

A.S. President Report 8.18.21

Welcome to each of you today. Thank you for joining us for our first Academic Senate Meeting for the semester.

I do want to share a couple of points with you that I feel are important for the body.

BOT Update

I attended the first Board of Trustees meeting this past week and what a meeting it was. It was wonderful to be in person and to experience the formality of the meeting. One of the other reasons it was wonderful the experience of being able to witness a tremendous turnout of the community to speak on behalf of the contributions made by Lois Carson. Contributions were across communities, projects and counties. I was inspired by the testimonies shared and felt I needed to know Lois Carson, but unfortunately I did not have the opportunity to do so. There was a resolution read and passed to recognize the work and contributions of Lois J. Montgomery Carson. If you would like to read it through, it is Resolution #2021-08-12 BOT-02 and I want to share the Therefore portion of the resolution as it speaks to the board intent. "THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District does hereby express appreciation and gratitude for the extraordinary leadership, support, and friendship that Ms. Lois J. Montgomery Carson exhibited toward San Bernardino Community College District, its Faculty and Staff, its Students, and its Community; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District conveys its deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Lois J. Montgomery Carson. ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2021"

There was also a recommendation made to the naming of a building in honor of Lois Carson. Recommendations will be coming back to the BOT in October, so more to come on that.

Another resolution was read and passed and this one was related to the recognition of Juneteenth National Independence Day. This resolution is #2021-08-12 BOT-01 and the Therefore reads as follows: "THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Community College District recognizes the historical significance Juneteenth National Independence Day and reaffirms its commitment to nurture a learning and working environment that promotes diversity, equity, inclusion, and Anti-Racism"

The CSEA Union President did follow up on this resolution with a concern. The concern is that there is recognition of Juneteenth as a National Holiday, but it has not been added to the list of holidays recognized by the district in terms of pay. There will be more to come on this as well as the Union President shared her intent to bring the request forward again.

The last item related to the BOT meeting is the resignation given by Trustee Singer, which is effective September 15, 2021. The board moved to nominate and select a replacement to complete Trustees current term. They are allowed 60 days for the nominee to be in place, so it will be by November.

Applause Cards

As was my practice last semester, I will continue to recognize the faculty who have received applause cards. The faculty recognized at the last BOT Meeting were:

- Maria Notarangelo-Library
- Veronica Valdez-Flynn-Counseling

Guided Pathways

I am sure faculty are awaiting news about the status of Guided Pathways and I am excited to share an update. I have the pleasure of formally announcing two of our faculty joining the Guided Pathways team. The first faculty member is Anthony Castro and the second, more recently joined, one is Lucas Cuny. We want to thank both faculty for their willingness to serve and we look forward to supporting them in these new roles. Having spoken to both Lucas and Anthony, I know there is an excitement to step into this role and there are plans to continue the splendid work that has been done to date. We again recognize the foundation that was laid by Ty, Matt, and the Guided Pathways team and thank them all for that work. We continue to seek one additional team member, specifically within counseling. Once that position is filled, we will be sure to share.

Senate Position Updates

We continue to have a few vacancies in our Senate Seats in a couple of divisions. I want to direct you to the Academic Senate page where all Senators are listed by division. Here you will find the vacancies that exist. Share this information out, recruit within your division and let us see if we can fill the empty seats. Empty seats mean lack of representation and missing voices. We want voices both present and represented.

Recognitions

I want to end this report with a couple of recognitions. I want to recognize again the tremendous amount of work done over the summer by all to successfully hire 11 new faculty members. These were replacement positions or positions required for the purpose of outside accreditation requirements. It was a tremendous amount of hours, work and effort by all and deserves to be noted.

I also want to formally welcome Dr. Scott Thayer to Senate as Interim President. He will now be reporting out to Senate in this new role and we look forward to working with him as we move forward.