

Operational Assembly

- Dr. Quincy Martin, Chairperson of the Operational Assembly, announced that the group has met again since the last College Council Meeting to rewrite their purpose statements in alignment with the College Council's purpose statement and goals. Dr. Martin plans to share final revisions at the next College Council meeting. Also, the group discussed the findings and outcome of the alumni and graduate surveys, presented by Dr. Kurian Tharakunnel.

Academic Senate

- Dr. Michael Flaherty, Chairperson of the Academic Senate, shared some highlights from the Academic & Scholastic Standards committee concerning the high-withdraw- rate and the committee's plan to review current policies. That committee is also working on setting a fall final exam schedule. Student Development committee is putting together a survey for feedback on the HLC Assurance Argument. The Academic Support committee discussed the lack of tutors and is working on revising that process. Also, the Summer Bridge Jumpstart program is being replaced with a summer mentor program, and daytime college readiness courses for summer will include peer mentors in the classrooms. The TADEC continues to work on an in-house training for online teaching & course development as an option to ION training for newly hired adjunct faculty.

Old Business

- **Communication Goal Update**-Dr. Debbie Baness-King shared the Council's communication goal update. The Blackboard shell will be uploaded with information from the College Council to spark dialogue.
- **Shared Governance Goal Update** -Pamela Perry presented on proposed revisions made to the College Council mission statement, as well as suggestions on the membership process. The College Council discussed the strengths and challenges of the proposed revisions. Ms. Perry will take the feedback received and discuss with the subcommittee.
- **FY18 Budget Process**- AVP Garrick Abezietan presented an update to the Council on the comparative budget process. Presentations for proposed budgets were completed a week ago with the Executive Team. He shared that they are currently compiling a complete review of the budget presentations. The Executive Team will discuss, considering the current barriers to state funding and respond in January.
- **HLC Assurance Argument**- Pamela Perry presented the feedback received from the college community to-date and what they are doing with the information as the development of the Assurance Argument moves forward. There was a need to organize the collected information in a systematic way. Therefore, a research methodology - *Topic Modeling* – is being used to sort comments by criteria of which they apply and for identifying the topics to clarify what issues are of more concern. Information will continue to be collected through December 16 and documents will be available for transparency to participants on how their input was used.