

SBCCD Board Report

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Our Role


The Academic Senate is the voice for the faculty on all matters related to curriculum and academic standards. The Academic Senate shall serve as the representation of faculty whenever consultation or interaction for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards with the District or the college administration is necessary. Faculty have purview over any item related to the "The Ten Plus One," a detailed list of 10 items and a general "+1" which are outlined in Title 5.

Senate Actions and/or Updates Related to SBCCD Board of Trustees' Goals


Eliminate Barriers to Student Access and Success

 Senate is engaging in the discussion about moving to a compressed calendar to increase student success. Faculty have participated in multiple events where they could ask questions, express support and/or concerns, and request more data from our Research Office.

 Twenty-nine faculty participated in the second of a two-part USC Equity training in January. This workshop provided an opportunity for full-time and part-time faculty to explore and reflect on how interactions with students, faculty and staff impact our students' perceptions of themselves as capable and successful students. The workshop explored a range of practical strategies, simple and complex changes faculty can work towards making and what the next steps for faculty and the institution might be.

 Our Theatre Department continues to offer "Pay what you Can" nights for their performances. This allows students to enjoy our amazing theatre performances without any financial burden.

Be a Diverse, Equitable, Inclusive, and Anti-Racist Institution

 We have recommended to the Research Office to move to disaggregated SLO data. Rather than reporting group data, SLOs will be entered on a student level. This allows the system to provide disaggregated achievement data to faculty and departments for analysis, reflection, and planning.

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Last week marked the opening Ceremony of Black History Month. Although Black History is every month, February will be filled with multiple virtual and on campus events that reflect and celebrate this important part of our history. Faculty and staff at Crafton presented a riveting, personal, moving and motivational introduction to the theme (African Americans and the Arts) and upcoming events.



The senate has voted to explore moving to a consensus based format. Consensus decision making supports equity, because it is about co-operation between equals. The goal is to share, listen, and modify to find win-win solutions.

Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues



Vision 2030 will continue to be incorporated into out agendas this semester.



Multiple Crafton faculty participated in the Dual Enrollment Workshop this morning. Dual enrollment has potential to support and introduce more high school students to our college, but communication and collaboration with faculty will be essential to ensure a quality and successful program.

Ensure Fiscal Accountability/Stability



The main area faculty support the Board's fiscal goals is through our interactions and engagement with students. Enrollments are continuing to rise at Crafton and relationships between students and faculty are building.



The Senate voted to align our Program, Planning & Review (PPR) goals to the Educational Master Plan Strategic Directions.

