

## Board Report 2\_09\_2022

- Board Report
  - While we transition back to more and more in-person instruction, thank you for continuing to hold virtual meetings. I appreciate seeing the number of attendees in our online or livestream. Culture of shared conversation with MJC/CC. I've been involved in more types of conversations that would otherwise been physically impossible.
  - Statewide, AB705 interpretations are providing opportunities for positive change- place students in Math/English classes where they will be successful and appropriately challenged, and also implementing change that has domino effect- such no longer offering any math classes that are below transfer level- which leaves very few points of entry for some students. More information to come as this continues to evolve out.
  - Message to our New president- Dr Lena Tran- Academic Senate looks forward to working with you in supporting instructors to deliver high quality content and engage our students and community as each individual works toward their own goals whether it be transfer, certification, or life-long-learning. Welcome!
  - **Extend “free for me” into the summer session? Increase enrollment!**
  - Tamara Oxford mental health provider- reaching out offering trainings and workshops and tips in response to requests faculty and students need mental health care during this stressful time. Appreciate your time- ABC mental health, I will send along to you- best viewed as a slide show as you follow the prompts.

Board meeting 1/12/22 – Lahna VonEpps, Columbia College Academic Senate President

1. CC Pres update?
2. First week back to class- challenging.
  - a. Devil in the logistics – no tests at Columbia due to worldwide supply chain issue, App difficulties. I'm trying to act as a system tester and give feedback from a "student perspective" Thank you to Laureen Campana for her tireless work on our behalf.
  - b. First semester without our on campus bookstore: Barnes and Nobel Bookstore- orders not received, books have not arrived, delay of days to weeks before students will get their books. Trying to keep the Columbia chill. We thank Liz Rumney for her many years of service and more deeply understand all that she has done for our students, faculty, and district in her absence.
  - c. Road construction on Hwy 49/access road to the college has 10min delays
  - d. Good news: Parking being free means less fussing around at the college entrance. Hope that the board will support ongoing free parking, especially since there is no other location in the Columbia college service area where there is paid parking.
  - e. Thank you to all faculty and classified staff, division deans, and district admin for supporting students in online and in person formats.
  - f. Summer classes being published soon and Fall schedules are in the works.
3. Academic Senate first meeting:
  - a. Activities requirement,
  - b. changes to designated smoking areas on campus as well as smoking cessation information.
  - c. Revising our Core Values document. Dean Kirsten Frye and her team for all of their work.
4. Senate Executive coming up:
  - a. Working with Classified Senate President Abby Sunday to have classified representation to bridge the divide between faculty and staff.
  - b. Shared Senate meeting 1/21
    - i. Course alignment
    - ii. Shared definitions for course modalities.
    - iii. Common application/transcripts
    - iv. Trainings – SelfService, Barnes and Nobel Bookstore, Etrive
    - v. Website
5. Excited to see Debra Bolter 7.6, hope when she returns from her research in South Africa there will be another presentation on *Homo naledi* and *Australopithecus sediba* at Columbia since her presentation from last time was so well enjoyed.

## Board report 12/8/2021

1. First time I've harvested tomatoes and put up a Christmas tree in the same week.
2. Faculty are wrapping up current semester-grades due 48 hours after the final exam- while simultaneously preparing for the Spring semester launch with the challenges and opportunities of increased in person offerings during an ongoing pandemic.... AND preparing for the summer schedule- I'm planning on teaching stats in July in person with note to students that remote learning remains a possibility.
3. A sigh of relief will be heard throughout campus when we hear about the detailed logistics- where to go, when to test, what to bring- of how the testing protocols will work for returning to campus.
4. Our presidential candidates have their forums Thursday and Friday as well.
5. Undefeated basketball team has a home game at Columbia on Dec 22 6pm.
6. Starting to see announcements for faculty positions to be posted for advertising, committees are working on updating job description with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in mind.
7. Geospatial technology (GIS, GPS, RS (remote sensing), and Drone Mapping) applications
  - a. Professor Jeffry Tolhurst is the brain and the brawn behind this Career Technical Education program, retiring after 26 yrs. We have a 1 yr interim faculty position for the combined Earth Science, Geography and GIS to try to support the program as Columbia looks towards what will be happening next in these uncertain times.
  - b. Example UAV/Drone Mapping microcredential/skills attainment certificate teaches - Sink hole on campus: <https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/sinkhole-model-v1-837d265bdd384c35aa15aec9ad421b1b>
  - c. Geospatial technology (GIS, GPS, RS (remote sensing), and Drone Mapping) applications are used to support many fields, such as forestry & natural resources, fire science, earth sciences, geography, geology, ecology, botany, agriculture, engineering, physics, chemistry, and more. Additionally, GIS mapping is also used to map historical events, political phenomena, social phenomena, demographics, health features (disease, etc.), cultural features, archaeology, anthropology, and more. Former Columbia College GIS students currently work for a multitude of area businesses including, TUD; Tuolumne/Calaveras/Amador/Mariposa/Stanslaus Counties; Hetch Hetchy Water and Power (City of SF); Condor Earth Technologies; the US Forest Service; Sierra Overhead Analytics (drone mapping company in Twain Harte); Courtney Aviation (Wildland Fire Aviation Services); and more. Columbia College offers 3 stackable GIS skills attainment certificates, a 30 unit GIS certificate, and a 60 unit 2 year A.S. degree in GIS.
8. Happy Holidays. I wish all of your board members and your family a Joyous and healthy holiday season

