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DAS Report:

- We have forwarded possible dates for the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative meetings in Fall 24; we are receptive to the re-invigoration of our district's Interest-Based Approach and the implications for improving collegial consultation in Los Rios.
- Hundreds of faculty are hard at work kicking off the Summer 24 term, which started on Monday.
- Faculty in English, Communication, Math, Political Science, and Psychology are working over the summer on the Common Course Numbering project (AB 1111). Discipline representatives are working diligently to align curriculum across the state to ease transfer and articulation for our students.
- Nearly half of our District Academic Senate will be attending the ASCCC Leadership Institute later this month in Rancho Mirage, California. We thank the Board and the District for your continuing support of our leadership and professional development.

As our senates are on hiatus in the summer, ARC, FLC and SCC have no reports. CRC reports the following:

The CRC Academic Senate recognizes that there is an educational interest in allowing students to select general education courses in a structured and context-rich way, especially because doing so can help students understand the value of general education while helping them identify courses that interest them. In addition, we realize that we can meet this interest in a way that makes course selection simpler and less complicated for students. For these reasons, the CRC Academic Senate recommends that CRC take a thematic approach to some of our local and transfer general education curriculum and implement general education themes in course selection. We hope that the administration will provide all the financial support we need in order to meet this interest, so that we can enhance the quality of our students' educations and provide students with all other benefits that come with the use of general education themes in course selection.