

Notes from the Faculty Forum

Santiago Canyon College—August 21, 2013—1:15-3:30--E-203

1. FARSCCD/Faculty Relationship (Barry Resnick and Narges Rabii)
 - a. People on the 192-day schedule will get a step increase
 - b. Working to get missing step and 2% COLA
 - c. Working to increase the jump in pay between the anniversary steps
 - d. Working to increase hard science lab reimbursement from 0.85 LHE to 1LHE
 - e. Working to establish a formula to determine chair release time
 - f. Working to increase part-time pay—RSCCD is in the bottom 3 CCs in Orange County.
 - g. Discussed a specific situation regarding a faculty member and how FARCCD advocated for them.
2. Accreditation Update-(Corinna Evett and Craig Rutan)
 - a. Kudos to those who have been working on accreditation over the summer
 - b. First official meeting of steering committee is Friday, September 3.
 - c. Please respond to the upcoming survey. Feel free to indicate if you do not know an answer.
3. Academic Success Center (Diana Babayan)
 - a. There was concern about the future of the ASC due to Flo Zysman's retirement.
 - b. Diana Babayan will help coordinate the ASC in Fall
 - c. There needs to be discussions on how the ASC will work in the future.
 - d. Data was given about the success rates.
4. Smoking Policy (Beth Hoffman)
 - a. Current policy allows students to smoke in certain areas in the parking lots.
 - b. A Board policy regarding smoking was just adopted, but the corresponding administrative regulation, which will have more detail, still needs to be written.
 - c. Recent legislation allows the college to enforce a smoking policy, but our safety officers are not sworn officers and cannot levy fines.
 - d. Electronic cigarettes will need to be dealt with in the administrative regulation.
5. Intersession (Corinna Evett)
 - a. The district is looking to take advantage of growth money, so the colleges are being asked to increase FTES.
 - b. Intersession was offered as a possibility by the Chancellor.
 - c. There is concern about doing intersession this upcoming January because the academic calendar has already been approved. The fourth week of intersession would be flex week and there are two holidays to work around.
 - d. Intersession is fairly expensive because faculty are paid on the summer pay schedule.
 - e. Planning is supposed to drive budget. It doesn't feel that enough planning has gone into this potential decision.
 - f. Other options are short term classes and weekend classes during the semester.
 - g. Last-minute decisions to add classes are a burden for the department chairs who have to staff the classes.
 - h. Competition with other local community colleges is an motivating force for some of these decisions.
 - i. Adding courses during the regular semester improves room utilization.
 - j. We should plan schedules ahead of time to meet desired FTES.
 - k. It seems that administration is relying on faculty to add students over capacity to their courses.
 - l. It would seem to make more sense to increase the fall schedule when we have higher demand then to try to catch up in spring.
 - m. It seems like after our colleges make plans, the district comes up with new ideas that interfere with these plans.
 - n. Scheduling decisions are not always being made with clear criteria. An emphasis seems to be on offering classes that are the most profitable fiscally, but not always in the best interest of the students.
 - o. It has been known for a while that OEC would be generating less FTES than usual, and so SCC should have added classes early.
6. FACCC (John Smith and Evan Hawkins)
 - a. FACCC is a faculty advocacy group working at the state level.
 - b. Check out the FACCC website for up to date information.

7. New Website Design and e-mail Addresses
 - a. There has been talk of changing faculty email address from *lastname_firstname* to *webadvisor ID*.
 - b. ITS has talked about having a single sign-on for everything
 - c. The web task force is now a website committee.
 - d. Stay in contact with the committee if you have issues and concerns about our website.

8. Assessment of RSCCD Chancellor
 - a. There is lack of planning at the district, and faculty aren't always given a voice in the planning processes
 - b. There may have been violations of the Brown Act.
 - c. The chancellor sometimes seems hesitant to take a stand and has sometimes made other people take responsibility for his decisions.
 - d. There were issues with the moving of measure E funds
 - e. SAC had mentioned a vote of no confidence but has not taken any action.
 - f. There is a sense that the district is trying to play the colleges off of each other
 - g. Faculty need to be informed of any issues
 - h. FARCCD hired a political advisor who indicated that the board of trustees might also have issues with the chancellor.
 - i. We will continue this discussion at the Senate.

9. Other Issues
 - a. Biology was told that they need to assess all their SLOs this fall.

Meeting Adjourned 3:35