## Board Report from Columbia Academic Senate 11/10

Hello Chancellor Yong, Chair Bulkin, and Trustees

- Last AS meeting of the fall semester for Columbia is this Friday 12th. Topics include:
  - Confirming my esteemed colleague Dr Colin Thomas Accreditation Faculty Co-chair.
  - First reading on District calendar additions of Juneteenth, Cesar Chavez Day, and Native American Day.
  - 2nd reading on the co-resolution for Compensating part-time faculty serving on committees
  - AS recommended 6 positions (5 faculty and one admin) President GH is invited to report to AS regarding the recommendation so we can get to updating job descriptions with equity in mind, broadly advertising and having the whole hiring process completed by the April Board meeting.
- CC and MJC senates are looking to plan a joint senate meeting to discuss shared topics... such as aligning courses in preparation for common course numbering, credit for prior learning, streamlining registration in self-serve. (homework- sign up for a class schedule)
- 17% Reserve –AS discussion and shared governance
- ASCCC- 3 days of conference in Hybrid modality. Saturday 4hours of debate. I will forward the final adopted packet as available on the [ASCCC plenary webpage](#), under the Resolutions tab. 16 references to the impact of COVID-19, Resolution 20.01 Addresses the widening knowledge and equity gap caused by continued impact of covid-19 on STEM and English.
- Resolution 13.02 “In support of Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in the Interest of Safe Learning Environments”
  - Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Colleges assert that **a safe teaching and learning environment** for students and faculty **is vital for student success**, which is **an academic and professional matter**, and urge that local academic senates **(faculty)communicate this necessity to their administrations and governing boards;**
  - Resolved, That the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges work with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, collective bargaining units, and other system partners to explore options **to require all newly hired and existing employees and students to be vaccinated for COVID-19**, with appropriate exemptions for medical and religious reasons; and,
  - Resolved, The Academic Senate for California Community Colleges support the Student Senate for California Community College Board of Directors position on COVID-19 vaccinations. **support of requiring COVID-19 vaccinations** for colleges that are reopening to prevent the spread of the virus, with flexibility where vaccines are not possible due to medical conditions or sincerely held religious beliefs
- So many questions about Testing protocols
  - How often, who is going to pay? When can we return to class?
  - Can’t we just do what every concert venue, airport, and K-12 is doing? Proof of Vaccination or a recent negative test.

I would like to end with honoring and thanking our US military veterans, especially those who are YCCD students and who bring a breadth of knowledge and experience to our community.

10/20 Board meeting report- Lahna VonEpps

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- we recommend prioritizing unifying the application and registration processes between our sister colleges.

