



**NOTES – AREA COUNCIL**  
**November 30, 2023**

Present: R. Galbavy, J. Hurd, M. Jimenez, C. Lopez, E. Matykiewicz, M. McMillan, J. Meredith, A. Minasian, D. Thompson

**I. INFORMATION**

- A. Notes of April 27, 2023: Reviewed and approved as written.

**II. DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- A. Academic Affairs Report: (C. Lopez)

FTES for summer 2023-24 was 13.6% higher than last year, 7% above our goal. Fall enrollment was 7.6% higher than last year, but still below our goal by 1.4%. YTD growth target is on track at 8%. Winter enrollment is now open; spring will open on 12/10. Community Ed and noncredit are joining together and will move offices to the former BSSC building, which will also include class space. Scheduling for winter/spring shifted to offering less classes. Waitlists will be closely monitored and additional classes will be added as needed. Uncapped waitlists were suggested in order to help determine if additional classes are needed. Block scheduling is being reviewed. Comprehensive Integrated Plan work continues. Due to budget constraints, the District will support a total of four sabbaticals for the 2024-25 academic year.

- B. Division Reports:

ASO Report: No report

Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSSC): (R. Galbavy)

BSSC is working on aligning their curriculum & SLO processes and faculty have been busy developing new courses and degrees. Division hired 5 new FT faculty & 3 FT temp faculty. Building names have caused some confusion with students. The demand for on-campus classes is growing and many clubs are coming back.

Business: (B. Giles)

Women in Tech event was held on 11/17 by the CIS Department. It was well attended by students, industry, and media members.

Classified: (J. Meredith)

Nothing to report.

Fine Arts: (J. Hurd)

Division was approved to hire a FT tenure-track theater instructor for fall 2024. Communication Studies moved to BSSC. Music, Dance and Theatre Departments are starting performances. Art, Film & Photography have moved into the new Arts Complex and hosted a foundation event for major donors to show off the new complex. J. Hurd announced that he will be retiring after 50+ years at ECC and will be celebrating his

retirement on 12/5 in Marsee Auditorium from 4-6p. Dean Price is also retiring in December and will serve a one-year humanitarian mission in Mongolia.

Industry & Technology: (E. Matykiewicz)

Events: 12/6 - Robotics Exhibition 11a; ITEC building and 12/6 - Cosmetology Hair Show 7p; Campus Theatre. Added new curriculum/pathways for the robotics program and new software/pathways for computer aided drafting. Automotive program is going through the accreditation process. New courses/certificates were added for Environmental Technology, renamed Sustainable Architecture. PT hires in Architecture and Automotive, and an emergency hire in Fashion. Seeking classified staff for Industrial and Automotive Technician Equipment.

Health Sciences & Athletics: (J. Baumunk)

No report.

Humanities: (D. Thompson)

Last summer, Professor Andrade co-led the study abroad program to Spain. Foreign Languages has changed its name to World Languages and Cultures. Journalism program was moved from the ASO budget to the General Fund budget. 16-20 noncredit and for credit ESL sections were added and late start classes were added in English. Reading and Writing Studio attendance is up and faculty are now serving as tutors and tutor mentors. Journalism students participated in a press focused visit to SOFI Stadium, in partnership with NBC.

Library and Learning Resources (LLR): (M. McMillan)

ECC received grants from the chancellor's office for three Zero Textbook Cost degree pathways to launch in 2026 for Data Science, Social Justice Studies, and General Studies - Fine & Applied Arts. LLR hired a new Supplemental Instruction Coordinator, and two new librarians that will focus on DEIA efforts. Noncredit course development is growing, and a new certificate program in Games and Playable Media is in the works.

Mathematical Sciences: (A. Minasian)

ECC was awarded a grant to support its data science curriculum. Grant funds will be used to recruit and train faculty to add data science content to their courses and expand class offerings. MESA program recognized as a top program by the state chancellor's office. Dean Lemons started a program where faculty share best practices, with a focus on online students.

Natural Sciences: (M. Jimenez)

Courses for the Biotechnology Program were approved by the Chancellor's Office and cohorts will begin in fall 2024. Astronomy presented a very successful Halloween themed planetarium show. Onizuka Space Science Day will take place on 3/16/24. FT instructor Dr. Chuck Herzig has returned from medical leave.

**III. Next Meeting:** May 9, 2024; 1:15 – 2:15 p.m.; Zoom