

Faculty Forum

24 August, 2017

1:30 – 3:00, E-203

1. Extra credit – What is good extra credit vs. bad extra credit. The pros and cons of extra credit were discussed. Professor Cannon proposed best practices for offering extra credit: that it not be more than 10% of a letter grade, that it be stipulated in the syllabi, that is be germane to the course (Cari Cannon)
2. Instructional Design Center (IDC) – The new IDC will be in the library where security used to be. Scott James requested that if faculty have instructional design projects or issues to do them through the instructional design center. It is also a place for department meetings and SLO discussions. Canvas workshops will be held throughout the semester. (Scott James)
3. FARSCCD Update – No real updates apart from recent email messages sent. FARSCCD met with the chancellor and a board of trustee member on August 23. They discussed the District's proposal to increase the full time faculty contract LHE to 18 units (and 35 contact hours for counselors), no other CCC has faculty over 15 LHE for their contract load. CTA update – discussion to again look at joining CTA, a petition is being disseminated in support of approaching CTA again. (Mark Smith)
4. Curriculum – Discussion on unit calculation, 48 vs 54 hours per unit (48 scheduled, funds allocated based on 54). Discussion on that we will be moving to 54 hours for scheduling, discussion on pre-requisites. Discussion on quadrennials and the proposal of extending quadrennials to a 5-year cycle. (Joyce Wagner)
5. FERPA & Preferred Names – Presentation of FERPA and what it covers, as well as information as to where preferred names will be posted on WebAdvisor and how they are determined. (Tuyen Nguyen)
6. SCC Culture – How do we keep our “small feel” campus? Question and discussion on why the potluck date was changed; a straw poll will be taken to determine the dates of the next forums, potlucks and Spring Professional Development dinner. (Michael DeCarbo)