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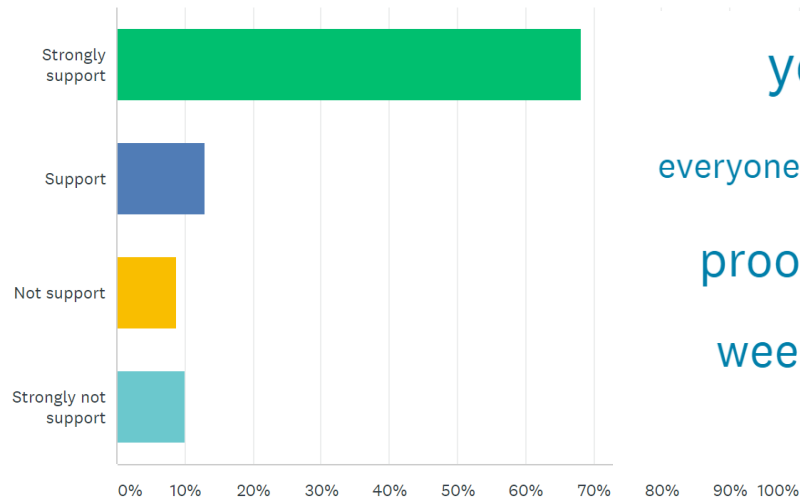
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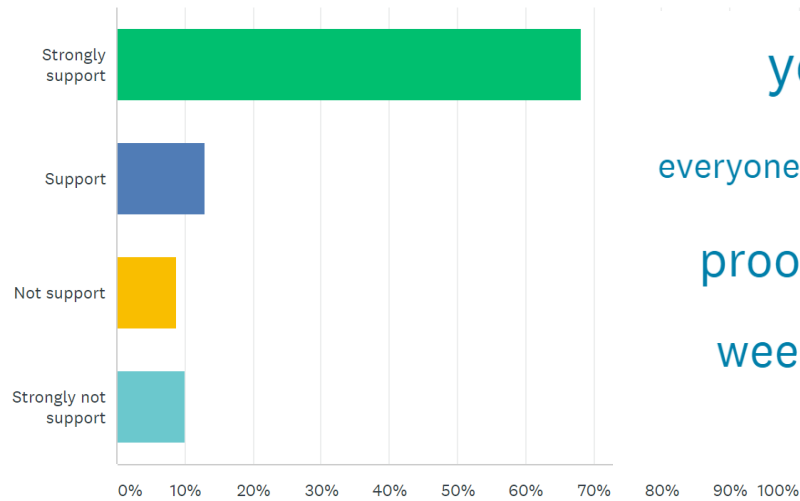


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## YCCD BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2021

5:30 PM-7:45 PM

Columbia College – Academic Senate Report

Senate President: Pam Guerra-Schmidt

Greetings to Chair Bulkin, Trustees, Chancellor Yong, student leaders, and all attending this evening!

Columbia College Academic Senate is proud to share:

- At our last District Council meeting the topic of OER/ZTC, Online Educational Resources and Zero Textbook Cost was on the agenda. Out of 734 active sessions offered at Columbia College for summer and fall 2020 and spring 2021, we had 126 active sections or 17% of the sections that had the ZTC label. CC and MJC are working collaborative to offer stipends to faculty that are willing to complete the ZTC training **and** develop a ZTC course to be taught Fall 2021. On behalf of faculty, we are thankful for these opportunities. We heard that you, the Trustees, are interested in hearing a ZTC presentation and we are working with faculty to present at a future meeting.
- Lahna Von Epps, the new CC AS President will begin in May! She is going to be so effective in this position – engaging, fun, competent, and dedicated to her faculty colleagues in regards to 10+1! Wishing her the absolute best in her new role!
- Tonight, is my last Board report as the Academic Senate President! The two years in this position have been a meaningful and significant part of my work journey here at YCCD!
- My journey for this position started about three years ago in spring when a sticky note was left on my office door, the start of the recruitment process for the next Academic Senate President Elect. I read the note, went home that evening, and promptly shared with my husband that I understood the need to share the faculty leadership responsibilities, but regardless of what they say, I am going to respectfully decline. After all, I grew up knowing I wanted to be a teacher. As a child, I spent hours playing school with my siblings and 100% of the time I was the teacher, and they were the students; it was simply non-negotiable for them to ever think of stepping in to be the teacher! I didn't grow up thinking, someday I want to be the Academic Senate President and represent my faculty colleagues as one of their advocates.

So fast forward to the day I met with Erin Naegle, Past AS President and Biology Professor, my recruiter. Even after being with the district for 20 years, I wrote out my list of concerns (didn't want to miss any) and all the reasons why there surely must be another faculty member that would be a better fit. Erin patiently and thoroughly responded to every single concern I had, and it came down to this . . . just about every faculty member that is recruited had or has the same concerns as me. By the end of the conversation, I began to reflect on my past experiences in participatory governance and began to feel a sense of adventure and excitement as I began to ponder how I might contribute as a faculty leader at our small campus. I obviously said yes!

I have had two years of getting to better know my colleagues at CC, MJC and Central Services along with entering a world that I had only heard about thru others. This other world included attending and sharing information on behalf of faculty at these Board meetings, Policy and Procedures Committee (led by fun and efficient Kimberly Carter), District Fiscal Advisory Council, and College and District Councils.

My goal was to represent well my faculty colleagues on the issues related to 10+1. Was I terrified at my first Board Presentation and my first meeting that I facilitated for Academic Senate yes! But what was reaffirmed for me is that not only my faculty colleagues, but every other constituent group was equally supportive every step of the way along with the reassurance and information I received from Graciela to help me at the Board meetings. Thank you Graciela!

