First Vice President’s Report  
2016–09–28  

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**Past Meetings/Events include**
- 2018–09–15: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–16: CTE Liaison interviews
- 2016–09–19: Accreditation Essentials thingy
- 2016–09–20: More CTE Liaison interviews
- 2016–09–20: Deans-and-Department Chairs meeting
- 2016–09–22: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–27: Argos training
- 2016–09–27: Collegial Consultation with the VCs and/or the Chancellor

**Upcoming Meetings/Events include**
- 2018–09–29: Officers meeting
- 2016–09–30: College Professional Development Committee
- 2016–09–30: Faculty Association
- 2016–10–01: AGS Fall Advisors Meeting (in Fresno)

**Committee Update**
The faculty seats on the PGC’s committees are *mostly* full; there are still plenty of seats for alternates, though. This past fortnight I’ve been concentrating on cleaning up our records of the limited committees. This is taking a long time because many of the appointment dates and term-expiration dates recorded in the Senate’s master list are inaccurate. (One particularly distressing omission was the January 27, 2016 Senate motion changing the membership for the Student Equity Strategies Committee. Ask me about it sometime. Or Neela.) (Oh, Neela, I’m so sorry!)

**Letters of Recommendation and “The Blueprint”**
Much to my surprise, the latest from HR is that they will allow search committees to make letters of recommendation optional or even recommended (which I *think* means you can give them points).

**Some notes from 9/20 Deans and Department Chairs Meeting**
- The Adult Education Block Grant consortium to which CCSF belongs consists solely of us and Unified. I did not know that. The money from that grant served 25,000 CCSF students in 2015–16. Wow!
- Kristina Whalen didn’t *quite* get the list of people we appointed to the Early Alert workgroup correct. Oh, well.
- Expect to hear more about “zero-cost degrees” or “z-degrees” (certificates*, too). One bewildering feature is that the State Chancellor has forbidden duplicate z-degrees, e.g., if another CCC has a zero-cost English then CCSF may not offer one. Don Newton from the bookstore offered his service in locating zero-cost resources for classes, especially OERs. *It’s not clear if the certificates have to be recognized by the State Chancellor or not. I did not know until that day (9/20) that we could offer certificates not recognized by the State Chancellor! Can we offer unrecognized associate degrees, too?*
- As we all know (or can find out by consulting the Program Review trading card), this year’s program review is really just an annual update with only three components: Curriculum currency, assessment currency, and allocation requests.
- The financial aid dean reminded us that the FAFSA now comes out in October instead of January. Nobody asked her about the 12-unit-for-summer-full-time thing.
- Carol Reitan gave an impassioned speech about how wrong-headed the Schedule Development and Review criteria are. Go Carol!
- VC Davies tabled to time-uncertain the discussion of standardizing the faculty hiring timeline.