

# ACADEMIC SENATE NEWSLETTER

## Council Officers

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Jessica Anselmi

**Columbia College  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Carkeet Park

## Future Meetings

**Academic Senate**  
Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
1:30-3:30 PM  
Manzanita Conference Room

**Faculty Hiring Proposals**  
Proposals Due: Fri., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting: Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>  
2:30-4:30 PM  
Manzanita Multi-Purpose Room

## President's Message

By: Nathan Rien

### Catch All the Action!

Dear Colleagues,

The 2018-19 academic school year is underway and the faculty at Columbia College have undertaken significant projects to note. First, the Faculty Retreat was a sheer show of academic collaboration and collegiality amongst fellow faculty members. Stories of summer lessons, mindfulness, and the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for a new Faculty Hiring Proposal Rubric were just a few of the items of discussion. In addition, our new full-time faculty were recognized and provided with mentors to help them navigate the Columbia terrain.

Next, the Academic Senate kicked off In-Service Day at its first senate meeting with a “Meet and Greet” with the College’s new President, Dr. Santanu Bandyopadhyay. Dr. Bandyopadhyay has an enormous amount of energy and a unique vision towards extending Columbia College’s community outreach. The Senate is excited to work with Dr. Bandyopadhyay and would like to extend its best wishes to him and the college as we all celebrate Columbia College’s 50th Anniversary Celebration at a Community Picnic on campus from 11 AM- 2 PM, Saturday, September 29th.

The Academic Senate is also very thankful and proud of all its active members who have volunteered to serve on various committees and councils. As such, I would like to remind everyone that the Institutional Effectiveness Council and Student Success



## Future Meetings

### Student Success Council

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-11:00 AM  
Manzanita Conference Room

### Institutional Effectiveness Council

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
12:30-2:30 PM  
Manzanita Conference Room

### Curriculum

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
2:40-4:30 PM  
Buckeye 4

### College Council

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-11:00 AM  
Manzanita Conference Room

### Senate Council

Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
1:30-2:30 PM  
Tamarack 120

Council each meet on the first Friday of the month. Academic Senate meetings occur the second Friday of each month, while Senate Council meets the fourth Friday of each month. College Council meetings occur every third week of each month.

In October we will be meeting on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> for our regularly scheduled Academic Senate meeting, as well as, on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> to review Faculty Hiring Proposals. Remember that Faculty Hiring Proposals are due to me or Jessica Anselmi by Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Information on the process, proposal form, and criteria can be found on our Senate's webpage: [https://www.gocolumbia.edu/academic\\_senate/FHP\\_Process\\_Final\\_Mar\\_9\\_2018.pdf](https://www.gocolumbia.edu/academic_senate/FHP_Process_Final_Mar_9_2018.pdf).

In closing, if you have not had an opportunity to watch and root on our Lady Jumpers' volleyball team, please take the time to come watch them in any of their upcoming games. Their next home match is this Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> against Fresno College at 6 PM in the Oak Pavilion. Here is the rest of the schedule for 2018: [https://www.gocolumbia.edu/volleyball/2018\\_WVB\\_SCHEDULE.pdf](https://www.gocolumbia.edu/volleyball/2018_WVB_SCHEDULE.pdf).

Very truly yours! Nathan Rien, Academic Senate President

## ***PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT***



By: Pam Guerra-Schmidt

Valued Faculty Colleagues,  
While continuing to learn about my new role, I'm eager to discover how to best represent each one of you with your interests, ideas, and concerns!

I attended the March Spring Plenary in San Mateo and then in June headed to San Diego for the Faculty Leadership Institute; what a great place to visit while working! At both events, incredible dedication and commitment of the state-wide faculty leaders!

