

President's Report – 4/21/10

- 1. See updates to the college's Technology Plan at:**
<http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/ETO/techupdate.html>
- 2. See the entire twenty pages of proposed Board policy (New Business, item E) changes at:**
http://www.ccsf.edu/Offices/VCFA/PDF%27S%202010/PDF_march_25_2010/P6.pdf
- 3. Election update**
According to the election commissioners (Fred Chavaria, Ophelia Clark, 208 faculty signed up for electronic voting. The rest of the ballots went out by mail to faculty homes. If you or someone you know hasn't received a ballot, please contact the Senate office 239-3611.
- 4. Possible parcel tax**
The Board of Trustees is considering a parcel tax to support City College's general fund on the November 2010 ballot.
- 5. Save money for the college!**
As you may have seen in City Currents, Katryn Wiese and others have organized a campaign to identify ways we can save money at the college. Many of these ideas are excellent and can make a real difference. If you have more ideas, please contact Katryn (kwiese@ccsf.edu).
- 6. Interim Dean of Student Affairs**
The Chancellor now intends to appoint an Interim Dean of Student Affairs. He has indicated that there is a good chance a current Associate Dean from Student Development would get the job and that he would not backfill that position. In addition, he argues that the number of administrators in Student Development is down and that filling this position is necessary to make sure that the division remains solid. The long term picture for the position of Dean of Student Affairs is unclear and will be assessed during the next year.
- 7. Administrative transfers (pending Board approval)**
Dean Terry Hall (Faculty Support) will become the Dean of John Adams, effective 7/1/10. Associate Vice Chancellor Phyllis McGuire will move from Academic Affairs to Policy and Research as AVC of Workforce and Economic Development, effective 5/1/10.
- 8. Other administrative news**
We are close to having a CTO. The Chancellor says he intends to have finalists meet with the college community before the final decision is made.
Several interim administrators are being appointed at the Board meeting next Thursday.
- 9. Volunteer to serve on administrative hiring committee:**
Interim Dean of Evans Campus; Interim Dean of Student Affairs; or, Vice Chancellor of Legal Services
- 10. Volunteers needed for Curriculum Committee**
We will be appointing on May 5. See Edgar Torres for openings.

11. State-wide Academic Senate Plenary Update

The plenary session met from April 15 – 17. The delegates were divided on many of the issues, so the delegate was vigorous. Here are highlights from the voting on Saturday:

- On accreditation and our relationship with the ACCJC
We voted to work with the state-wide Consultation Task Group on Accreditation to express “ongoing concerns” and “grave disappointment” with ACCJC and to pursue next steps that may include a letter of no confidence in the ACCJC leadership, “seeking advice from federal education agencies,” and considering legislative alternatives. We voted to withdraw the resolution expressing a vote of no confidence at this time, but we also voted to conduct research about alternatives to ACCJC.
- On whether we should offer a “transfer” degree
This issue is complicated by existing bills in the state legislature that address the issue. In a vote that overturned a previous position (therefore requiring a 2/3 majority), we supported legislation that allows but does not mandate “the establishment of transfer associate degrees that guarantee transfer and protect students from repeating coursework.” We also said we would work with CSFs and UCs “to identify common major preparation pathways to simplify student course planning.” As soon as reasonably possible, there will be a state-wide “transfer summit” and task force to research and discuss these issues fully.
- On expanding the community college’s mission to include bachelor’s degrees
We voted to oppose legislation that would allow some community colleges to grant bachelor’s degrees.
- On equivalency to the associate’s degree
For disciplines in which a master’s degree is not required, including many CTE disciplines, there was a proposal to eliminate any possibility of using experience or other criteria in place of associate’s degree for minimum qualification. That proposal was defeated, but we also voted to explore the issue further, so it may be back in another form in the near future.
- On legislative pressure on the community colleges
Most people at plenary want to keep the state legislature out of community college affairs, especially with regard to academic and professional matters. Nevertheless, as you can see from the above, legislators continue to propose various bills that affect us. At this plenary, the discussion seemed to fall mostly toward a mix of principled stands about faculty rights and pragmatic approaches that acknowledge the legislature’s power. The vote on the transfer degree is an excellent example of where the state-wide opinion appears to be: work with the legislature, while still maintaining faculty in academic and professional matters.
- Finally, though not contentious, the Academic Senate formally adopted two papers that may be of interest and relevance to us locally: *Student Equity: From Dialog and Access to Action*; and, *Practices that promote Equity in Basic Skills in California Community Colleges*.

You can see early versions of the resolutions and the adopted papers at:

<http://asccc.org/Events/sessions/spring2010/materials.html>

Final versions of the resolutions will be available soon on the Academic Senate website:

asccc.org