trego, Rajeev Banerjee, Chris Weidenbach, Chantal Martin, Jill Neely, Donald Moore, Bruce Lazarus |
| Guests: | Hung-wen Chang, Denise Richardson, Antonio Watkins, Heather Sisneros, Nate Failing, |

| AGENDA ITEM | SUMMARY OF INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION | FOLLOW-UP ACTION |
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| I. <u>Call to Order</u> | 12:06 | |
| II. <u>Standing Items</u> | | |
| a. Approval of the agenda | The agenda was amended to add an informational item about curriculum; Senators Reager and Howard called the question and the agenda was approved unanimously. | |
| b. Approval of minutes | The minutes for February 4, 2020 were called and seconded by Senators Quindlen and Bollentino and unanimously approved. | |
| c. President’s report | <p>Highlights of the President’s Report that was sent around prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administrative changes: Dean Richardson will be leaving Laney to become interim Vice President of Instruction at Merritt College, pending BOT approval on March 2. ● There is a new director of Gateway to College. ● Laney is hiring a director of Financial Aid as part of the district’s decentralization efforts. | |

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| <p>d. DAS Representative's report</p> <p>e. Curriculum Committee update</p> <p>f. Laney Eagle</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laney Love T-shirts are coming back for purchase. ● Staff Appreciation Day is May 14th; President Gilkerson has added the category of Student Worker to the We Rise Awards. ● Part-time librarian and Senator Francis Howard was named 2020 FACCC Part-Time Faculty of the Year. <p>No report this time.</p> <p>Saturday, February 15 was the last day to launch classes for fall offering. However, the curriculum report for launched classes has not been run yet. Curriculum Committee Co-Chair Heather Sisneros asked for Senate input on what do you have to say about curriculum; what is your question? How can we make the curriculum work better?</p> <p>The Laney Eagle was awarded to Hungwen Chang, who has been in the Laney Math Department since 2008. Both students and colleagues have many great things to say about him. He will be retiring at the end of the spring 2020 semester.</p> | |
| <p>III. <u>Action/Discussion Items</u></p> <p>a. ISER update (Weidenbach)</p> | <p>Accreditation Coordinator Chris Weidenbach provided a quick update on the ISER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large draft; ● The portion that district wanted to take the lead on is being sent to the colleges; ● He and VP Besikof have met with several committees for input; ● We are at the review stage; ● Contributors should only review what they worked on in the fall; | |

- Many people have added to and subtracted from the document;
- Shared governance committees all have their own folders;
- It's due by March 15 and there will be a full draft made available to shared governance;
- Please ask Chris if you have questions;
- Documents in folders have a working draft at top and then division and then the sandbox which is not the working document but it can be referred to when needed.

Questions for Chris:

- How will we evaluate what the district wrote for us?
- Will they put it off and then we have no time to make changes?
- VC Siri Brown is taking the lead on this.
- The 5-year financial plan went to the Board without input from colleges or shared governance and there are worries that it will happen again.

b. Areas of interest (Gastis)

Senator and Guided Pathways Co-Coordinator Gasstis provided a Guided Pathways update. Last fall at Flex Day, attendees organized around areas of interest for course offerings at Laney; we are looking for ways to more clearly communicate to students information about our programs and course offerings. Students often cannot access information in the catalog and stated in a video that they do not know how to choose a course of study. At the Department Chairs retreat this semester, chairs made decisions about which area of interest their department best belonged to. The list of areas of interest was shared with the senate.

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| <p>c. Thoughts about AB705 (Siegal)</p> | <p>English faculty member Meryl Siegal came to the Senate to discuss AB705. Her comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faculty aren't sure about what is happening. ● Classes; has not talked to English Chair. ● Schedules are in flux and classes are being cut. ● Faculty needs to work together. ● AB705 with a focus on data, but not disaggregated for all groups; English 1A's with a corequisite support course (508) for students who need support. ● If students want to transfer they need to complete English in one year. ● Are we really serving students? ● Counselors might meet with students. ● How can the senate work together to be sure we are doing the right thing? ● President Bourgoin stated that this is not the Senate's job. ● Some full classes get canceled to have more support classes for ABB 705; placement is also done differently. | |
| <p>IV. <u>Announcements</u></p> | <p>Next regular meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2020</p> | |
| <p>V. <u>Adjournment</u></p> | <p>12: 57</p> | |

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