

Academic Senate President's Report – March 9, 2017

Opportunities

- A. PBC extends an open invitation to assist with selecting which “strategic initiatives” to include in the EMP from those that are being proposed by the college community. The process will occur at PBC’s March 15 and April 19 meetings.
- B. Divisions should be considering their proposed budgets during the month of March and discussing whether they have sufficient budget information and input into budget development.
- C. Deans are currently reading Program Reviews and providing the Dean’s Perspective. IPC will provide feedback on March 17. All faculty are invited to participate in IPC’s review process. Planning objectives and resource requests will be downloaded and analyzed during throughout the semester.
- D. Faculty Coordinators: ACES coordinator position will be opened and advertised to begin Fall 2017 and run through May 2019; faculty accreditation co-chair will be advertised to begin Fall 2017

Collegial Consultation Concerns

- A. Science division faculty and staff report that there was no consultation over the Administration’s decision to renew a rental contract of science labs with UC Berkeley Extension. The Administration was aware that the division no longer supported the rental. Division representatives are scheduled to meet with President Moore.
- B. Senate President Hirzel has requested enrollment data from, and explanation of, Corporate, Community and Continuing Education’s (CCCE) Medical Assisting certificate program. Their program appears to duplicate and compete with Cañada’s MA program. The Board of Trustees’ study session on March 8 includes an examination of CCCE’s work. Pres. Hirzel will amend this report at Senate’s 3/9 meeting if more information is available.

Update on Senate Work

- A. IPC, Curriculum and iDeans are considering the proposed New Program Development process and will provide Senate with feedback.
- B. An initial draft of the college’s Professional Learning plan will be shared with AS at our March 23 meeting.

Information and News

- A. WebAccess will be gone June 6. Back up your courses and download your gradebooks. See Allison Hughes and Lezlee Ware for assistance.
- B. Building 1 update: The old gym is scheduled to be vacated after the close of summer session 2017. Deans have identified most of the swing spaces and faculty are being prepared for the transition. The district is working on swing space for faculty offices.
- C. Building 23N (Science) update: the architects have just completed the programming phase with faculty and staff and will be in the schematic design phase through April/May.
- D. VC Whitlock came to PBC on Mar. 1 to provide some clarity around temporary and grant-funded positions.
 - a. Grant-funded positions are currently advertised as temporary for the duration of the grant. At that time, the position is no longer funded and the college is under no obligation to continue to employ the person in that position. However, the college may strive to find other positions within the organization to which the unfunded person may apply.

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- b. Prior to current practices, if a grant-funded position was not advertised as temporary, then when the grant expired, the position was eliminated but the person in that position continued to be an employee and must be treated in accordance with the contract.
- c. With temporary faculty positions the situation is more complex and regulated by Education Code. If there is the possibility that the person hired into such a position may continue longer term, then it is advisable to follow the regular hiring procedures and use tenure-track evaluation procedures. Always consult with HR for advice on the specific instance.