

President's Report – Nov. 12, 2015

- A. Appointments of division representatives – Peggy Perruccio as BDW division representative to Curriculum Committee
- B. ASCCC Fall Plenary was held in Irvine Nov. 5-7. The following are a few highlights of the many resolutions debated and passed:
 - **Endorse the CCCCC Task Force on Accreditation Report;**
 - **Creation of Local Online Education Rubrics;**
 - **Definition of Regular, Effective, and Substantive Contact;**
 - **Revisit the Title 5 Definition of the Credit Hour;**
 - **Oppose External Honors Programs;**
 - **Develop Descriptors for Alternative Prerequisites for Statistics;**
 - **Resolution in Support of Credit ESL;**
 - **Addition of Course Identification Numbers (C-ID) to College Catalogs and Student Transcripts;**
 - **Opposition to Compensation for Adoption of Open Educational Resources;**
 - **Condolences for Colleges and Universities Affected By Violence;**
 - **Adoption of Statement on Competencies in the Natural Sciences.**

Of particular note, there was vigorous debate about several resolutions that will lay out the “ground rules” for community college Baccalaureate degrees – both for the 15 pilot degrees and for future degrees:

- **Baccalaureate Level General Education at the California Community Colleges;**
- **Limitations on Enrollment and Admission Criteria for Baccalaureate Programs;**
- **Upper Division General Education Curriculum for Baccalaureate Pilot Programs;**
- **Minimum Qualifications for Instruction of Upper Division Courses at the California Community Colleges.**

The heart of the debate was whether to allow colleges flexibility to use locally-developed GE patterns when developing bachelor's degrees or whether to restrict them to IGETC and CSU Breadth; how to balance open access but limit enrollment to those most likely to succeed in bachelor's degree programs; ensuring that faculty teaching upper division coursework have a bachelor's degree or higher and disallowing professional experience equivalency in lieu of such a degree.

You will eventually be able to find the final approved resolutions at ASCCC.org. Until they are posted, you can contact me if you would like to read the final text.

- C. District Senate is developing a new policy on Regular, Effective and Substantial Contact. Please contact me if there is something you would like to be sure is in the first draft of this policy.
http://www.canadacollege.edu/academicsenate/1516/SMCCD_Regular_Effective_ContactDRAFT.docx
- D. ASCCC is asking local senates to identify a CTE Liaison to act as a “point person” or “resident expert” to stay current on CTE-related issues and communicate between the ASCCC, regional consortia, the CTE Leadership Committee and the local senates.

Anyone in a CTE discipline who is interested in such a position should contact AS President.

- E. We have one more ASGC meeting this semester – Dec. 10.