Past Meetings/Events include
- 2016–08–31: Executive Council meeting
- 2016–09–01: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–01: PGC meeting
- 2016–09–02: Faculty Professional Development Activities Committee meeting
- 2016–09–08: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–08: DCC/Schedule Development and Review/Program Review
- 2016–09–12: Education Policies meeting
- 2016–09–13: Collegial Consultation with the VCs and/or the Chancellor

Upcoming Meetings/Events include
- 2016–09–15: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–16: CTE Liaison interviews
- 2016–09–19: Accreditation Essentials thingy
- 2016–09–19: More CTE Liaison interviews
- 2016–09–20: More CTE Liaison interviews
- 2016–09–20: Academic Affairs Deans-and-Department Chairs meeting
- 2016–09–22: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–27: Collegial Consultation with the VCs and/or the Chancellor

Priority Registration for Students Enrolled in More Units than the Nominal Maximum: Some notes from 9/12 Education Policies Meeting
You might recall that last semester Ed Policies proposed that the College raise the semesterly unit maximum without a Counselor’s signature from 17 to 18 (and from 7 to 8 for Summer). We drafted Catalog language to effect that change, the Senate approved it, and the change went into effect. It had been the Committee’s intention also that the students who get the Counselor’s signature during pre-registration should be able to use it then without having to wait for the Adding period. Alas, that is not the way it was implemented. We pointed this out to MaryLou who said she could change this by power of her Office (since it’s not a Board policy nor a Title 5/Ed Code/ACCJC requirement). However, MaryLou said it would help to have a sentence to this effect in the Catalog. At first I insisted that such new Catalog language come to the Senate. However, it was pointed out to me that...
- We weren’t changing a policy, just encoding a new practice.
- It was not controversial and everybody wanted the new language, including the Registrar herself.
- If we did what I suggested, we would miss the Catalog Addendum deadline for Spring and we’d run the (small) risk of the problem recurring.
- If it turned out that for some odd reason the Senate didn’t like this change, we could always pass a resolution to amend the new language.

So, I relented. (It’s hard to argue that I’m asserting Senate purview when all the other faculty present disagree with me.)

Something Else I Heard at the 9/12 Ed Policies Meeting
MaryLou also announced the startling news that the Financial Aid Office recently decided—without telling anyone—that a Summer student had to take 12 units in order to qualify as full time for Financial Aid! (It used to be only 6 units.) Near as we can tell this is not a federal FA mandate, just a (misguided) local decision. The officers asked VC Santos about it and he said he’d investigate.

Committee Update I regret to report that I simply don’t have the time for a comprehensive sweep of all committees for members’ terms’ currency and vacancies created thereby. Thus, I am proceeding on a committee-by-committee basis, based on such external prompts as Mandy’s preferences and squeaky chairs. This week we’ll be focusing (not exclusively) on PGC committees.

Some Notes from Collegial Consultation with the Chancellor
- The Chancellor continues to deny that BP/AP6.17 applies to Chemistry and Foreign Languages.
- Trustee Ngo has requested her to start enforcing the “Blueprint” from 2012, which includes a provision forbidding faculty search committees from requiring letters of recommendation. (Other provisions, such as developing a model rubric for scoring the diversity statement, are less shocking.)