

1. FARSCCD – Narges Rabii
 - Handling 5 faculty situations; one dean at SAC is asking faculty members to retire.
 - Impasse has been declared between FARSCCD and the district office.
 - The district office wants ½ of COLA starting from Jan 16, to give the 9th place ranking, insurance escalator clause reduced from 10% to 6%, will give an extra \$25 per month fringe benefit.
 - FARSCCD Counter: Full COLA dating back from July 2015, 9th place ranking, asking for a seat on ASCP, a one million dollar fund to protect faculty in the case insurance goes up (this fund will pay for the increase, not the faculty).

2. Tenure – Corinna Evett
 - Question: What should be our philosophy on tenure here at SCC? Uplift, mentor, nurture?
 - Some new faculty may feel intimidated or fearful about serving on committees right away because of potential repercussions for what they say at the meetings.
 - Necessity for a unified message about what faculty can and cannot do to “mentor” untenured faculty.
 - Should faculty and administration get training on how to do evaluations?
 - There is support from faculty for a mentoring program for untenured faculty.
 - Has there been a shift in the “family” atmosphere here at SCC since President Vasquez retired?

3. Cancelling Classes – Morrie Barembaum
 - There is talk of going into stabilization (not earning enough FTES, yet classes are getting cancelled).
 - There is no longer a board policy of cancelling classes of under 20 students.
 - Classes break even at 9 students enrolled at the beyond contract/part time rate (in terms of instructor costs, not support costs).
 - Recommendation is to present data that supports keeping classes that have at least 15 students. We want to offer as much FTES as possible.

4. Canvas Update – Scott James
 - Contract with canvas has been officially signed.
 - Spring 2017 – testing and configuring. Fall 2017 – Asking faculty to make the transfer from Blackboard to Canvas and hoping for all online classes to be offered through Canvas. Spring 2018 – Last semester to offer classes in Blackboard and there will be an investigation as to options for archiving classes as a backup.
 - Workshops will be offered throughout the spring semester and beyond to train faculty and staff.

5. Pathways – Michael DeCarbo
 - More than just creating “meta-majors”, it is giving students a pathway towards a major and keeping them on track or helping them on to another track without starting over.
 - A book and workshop will be forthcoming.

6. ADA & Accessibility – Lucy Carr-Rollitt
 - Documents and presentations that are disseminated to the students need to be more accessible.
 - We need to know what makes a document accessible.
 - Question: Are there faculty who would be interested in attending workshops on accessibility? Yes