Looking forward to a productive and fun year under the leadership and guidance of numerous current and past faculty leaders including Erin, Nate, Kathy, Micha, Meryl and the list goes on! "La de da de de, la de da de da" Cheers, Pam

**TEACHING, LEARNING and COMMUNITY (TLC) REPORT**

By: Adrienne Seegers and Lindsay Laney

The week before fall semester 2018 was packed with Teaching, Learning and Community (TLC) events. The whole campus was invited to the Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) this year and we had a great turnout for two days of inspiration, connection, and work on how to take our teaching and learning to the next level. TLC put on a New Employee Welcome for those hired in the last year and offered a MindShift activity and break out session from the Spring Teaching Test Kitchen Labs (TTKLs) at the Adjunct Inservice. Finally, we presented a quick mindshift activity to the whole College on Inservice Day.

**Senate Reports**

President's Report: Nathan Rien

President Elect:  
Pam Guerra-SchmidtAccreditation:  
Nathan RienAdjunct Faculty Senate Council  
Representatives:  
Marina Koorkoff  
Don SmithCollege Council:  
Matthew FoxCollege Services Committee:  
Laureen Campana, Brian Greene,  
Jim Retemeyer,Curriculum Committee:  
Kathy SchultzDistance Education:  
Melissa ColónInstitutional Effectiveness Council:  
Jeff TolhurstStudent Learning Outcomes:  
Joe ManloveStudent Success Council:  
Marcus WhisenantTeaching, Learning &  
Community (TLC):  
Lindsay Laney  
Adrienne SeegersTechnology:  
Melissa Colon  
Brian Greene

The fall calendar of events for strategic professional development is taking shape. We are rolling out another round of Teaching Test Kitchen Labs (TTKLs) and Peer Observation Pool (POP). We'll also be hitting the road with some campus visits and another trip to the Merced College Active Learning Conference in January. We have some neat opportunities brewing to partner with MJC and UC Merced to provide professional development. Please let us know what you'd like to present or what types of professional development you would like to participate in. [Remember to join us for a brown bag lunch every Wednesday in the Tamarack TLC/Staff Room.](#) Everyone is welcome!



Email Lindsay Laney or Adrienne Seegers for any TLC information.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES REPORT**

By: Joe Manlove

Hi all! From the wide world of SLOs, the updates:

- We're working on integration of Canvas with eLumen to make entering SLOs easier.
- Joe, Don, and Lahna are available to help plan SLO assessments, let you into eLumen, and suggest modifications during course review.
- We'll be emailing people to alert them which classes are due to assess. If you'd like to assess your course, let us know and we'll add it to the list.
- If you change SLOs in a course or program, remember to think about changing the mappings i.e. from course SLO to institutional SLO.
- There will be flex time credit available for entering SLOs if you need another hour.

Thanks, The SLO Wizards




**DISTANCE EDUCATION REPORT**

By: Melissa Colón

The Distance Education Committee had its first meeting on Friday, August 31st. We discussed future plans for the Course Exchange scheduled to go live, fall 2019 and the goal to create a "regular and substantive" communication MOU to bring before the Academic Senate committee for discussion. The DE Committee will continue to discuss the role we play in how we can continue supporting online course development and exemplary online instructors. The committee will host a different guest speaker each meeting. Some of the upcoming invitees are Sean Osbourne, DSPS Director, Christian Million, Research Assistant and President Santanu Bandyopadhyay.

Are you interested in developing an online class and earn a stipend? If you haven't been trained [EDUC 50, Online Course Development](#) starts Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for 10 weeks. Check out the [Online Course Development form](#) for different ways to earn stipends.

**Meet 3 of Our Distance Education Committee Members**

 <p><b>Rick Rivera</b></p>	<p>Rick has taught English and Literature for 23 years and is an author of two books. Rick was the very first online instructor to teach for MJC and continues to be our "rock star" as his English 1C was reviewed and approved by the OEI for the Course Exchange over the summer! Rick is a member of the Distance Education Committee.</p>
 <p><b>Craig Johnston</b></p>	<p>Craig has been teaching English for Columbia College since 2006. He also served as the Academic Achievement Center Faculty Coordinator for the College. Craig is a member of the Distance Education Committee.</p>
 <p><b>Kim Robinson</b></p>	<p>Kim teaches dual subjects, Sociology and Psychology. She loves teaching both online and face-to-face and is thrilled to share Sociology and Psychology with students at Columbia College. Kim is member of the Distance Education Committee.</p>

**GIFTS "Good Ideas for Teaching Students"**

- **Stay Tuned** - courtesy of the OEI-CVC, [NameCoach](#) student-recorded name pronunciations tool and from Canvas, [preview what's in the Commons](#) before importing into your course.

