Academic Senates’ Reports to the LRCCD Board of Trustees, July 2022

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

• The District Ethnic Studies Council has been hard at work addressing serious inequities at the CCCC0 level with respect to curricula recently submitted for Area F approval. At Council recommendation, ETHNS 300, 320, 330, 340 and 350 curricula were developed together - word for word the same across all 4 Los Rios colleges - and submitted in response to the CSU’s reviewer’s recommendations. Based on this uniform practice, approval and/or denial should be consistent, however, ARC’s 300 was approved and SCC’s 320, 330, 340 and 350 were approved while the same courses were denied at CRC and FLC. ARC was also denied 320, 330, 340 and 350. The Council is in the process of asking the CSU Chancellor's Office to reconsider all denials of our courses prior to resubmitting the revisions. Without such reconsideration the result for Fall 2022 will be:
  o CRC will have no Ethnic Studies classes that will count towards Area F.
  o SCC won't have it's primary ETHNS 300 class approved for Area F but will have 4 other courses.
  o ARC and FLC will have the ETHNS 300 class approved but no others.

• PREP (Prison Reentry Education Program) - the District Academic Senate’s newest standing committee has been hard at work 1) addressing the program’s need for faculty coordinators, and 2) creating a job description for PREP Library Lead to address the CRC Rising Scholars Grant. This position is open to all Los Rios Librarians and supports the Los Rios 2016-2021 Strategic Plan Goals, specifically, Goal 1: Establish effective pathways that optimize student access and success, and Goal 2: Ensure equitable academic achievement across all racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and gender groups.

For information about academic senate activities at the district, college, or state level please use the following links:
  o District Academic Senate (DAS)
  o ARC Academic Senate
  o CRC Academic Senate
  o FLC Academic Senate
  o SCC Academic Senate
  o Academic Senate of California Community Colleges (ASCCC)

ARC Academic Senate President, Carina Hoffpauir, Reports:

• No report for July.
CRC Academic Senate President, Scott Crosier, Reports:

- No report for July.

FLC Academic Senate President, Eric Wada, Reports:

- No report for July.

SCC Academic Senate President, Sandra Guzman, Reports:

- On May 31, 2022 we received the document entitled “District Responses to SCC Academic Senate Recommendations”. As the Senate President acting on behalf of the SCC faculty over summer (and in consultation with the past President), our team did an initial review of the CES response. While our Senate Exec team will provide a more substantial response at a later date, we note that many of the concerns, particularly the recommendations, did not garner a specific response. Our senate exec team remains available.