With each meeting, I encountered committed, knowledgeable colleagues that always had the best interests of students at hand. I'm leaving this position as a more knowledgeable faculty member and hope that I can now mentor others that decide to take on a leadership role.

- Tonight, I dedicate my motivational thought to my dad, who grew up in family with little income, with Spanish as his first language, and eventually became his family's first college graduate at CSU Chico and when I was in kindergarten, he went on to earn his master's degree at Stanford University! He was a high school and community college Spanish teacher, and coach for football, track, and basketball!
- My Dad often referenced Roosevelt's widely quoted speech called, "The Man in the Arena." Teddy Roosevelt, 26<sup>th</sup> President and in 1906 the first American awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his work in the treaty of Portsmouth. It is fairly long (below), so here is a summary:

“The speech is about acknowledging the person who dares greatly. Those vulnerable willing to scale new heights and put their reputation on the line. This is an ode to the individual who enters the **arena** and though they may stumble and fall, they know there is no greater service than to follow their passion and purpose.”

So, while becoming Academic Senate President was not on my list of career “must dos,” I am happy to report that I have absolutely felt passionate about the role and took the work seriously. And the times I stumbled and fell, I will be forever grateful for those that were there to help me back up and help me move forward.

This concludes my final report on behalf of Columbia College Academic Senate. Are there any questions? Thank you.

Man in the Arena (Teddy Roosevelt)

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

## YCCD BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2021

5:30 PM-7:45 PM

Columbia College – Academic Senate Report

Senate President: Pam Guerra-Schmidt

Greetings to Chair Bulkin, Trustees, Chancellor Yong, student leaders, and all attending this evening!

- Thank you to our new trustee Jenny Nicolau for attending our Academic Senate Exec meeting this last week! It was wonderful to have you present. I hope to see you at future events and wish you well in your new role!
- In response to the faculty reduction in force several years ago, the Academic Senates at both colleges created and approved, in 2018, a document called the Program Viability, Revitalization, and Discontinuance Procedures. Because the needs of our students and our community change, our administrative team asked the Senate to decide whether there was sufficient evidence to review two programs for viability; the Senate did vote to move forward on reviewing the programs.

It has been one of the more difficult tasks to oversee as faculty are passionate and committed to their programs, so there is an emotional element to these decisions despite the evidence of the data. Much has been learned from utilizing this document for the very first time. Most importantly, faculty didn't just sit at the table but had a voice in the decision-making process.

Our 10-member committee did reach consensus on one of the two programs and our Trustees will see this on a future board agenda. Many thanks to the committee members!

- Another important project currently in process is the review of the Faculty Hiring Document. Chad Redwing, MJC's Academic Senate

President started a taskforce led by Shelley Circle, Vice President of Academic Senate and Professor of English. Faculty from Columbia College and MJC have spent weeks working together on this document to revise it and ensure a focus on equity including some recommendations for recruitment.

This work on this document is important as we acknowledge that college faculty have become more racially and ethnically diverse but remain far less so than students.

Research has found that underrepresented students who have educators of the same race or ethnicity are more likely to look to those teachers as role models and put forth greater effort toward their college goals. We have some work to do in this area to close this gap.

One of the joys of my position has been the collaboration between our two colleges and this is yet another example. Next steps, Chad and I will be reviewing the document with Kathren Pritchard, Senior Director of Human Resources and eventually it will move to the two Senates for review.

- Like others this evening, it is important to note we are nearing the one-year anniversary of going to remote operations, I'm grateful that we have endured to do the important work of serving our students. Recognizing the stress and fears associated with the pandemic, I find solace in the words of humorist Erma Bombeck, "*Worry is like a rocking chair: It gives you something to do but never gets you anywhere.*"

I will be sharing one more report in April and then in May, our new Academic Senate President, Lahna VonEpps and Professor of Math will be stepping into this leadership role!

This concludes my report on behalf of Columbia College Academic Senate. Are there any questions? Thank you.

## YCCD BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2021

5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Columbia College – Academic Senate Report

Senate President: Pam Guerra-Schmidt

Greetings to Chair Bulkin, Trustees, Chancellor Yong, student leaders, and all attending this evening!

- Congrats to Trustee Hinton on her new position as Board Policy Committee Chair.
- The DEI (Diversity Equity and Inclusion) committee continues to meet with representation from all constituent groups including some very engaged students! With one of the goals focused on a welcoming and inclusive campus, we are slowly seeing changes discussed and embraced. Most recently we have begun the discussion of having tri-chairs as a more inclusive approach for our councils and for the DEI committee; this would mean adding a Classified Professional in addition to an administrator and faculty member. Many thanks to Dean Kirsten Frye for her valuable leadership on this committee.
- For the last two days, a topic that is entering into every Zoom meeting involves the COVID vaccine! Laureen Campana, faculty member and Coordinator of Health Services has been working tirelessly the last few months, acting as a liaison with our campus leaders and Tuolumne County Public Health. Last week, we received exciting news as our entire campus community was invited to fill out a vaccine interest form and this week, many of us, including myself, were privileged to receive the vaccine!

