



FACCC BIPOC Committee Meeting

12/18/2024, 4-5 pm PST Virtual - Zoom

Attendees: Natalina Monteiro, Robin Daniels, Rocio Diaz, Mzilikazi Koné
(staff) Lidia Stoian, and Phil Hu
Absent: Jim Nguyen (illness)

Vote for the Chair

4:12 pm - Lidia led the vote for the new Chair and a co-chair to help with some of the work. Call the group for volunteers to be the chair or co-chair.

- Rocio cannot serve at this time.
- Mzilikazi asked for a debrief of the removal of the previous chair.
- Phil explained.
- Calls for any questions.

No questions. Chair selection begins.

- Committee members ask to set expectations for the role.
Lidia explains the expectations of the role and offers support.
(running the meetings, taking the lead of conversation/content, taking charge of the general session, sending reminders, finishing the year to June).

Mzilikazi Kone' volunteered to serve as Chair

Robin Daniels volunteered to be co-chair

General session: (ie; breakout session)

Email from Jim Nguyen (12/18/24):

General Questions for the Panel

What critical resources should California Community Colleges prioritize to address challenges stemming from the 2024 national election?

How can faculty, administrators, and student leaders work together to empower students to advocate for their communities effectively?

What strategies can we use to balance defending against immediate threats while also working toward long-term systemic change?

In what ways can community colleges lead efforts to build a more sustainable and equitable society, especially in the face of limited resources?

How should California Community Colleges address intersectional threats to democracy, equity, and access, particularly for vulnerable populations?

Panelist-Specific Questions

Rowena Tomaneng (Deputy Chancellor, CCC System)

What is the Chancellor's Office doing to prioritize equity and access amid post-election challenges?

Are there specific initiatives or policy changes planned to protect vulnerable student populations?

How can the Chancellor's Office better support faculty and students advocating for state-level legislative and policy changes?

Ivan Hernandez (President, Student Senate, CCC)

From a student perspective, what are the greatest challenges and opportunities for advocacy in the coming years?

How can faculty and administrators help students amplify their voices on pressing issues such as affordability, housing, and immigration?

What strategies have proven most effective for mobilizing student participation in civic engagement across California?

Jim Nguyen (Vice President, Faculty Association, Foothill-De Anza)

Given your roles in advocacy, teaching, and Rising Scholars, how do you see faculty balancing responsibilities as both educators and advocates?

What insights from the Rising Scholars Program could be applied statewide to better support marginalized and justice-impacted students?

How can faculty associations like FACCC effectively address both systemic challenges and local issues impacting faculty and students?

Heather Brandt (Student Trustee, CCSF)

How can student governments and faculty align efforts to push for meaningful changes at the institutional level?

What barriers have you faced as a student trustee when advocating for student interests, and how have you overcome them?

How does student leadership contribute to fostering a more democratic and inclusive campus culture?

Natalina Monteiro (Advocate & Former PAC Chair)

What legislative priorities should community colleges focus on over the next few years to ensure their long-term success?

How can unions and faculty work together to strengthen advocacy efforts, particularly around funding for underrepresented students?

Based on your experience leading PAC initiatives, how can political action committees be effectively mobilized to achieve strategic goals for community colleges?

Rapid-Fire Questions

What is one actionable step everyone can take to educate, support, protect, or empower their communities?

What gives you the most hope about the future of California Community Colleges?

If you could direct unlimited resources to one initiative, what would it be, and why?

Rowena and Ivan confirmed, trying to contact Heather

The meeting adjourned 4:43 pm