WELCOME TO ACADEMIC SENATE!

FALL 2013 ORIENTATION
FOR NEW AND CONTINUING COUNCILMEMBERS

Mission: to empower and transform
QUIZ: SENATE HISTORY AND PURPOSE

• Q: When and how was Academic Senate created?
  • A: In 1988, following four years of studies and commission reports, AB 1725 was signed into law creating Academic Senate for the state of California and for each community college. The whole reason our senate exists is due to this 25-year old law.

• Q: What is the Academic Senate’s purview?
  • A: All academic and professional matters at the college.

• Q: Who, if anyone, is obligated to rely on Academic Senate’s expertise?
  • A: SMCCCD Board Policy 2.09 states that the board will rely primarily on the expertise of the Academic Senate in academic and professional matters. It follows that local administration must also consult with and rely on the local Senate.
## Senate Jeopardy!

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DUTIES OF THE SCAS

• State responsibilities
  • Participate in annual Disciplines List Hearings which can result in changes to our teaching disciplines
  • Nominate fellow faculty and campus programs for state level awards
  • Attend institutes as needed where they pertain to positions held on campus

• District responsibilities
  • Approve policies set forth by the district via the District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC)
  • Discuss and advise in district matters brought by local president
DUTIES OF THE SCAS

• College responsibilities
  • Faithfully represent divisions in participatory governance
  • Faithfully report back to divisions and ensure awareness and understanding of the Senate’s work
    • DISCUSSION: Ways to disseminate information to divisions
  • Select awardees and bestow appreciation as appropriate
  • Approve
    • Compendium of Committees
    • FTEF Allocation Committee rankings
    • All hiring committees involving faculty
    • All campus policies, handbooks, manuals, procedures, and reports via the participatory governance process
HOW OUR VOICE IS HEARD

- Participatory Governance – committee membership, task force work, division representation
  - College Governance Council
  - District Participatory Governance Council
  - Institutional Planning Council
  - SEEED
- Adoptions and Approvals
- Resolutions
- Campus Forums
- Area B Meetings
- Plenaries
BEYOND CAMPUS WORK

• State level ASCCC work
  • ASCCC task forces/work groups
  • State Chancellor’s Office task forces/work groups
  • ASCCC leadership
  • Board of Governors membership
  • Legislative task forces/work groups
SENATE HANDBOOK DRAFT

• The senate will now review the Senate Handbook draft and make recommendations for its improvement and approval.
SENATE WEB SITE TOUR

• www.skylinecollege.edu/academicsenate