If you are interested in joining the Distance Education Committee let us know! [We meet on Fridays \(once to twice a month\) from 10:00-11:30.](#) We are a collaborative and supportive committee for faculty, staff & students interested in online teaching and learning.

**Melissa Colón**

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**COLLEGE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

By: Brian Greene, Jim Retemeyer and Lauren Campana

- Look for a report next month. Your faculty representatives on this committee are Brian Greene, Jim Retemeyer and Lauren Campana; please contact one of us with questions, suggestions or concerns.



By: Melissa Colón & Brian Greene

Please contact Melissa Colon or Brian Greene with items you would like brought forward on your behalf.



**COLUMBIA COLLEGE**  
**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**

September 2018

By: Kathy Schultz



Wow, we are off to a fast start in Curriculum! Thanks to Jessica Anselmi for working with so many of you during the summer months as you initiated five-year reviews and other curriculum changes. Many of you have proposals moving through the process so be sure to check back into CurricUNET to see if you have anything that needs your attention! Click on My Proposals under Track. We will have very full Curriculum Committee Agendas throughout the Fall semester, so you can help us by keeping your proposals moving forward!

As we all work on our Guided Pathways, take this excellent opportunity to review Certificates and Degrees. If you Discontinue any courses, be sure to check the Impact Report, which will remind you what programs need to be updated to remove discontinued courses.

[Our Catalog Launch Workshop this Fall will be Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, in Buckeye 4 from 9:00 – 1:30.](#)

Earlier is better, but if you still have curriculum modifications that need to be entered into CurricUNET, stop by Buckeye for friendly assistance and snacks! The deadline for launching proposals that will be considered for approval this Fall is Monday, October 15!

I have heard many conversations about the possibility of creating new Certificates of Achievement that stack into a local degree. If it is a new program, be sure to work with the Curriculum Chair early, as we now need more information about your program upfront, before it comes to a meeting agenda.

And a final word about textbooks. For those transferable courses, even if you have explained why you are using a textbook beyond five years old, help your Articulation officer and put in a second representative text that is within the five-year limit. You may still use the older one but having the second option will prevent a red flag on the part of the Articulation reviewers at the CSUs and UCs.

Thank you for all your hard work and please don't hesitate to contact us with questions! Kathy

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**INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**  
**COUNCIL REPORT**

By: Jeff Tolhurst

The Institutional Effectiveness Council met on September 7, 2018 for the 1st meeting of the academic year. The IEC reviewed the current governance structure and brief history of the recent reorganization for new members of the committee. Discussion included a verbal flowchart of the current decision-making process.

Discussion continued on this past year's successes including supporting the following: 1) Teaching Test Kitchen Lab; 2) Peer Observation Pool; 3) Flex Day inservices; 4) funding for conference participation; 5) campus policies and procedures review; and 6) creating and administering a survey evaluating the governance structure.

Over the summer, the IEC presented the governance structure survey results to the College Council. Results indicated the IEC is moving in the right direction, with suggestions for improvements. Overall,

survey participants indicated an improvement in transparency, and the big takeaway was a desire for more, and better, communication. The IEC is addressing this with a newsletter, a summary report to be produced soon after each meeting, and with increases in communication between IEC members and their constituents.

