

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



The Senate provided feedback on two Student Senate Resolutions related to language and the deaf and hard of hearing communities.



The Senate reviewed our Course Renewal Policy based on a Statewide Academic Senate Resolution. Suggestions for language changes to make the process clearer and more streamlined are being evaluated.

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



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. The celebration opened with traditional music, dance and stories related to the theme - African Americans and Labor.



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Be a Leader and Partner in Addressing Regional Issues



We have discussed possible teaching strategies to identify fraudulent students in our online classes to help mitigate the impact of fraudulent students on our courses and the college.

Ensure Fiscal Accountability/Stability



The main way 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.



We continue our discussions about the importance of increasing enrollments and course efficiency in light of the upcoming compressed calendar.

