

Faculty:

Here's an update on activities of the Academic Senate. As with every monthly update, these are just thumbnail summaries, with a lot more information available through [senators](#) from the divisions, [officers](#), and by visiting the [website of the senate](#). You can always [contact me](#) directly too.

Senate elections

Record turnout, active campaigning, and multiple candidates . . . for the second year running, this year's election captured a lot of interest from faculty. For official results and appreciation, go right to the senate website linked above.

Selecting senators

By now, each division with terms expiring this in 2011 should have begun a process for filling those positions. If you are interested in representing your division and are not aware of the process, please contact a senator from the [list of Executive Committee members](#) or the dean of your division.

SLO news

Faculty engagement in SLO work remains strong, as evidenced in the [newsletter](#), produced by our colleagues Pape, Ramirez, and Haynes, which you can find on the [SLO website](#).

SB1440

I am asking the board to approve the first new AA-Transfer degrees for our college: Math and Communications. Next fall, and throughout the next academic year, we should see a lot more coming through the pipelines. Thanks to all those faculty members who have worked hard on creating these new degrees.

Accreditation

Within a few days, a complete draft of the Accreditation Self Study will be shared with shared governance groups, including your Academic Senate Executive Committee. The final approval of the document will occur at the last College Council meeting of the year, on the 23rd of June, finals week. Then, the Board of Trustees will approve it in July. The next major step, as most of you know, is the visit, from the 24th through the 27th of October, of the site team, led by Raúl Rodríguez, Chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College District. To keep up on accreditation news, please visit the [accreditation website](#).

Budget processes

Along with President Murphy and Virginia Marquez, President of the Classified Senate, I have written a letter updating the college on the current state of the budget, and thanking our colleagues for their participation in this difficult work. That letter should be coming out from Marketing later this week. I encourage all faculty to read the document, as it provides a larger framework for the work that so many of you engaged in at the departmental and divisional level.

Affordable content (win a prize!)

Could you take 5 minutes to complete an online survey that focuses on how to lower the cost of education for our community college students? Specifically, we'd like to garner your insights and expertise through our survey to determine the best options and choices to traditional textbooks. As an incentive, once we receive your completed survey, your name will be entered into our drawing to win one of two \$200.00 Apple or American Express gift cards. Please complete this [online survey](#) by June 7, 2011.

Information literacy

The recent changes to De Anza's General Education requirements included a strong and explicitly focus on information literacy. That is the topic of the current Library Display. Faculty members are encouraged to suggest that their students stop by and take a look. ALSO, Library Book Sale! Begins Thursday, June 9th and will run until the end of the quarter, or, until we sell all the books! The sale will be held in the library. The library is still accepting donations of paperbacks, hard-covers, and DVDs for the sale.

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