At the vaccine site, Laureen and Silvia Watterson, Professor of Emergency Medical Services were part of the team giving vaccines! It was beautifully organized, and I was there about 30 minutes, quite different from some of the other experiences I've heard and read about. Except for a very sore arm, this is a small price to pay for good



health and hope for moving forward.

We all have stressors in our life, but I firmly believe that Laureen, her counterpart at MJC, Amy Yribarren, and all our health care professionals have an added layer of stress, with the extreme challenges they balance, and the ever-changing information that is received from our public health experts. What a heavy burden they hold, as they work to navigate the recommendations from our public health experts, the divisiveness that has been a part of the pandemic, and as they strive to build trust within our campus communities. Their recommendations are not always what some are hoping to hear, yet they remain committed to following their oath to keep us all safe and healthy. Laureen and Amy are deserving of our gratitude and recognition. They have been our guiding light thru these very uncertain times.

- I end with a quote for Laureen and Amy, our two faculty colleagues, authored by Jean Watson, an American nurse theorist and nursing professor: *“Nurses are a unique kind. They have this insatiable need to care for others, which is both their greatest strength and fatal flaw.”* Thank you Laureen, Amy, and all in our district for helping to keep us safe and healthy!

This concludes my report on behalf of Columbia College Academic Senate. Are there any questions? Thank you.

## YCCD BOARD MEETING

January 13, 2021

5:30 PM-8:00 PM

Columbia College – Academic Senate Report

Senate President: Pam Guerra-Schmidt

Greetings to Chair Bulkin, Trustees, Chancellor Yong, student leaders, a warm welcome to the new CSEA President Roberto Reyes, and all attending this evening!

- To start, despite all that is going on in our world, it has been a wonderful first few days of the semester! As a young child, I loved school and was so excited to return after summer break each year. In fact, that excitement was so great, I could barely sleep. As an instructor for the last 22 years, I still feel that same excitement each semester. And I still don't sleep well! Our students trust that we will provide meaningful and relevant learning experiences and I see how diligently faculty are working to do just that along with humanizing the online learning process. I feel such gratitude for my faculty colleagues.
- The week before classes begin is a time where many events bring our campus community together. From our Inservice led by our President, Dr. B (a thank you to Chancellor Yong for his welcoming presentation); the Part-Time Faculty Orientation with almost 50 participants was guided by VPI, Dr. Sanders, Division Meetings were skillfully led by Deans Juarez, Frye, and Amador, and finally Flex Day Event where Chef Marcus and Professor Robinson, the Co-Facilitators for Teaching Learning and Community stationed themselves in the culinary kitchen, made Southwestern corn and tomato soup while facilitating presentations focused on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion by Professor Osborn, how to cope with Zoom fatigue by Mental Health Coordinator, Dr. Oxford and finally we participated in yoga with Professor Newman! They know how to multi-task and put on a meaningful event! My only regret . . . we didn't get

to taste the soup!

- Board Policy 4235, Credit for Prior Learning, approved by our District in December is in the next phase including the development of a form outlining our internal process allowing students to request previous learning to be assessed. Once again, our two colleges are working collaboratively on this next step. Faculty are tasked with making assessments available, and I will report back once we award credit to a student or students!
- Change is in the air . . . January finds us in the process of recruiting for new leadership for Academic Senate and in April, I will be introducing Lahna VonEpps as the incoming Academic Senate President. She has served two years in the role as Vice President and is well-prepared and is ready to step into the President role! We look forward to welcoming three Part-Time Faculty Representatives; currently Rebekah Sandlin, Counselor and Shannon VanZant, History Professor are serving in this capacity and are engaged and valued contributors; I hope they will consider a nomination for the next academic year. The other position is Representative-at-Large for College Council; Chef Marcus has served in this capacity for two years and will be stepping away from this role as he focuses on teaching and continuing as a TLC (Teaching Learning and Community) Co-Facilitator.
- Our college observes the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday this Monday. In honor of Dr. King who understood the value of a college education, here is one of his quotes, *"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."*
- Wishing trustee DeMartini well as she moves forward in the next phase of her life's journey. It has been a pleasure and honor to work with you! In addition, wishing Jim Houpis well.

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