

MCAS President's Report to the Senate

May 20, 2021

Items of Note

- Accreditation Follow-Up Report: This needs to be submitted by October 1. The goal is to have a draft complete by June 15. Governance groups will need to review and approve at the start of the Fall semester.
- Ethnic Studies: Lots happening here.
 - The courses we submitted to meet the new CSU Area F requirement were not approved. This happened to most community colleges so it was not about what we did or didn't do as a college. We will need to revise and resubmit courses in the Fall but, until those courses are approved, students will need to wait to meet the Area F requirement or take those classes at another college.
 - The Board of Governors is in the process of revising Title 5 regulations to add a requirement of a 3-unit ethnic studies course to successfully earn an associate's degree.
 - An Ethnic Studies Transfer Model Curriculum (TMC) is being developed and should be completed this calendar year. The TMC serves as a blueprint for local colleges to create an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT).
- Expect student/staff housing to be a significant topic next year. There are no specific plans at this point but the District is moving quickly in this area.

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: Tuesday, May 18

- Faculty spoke during public comment about the need for binding arbitration as part of the grievance process
- ESSP Presentation: Mission College Student Support Programs under COVID
- BoT passed resolution in support of AB 927: Public postsecondary education: community colleges: statewide baccalaureate degree program. [ASCCC also passed a resolution in support of the bill.]

College Council: Wednesday, May 19

- Accreditation update (see above)
- Enrollment Update
 - 2020-21 Efficiency: Goal= 460; Actual= 429

- 2020-21 FTES: Goal= 5700; Actual= 5040
- 2021-22 Goals: Efficiency= 430; FTES= 5652
- Enrollment fraud has been an issue at our college and throughout the state; students sign up to get financial aid, which takes spaces from students who need the spots

Upcoming Events and Dates of Note

- Academic Senate Fall Retreat: Tuesday, August 24 from 2:00-4:00