

Hot Topics: Questions and comments were made regarding distance learning. See **Online Learning & Support** below for a summary.

Operational Assembly

Mike Garrity provided these highlights from the April Operational Assembly meeting.

- Academic Affairs reported a main focus has been on faculty getting set up for remote education.
- Student Affairs reported on the distribution of computers to students and a process change for dropping courses.
- Technology reported on maintaining COVID-19 updates and tech updates, and a discussion of the different platforms being used to contribute to student and staff success.

Academic Senate

Michael Flaherty provided the following updates from the April Academic Senate meeting.

- Nominations were received for Christopher Clem and Michael Flaherty for the President of the Academic Senate; the election will be completed by email voting and results announced next month.
- Curriculum Committee continues its work to ensure learning objectives are included in all course syllabi.
- Academic & Scholastic Standards presented a revised Academic Placement policy which passed the Senate and has been sent for Board approval.
- Academic Support was working on Early Alert prior to the campus closure and is planning on reaching out to instructors individually to continue the work.
- Professional Development announced Leslie Wester as Outstanding Faculty of the Year and Patrick Kane as Outstanding Adjunct Faculty of the Year, and that the focus of the Fall Workshop will be online learning.
- The Assessment Committee initiated Coffee & Conversation virtual forums regarding the successes and challenges of program level assessment, and is preparing for the one-day virtual HLC visit.

Student Success: Shelley Tiwari reported that the actions, goals, and timeline of the first two pillars of the Guided Pathways project plan are close to completion and will be posted on the Guided Pathways portal page. The Guided Pathways website is under development for students, and a Programming Mapping Workgroup launched a few weeks ago with work to continue over the summer.

Annual College Council Survey: The survey is currently available and College Council representatives were asked to send reminders to their constituents. It was agreed to extend the deadline for completion of the survey until Monday, April 27.

Strategic Plan Development: The Strategic Planning team is working on a data book that will be used as a source to develop the goals for the next Strategic Plan. A process for development of shared values to support the new Mission and Vision will be presented to Council next month. Council members were encouraged to visit the Strategic Planning development portal to see details as they are released.

New Mid-Management & Classified Members: Elections were not needed as Mid-Managers have selected Vizire Osmani from the Center for Access & Accommodative Services as their representative, and Dayanne Figueroa will serve a second term as Classified representative.

HLC Focused Visit: The virtual visit is one week from today, on Monday, April 27 with the visiting team meeting with assessment leadership, the Academic Assessment Committee, assessment fellows, and concluding with executive leadership.

Online Learning & Support

Vice Presidents Dr. Susan Campos and Dr. Jodi Koslow Martin provided updates on online learning and support. Here are some highlights.

- It is recognized that there is a difference between an online course and emergency remote learning.
- There is support available to faculty including Blackboard Help, 8 faculty mentors, training videos, CTE online sessions, and online modules to become an online teacher.
- Academic Updates are provided weekly.
- Considerations for career courses that require hands-on proficiency (e.g. health careers, auto) are in process.
- 130 students were loaned laptops; remaining Chromebooks will be specifically for adult ed students.
- A revised withdrawal policy is in place, ensuring that students understand consequences, especially to financial aid.
- A virtual navigator system is being launched to provide a point person for an online class.
- Ways to distribute federal CARES Act funds for students are being considered.
- Email connectivity for Adult Ed students is a concern and solutions being explored. Adult Ed courses will also be online for the summer.
- Planning is underway for the anticipated adjustments when the campus re-opens.

Other

Committee assessment for the Operational Assembly and Academic Senate will be underway soon.