

**Academic Senates' Reports to the LRCCD Board of Trustees
May 2023**

District Academic Senate (DAS) President, Alisa Shubb, Reports:

- The DAS President would like to formally acknowledge receipt of Board President Knight's written response to the Academic Senate concerns expressed in last month's report to the Board of Trustees. This response will be shared broadly with faculty.
- The DAS is wrapping up the academic year with numerous decision items on the table including possible:
 - request for a PREP coordinator/counselor critical hire
 - Ethnic Studies faculty hires at each of the 4 colleges
 - support for priority registration for learning communities students
 - revisions to R-3412, P-2211, R-2211, P-2242, P-2523, P-2254, R-2821
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- The DAS-chartered Noncredit Exploration Task Group presented their report which included a recommendation for a phased approach to offering noncredit courses in Los Rios.
- DAS is excited to celebrate all our newly tenured faculty at a reception this Friday, May 12th.
 - [District Academic Senate \(DAS\)](#)
 - [ARC Academic Senate](#)
 - [CRC Academic Senate](#)
 - [FLC Academic Senate](#)
 - [SCC Academic Senate](#)
 - [Academic Senate of California Community Colleges \(ASCCC\)](#)

ARC Academic Senate President, Carina Hoffpauir, Reports:

- ARC's Academic Senate recently re-elected their current executive team. Our slate of officers for 2023-2024 includes President, Carina Hoffpauir; Vice President, Brian Knirk; and Secretary, Veronica Lopez. Alisa Shubb has agreed to serve another year as our Past President. We appreciate our officers and all our senators for their service to our college and our profession.
- Our Senate is also pleased to announce that faculty members Sonya Reichel and Victor Zarate have been selected to join the Center for Teaching & Learning as professional development trainers specializing in STEM.
- Recent reports and discussions at our Senate have focused on proposed LRCCD policies and regulations updates, Areas of Interest realignment with HomeBases, faculty critical hire and LTT requests, professional development offerings for next year, Student

Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee plans for next year, and recent changes to Title 5 § 55005 Publication of Course Standards.

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CRC Academic Senate President, Scott Crosier, Reports: (updated Mon May 5th)

- Through the extraordinary work of our faculty and staff, CRC now offers over 50% of our courses as Zero Textbook Cost. This has saved the Hawks \$2 million this Fall semester alone.
- Through our efforts in the We Won't Fall campaign as well as our Opt Out Scheduling, we have closed several achievement gaps for our African American and Latinx students. These efforts will continue and expand.
- This will be my final Board of Trustee meeting, as Dr. Velasquez will be taking the lead as our new Academic Senate President. Be nice to him, and try to keep the meetings short.

FLC Academic Senate President, Eric Wada, Reports:

- The FLC Academic Senate has been discussing ways to bring learning communities such as Umoja, Puente, and MESA to our college. The Senate views these programs as ways to encourage students of color to study in a supportive environment at FLC.
- Our Senate By-laws are being reviewed and revised this semester.
- We are welcoming a new Academic Senate Vice President, Wayne Jensen (professor of mathematics). We wish to thank Dr. Danielle Beck for serving as Vice President for the past year and a half.
- We are preparing for next year's Senate retreat where we are looking forward to working with other college governance groups and meeting our college administration (75% of our top administrators are new in their regular roles this year).

SCC Academic Senate President, Sandra Guzmán, Reports:

- The SCC Academic Senate wishes to express our congratulations to the nineteen Faculty colleagues who have earned Tenure!
- Our senate has supported the formation of a Task Group to address the use of Artificial Intelligence in the community college classroom and academic integrity.
- We congratulate all of our students who are earning Certificates, degrees and/or transferring to four-year institutions.
- On behalf of the SCC Academic Senate, we congratulate all faculty who are retiring and wish them well in the next stage of their lives.
- Our summer enrollments show a 19% increase from last year. SCC Senate is excited to see students returning to our college and look forward to serving them in the next terms.
- We support the continued investigation of collegial consultation within LRCCD and hope to participate in critical dialogue necessary to move us forward.