Dr. Bandyopadhyay was invited to the meeting and agreed that communication issues will always be at play in institutions, including ours. He added input on streamlining course offerings for students and ideas on how to potentially do that. Planning is a key to success and, with changing student demographics and costs, we need to be flexible, yet thoughtful, in setting up courses and schedules for our students. Finally, when discussing past practices at Cypress College, he said we have our own culture here and duplicating what happened there would likely not be appropriate for our college.

IEC priorities for this year include: 1) Revisiting our Strategic and Master Plans as well as the Facilities Master Plan; 2) Policies and Procedures review continuation; 3) Guided Pathways; and 4) some oversight of SLO's (stays on our list, but we'll take care of other things first since SLO mentors & coordinators are doing well with their duties).

Finally, a very brief report on Administration Program Review was given and progress is being made. The meeting was adjourned shortly afterward. Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 5th, 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff

## **COLLEGE COUNCIL REPORT**

By: Matt Fox

1. Melissa Colon will be vacating the Distance Education Coordinator position. The YFA contract allows for 100% release time from a faculty member's current position; all colleges are required to have a DE Coordinator. For more information about release time and the process, see Article 13 in the YFA contract.
2. The Columbia College Mission Statement <https://www.qocolumbia.edu/about/mission.php> is due for review. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on editing the mission statement.
3. There is a new committee, consisting of members from Columbia, MJC and YFA, to review the academic calendar. Topics include the potential introduction of a Spring Break, making summer 10 weeks (2x 5-week sessions), and a Winter intersession. The primary goals of potential changes are to better align with feeder school districts and to provide a stress release during the Spring semester. These potential goals are only in the discussion stages.
4. The college anticipates having some 1-time funding and requests your input on potential uses for the money. Current ideas include expanding the textbook reserve, updating fixtures, addressing ADA issues and improving technology (websites, e-books, improved wireless for the campus). Please let me know if you have other ideas.

Thanks, Matt

**PAST PRESIDENT/ELECTION'S CHAIR REPORT**

By: Erin Naegle



As your elections officer I wanted to relay the results of the Adjunct Representative Election. Marina Koorkoff is our new Adjunct Representative to the Senate Council and Senate. She will join the senate leadership team in shaping the direction of Senate this year. Marina teaches in both Child Development and Psychology and has taught in the Sierra Conservation Center as well as the CCAP program in local high schools in addition to teaching on campus.

Don Smith will serve as a second adjunct representative to Academic Senate. Though Don retired he has returned to campus to teach computer programming.

A big welcome and thank you to both Marina and Don for representing adjunct faculty voices in Senate.  
Erin

**ADJUNCT FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT**

By: Marina Koorkoff and Don Smith

Look for a report next month from our newly elected representatives!

From past Adjunct Faculty Representative- Marcus Whisenant  
I would like to thank the council for the wonderful learning experience. It was an honor to serve as the Adjunct Rep. I also think that it is very important for an adjunct rep to be as active as possible and to make sure information is communicated clearly on both ends.

I am also the new co-chair for the Student Success Council. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you, Marcus

**STUDENT SUCCESS COUNCIL REPORT**

By: Marcus Whisenant

Please see attached form for submitting a student success proposal.

[HowtoSubmitProposaltoSCC.10.22.17.pdf](#)

The council went over last year accomplishments:

- \* The MEOC program served over 1000 students including those in remote areas and in prison.
- \* A restructure was undertaken to provide students increased access to career services.
- \* Columbia College Promise was launched and over 170 students were fully qualified for this program.
- \* Middle College enrollment continued to increase, now up to 65 students for fall 2018.



- \* DSPS served 459 students.
- \* The college offered the Making Alternative Transformations program to serve formerly incarcerated students.
- \* The college dramatically expanded the services for current and former foster youth.
- \* The college was awarded \$37,500 to improve Teacher Education Pipeline.
- \* Approximately 300 inmates received face to face instruction in the spring of 2018.
- \* The college launched Teaching, Learning, and Community (TLC) which replaced AWE (Academic Wellness Educators) which provided an increased emphasis on teaching, learning, and professional development.

Marcus