

Faculty Senate Meeting Notes: April 3, 2020

Video Link: [April 3 Faculty Senate Meeting.](#)

Attendance: [April 3 Faculty Senate Attendance Sign-In](#)

- **Chancellor's Remarks:** Chancellor Lee Lambert spoke about how the College is adapting and planning in the midst of circumstances related to the COVID-19 situation. He noted that planning is occurring in increments, based on periods of time. He noted that the overarching understanding informing this approach is that COVID-19 could potentially be a factor the world, and the College, will need to deal with for a very long time, until a vaccine becomes available. With this in mind, the Chancellor noted that online/virtual instructional programming will likely continue, large-scale, through the summer and fall, with some exceptions. He emphasized that safety is the primary objective, and that other goals include providing access to education while reaching as many students as possible.
- **Guided Pathways Update:** Julian Easter provided a brief update on progress aligning programs and transfer credits to universities and other institutions.
- **Supporting Students:** Faculty Senate discussed ideas and observations related to supporting students during this critical time. Aubrey Conover shared news about plans in development to provide wifi access to students at West Campus (parking lot) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Comments were also made about students' lack of access to technology and other factors impacting their success. Faculty discussed challenges related to communicating with students, and Irene Robles-Lopez noted that faculty can contact program advisors in their areas for assistance. Deans should be sending out names of advisors and contact information soon. The point was also made that counselors/advisors have their hands full right now and that it should not be assumed that they can shoulder all the extra weight. This discussion topic will continue on into the future.
- **President's Report:** I summarized the recent meeting Faculty Senate officers had with the administrative leadership team, which mostly included discussions of the COVID-19 situation. Faculty Senate is looking for ideas to recognize and honor Spring 2020 graduates to share with the special events planning team. There will be some form of recognition, likely via a remote platform. If you learn of any ways other colleges/universities are holding graduation ceremonies, or recognizing and honoring graduates this year, please let me know.
- **PCCEA Report:** Matej Boguszak recognized challenges of the current situation and noted that PCCEA's plans have adjusted accordingly. He encouraged faculty to run for PCCEA and to join. There may be a remote all-faculty meeting later on this semester, so stay tuned.
- **BOG Report:** Brooke Anderson provided a summary of the April 1 Governing Board meeting. Specifically, Brooke noted that the Chancellor shared similar information to the information he presented at the beginning of the Faculty Senate meeting. Brooke also noted that David Bea presented on the budget and that the overall sense he conveyed was that Pima Community College would experience no immediate impact, but that there are a lot of unknowns for the future that could result from a decrease in sales tax revenue, enrollment levels, and other factors. The bottom line: The future is concerning. A video of the meeting will be posted soon for viewing.

Finally: Brooke reminded faculty to email notable accomplishments to her.

- [Provost's Report](#): The Provost expressed gratitude for faculty and went through items in the Provost's Report. Items of note include the "W" deadline change, strategies the College is implementing to help students during this challenging time, contact information for "virtual" services, seat-time guidance, etc.
- **Open Forum Item**: Matej brought up issues faculty have been discussing regarding the CLO assessment cycle, including the difficulties involved in gathering useful data given the changes in instruction and assessment that have occurred in relation to COVID-19. No one in the meeting had any information indicating that the HLC is relaxing reporting rules, so the idea is for faculty to do the best they can. The main conclusion was to consult with DCs, divisions, and departments and determine best approaches and to involve deans if necessary