MCAS President's Report to the Senate
April 8, 2021

Summary of College and District Meetings

These are my personal notes of meetings I attend on behalf of the Senate. Rather than attempt to document fully what transpired, I aim to highlight items of particular interest to faculty and the Senate. If you would like additional information, please ask me or consult the official minutes of each meeting.

Board of Trustees: April 6
- Presentation on WV's Educational Master Plan process.
- Approved Mission Mental Health Internship Program. The interns will provide additional mental health support for students starting in Fall.
- Resolution proclaiming May 16–22 as Classified Professionals Week in the West Valley-Mission Community College District.
- Faculty spoke during public comment on the need to maintain composition class caps at 25, create equitable load for noncredit courses, and increase load for labs.

College Council: April 7
- Technology Staffing Restructuring
  - Create a Director position for technology to provide campus leadership
  - Will reclassify existing vacant position so minimal budget impact
- Technology Committee Restructuring
  - Reestablish the Technology Committee
- Recommended Updates to Institution Set Standards
  - Recommendation to establish set three-year goals rather than moving targets.

Chancellor's Roundtable
- District continues to explore housing for faculty/staff and students. Nothing definite yet but expect discussion in the short/medium term.

District Email
- All Mission Faculty email list includes the college president, the VPs, and deans
- New policy for sending emails to our sister college: send email to Niall Adler to forward to WV; faculty no longer have direct access to the all district users email list
- Considering moving some people to A1 Microsoft licenses from A3 licenses. A1 allow email access and web versions of Microsoft programs; A3 allows downloaded versions. Possible groups are emeritus faculty and having new pt faculty opt in to A3.

- Contact District help desk with issues about email lists: District IS Helpdesk at 408-741-2696, or via email: IS_help.desk@wvm.edu

Other Meetings

ASCCC Area B Fall Meeting: March 26
- ASCCC Vice President's update
  - Ethnic Studies
    - Proposal to require Ethnic Studies for CC students is in process; target is to have it approved by Board of Governors at their July meeting
    - Development of Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) for Ethnic Studies is in process
  - OER
    - Call for proposals is out for faculty to develop OER materials (check with Joanna if you are interested in this work). OER textbooks coming soon in a number of disciplines including Biology.
  - Transfer Model Curriculum
    - Working to align TMC/ADTs with UC Transfer Pathways
  - State Legislation
    - AB417: Rising Scholars Network: provide funds to 50 community colleges to support currently/formerly incarcerated students
    - AB421: Career Development Courses: intended to equalize funding between credit and noncredit
    - Remove pilot designation from the Community College baccalaureate program
    - AB927: Student Transfer Achievement Act: Require CSUs and UCs to have a single GE pathway, among other things
    - AB1040: Ethnic Studies Graduation requirement for students who earn an ADT (not other degrees)
    - AB1111: Common Course Numbering: would standardize course numbering throughout the community college system
- Recommend Changes to Disciplines List
  - Second Hearing - Film and Media Studies
  - Second Hearing - Digital Fabrication Technology
- ASCCC Upcoming Events
  - Career Noncredit Education Institute - Virtual Event: Friday, April 30, 2021, 9:00am to Saturday, May 1, 2021, 4:00pm
  - Faculty Leadership Institute - Virtual Event: Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 8:00am to Friday, June 18, 2021, 12:00pm (Dates/Times Subject to Change)
  - Curriculum Institute - Virtual Event: Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 8:00am to Friday, July 9, 2021, 3:00pm

Upcoming Events and Dates of Note

- ASCCC Spring Plenary April 15-17
- Teaching Learning Improvement Fund applications due: Extended to April 9
- Applications for OER funding due: Monday, April 19
- Nominations for Faculty Awards due: Friday, April 16
- Classified Senate/Academic Senate Awards Ceremony: 3:00-4:30pm, Thursday, May 6