

Faculty Colleagues:

In this month's update, I cover a lot of ground. With that in mind, I try to keep each item concise, and suggest how you could get more information if you so choose. For ANY ITEM, please do not hesitate at all to get in touch with me. I'm happy to discuss any of this business in greater detail.

#### Senate elections -- officers

On the 17th and 18th of May, all faculty members will be able to vote for a new president and secretary, as well as for part-time faculty senator. Nominations for these three positions are due on the 6th of May (next Friday!) and complete details are on the front page of the [academic senate website](#). Please consider running, and make sure you cast your ballot!

#### Senate elections -- senators

At the end of this term, most divisions will have the chance to open their senator positions up to elections. Please visit the [list of Executive Committee members](#) to see which senator positions are open for next year. Then, check in your division for how to get elected!

#### Convocation day and APRU work

Earlier this month, many, many of you participated in the all-faculty event. Your SLO leaders, Mary Pape and Toño Ramirez reported on amazing progress that our college is making on SLO, PLO, APRU and related assessment work. I am grateful for their leadership and for your labors, particularly as I see other colleges across the state struggle to overcome challenges. For more information about the convocation day and other updates, please visit the [SLO website](#).

#### Results of governance survey

I've collected, analyzed, and compiled the extensive results from the governance survey that so many of you completed. On Monday the 2nd at our regular Executive Committee meeting, these results will serve as the basis for a discussion of implications and lessons learned. After Monday's senate meeting, I'll post both the PPT slide show and a summary of your senators' discussions. It will be available on the Senate website.

#### SB1440

Currently, Kinesiology and Math are shaping up to be our first two transfer degrees. These two degrees will bring us into compliance, as 2 new degrees are our college's minimum required effort as required by the the SB 1440 legislation. I would like to see more degrees developed and approved, however. If any department wants to consider getting involved, please visit the Senate's [SB 1440 page](#) and especially visit

the [C-ID website](#) for the latest news. NOTE: I will WORK CLOSELY with any department that wishes to push for a Fall 2011 approval.

## Accreditation

Within a couple weeks, a complete draft of the Accreditation Self Study will be shared with shared governance groups, including your Academic Senate Executive Committee. I'm left speechless by the selfless dedication of so many leaders as they struggle to review, revise and revisit section after section. Special thanks are due also to Lois Jenkins, our Editor. When the self-study comes out, please feel do read it and give your input.

## Budget processes

In Monday's Executive Committee meeting, I've set aside a lot of time for reports from Divisions about their response to the budget crisis. Senators will be comparing process from one division to another. I hope that each of you hears from your Senators with updates on processes and content.

## Changes to GE requirements

This process began some years ago, when a committee of our colleagues spent many months discussing and soliciting feedback on three possible changes. Then, last quarter, I held open fora and collected much data. In total I compiled input from nearly 200 individual faculty members from across the college. Among the three proposals, the first one was passed, the second one was passed, and the third one failed. Please take a minute to review the GE pages <http://www.deanza.edu/gov/academicsenate/ge.html>. Also, the official action, including numbers of votes, will be posted on that page .

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