

Faculty Senate President's Report  
May 2019

Budget – There was a Planning and Budget meeting on April 15. Because the legislative session was still in its early stages, the meeting was primarily informational. There will be a budget workshop with the DBOT on Monday, May 20. I will attend and keep everyone updated.

Enrollment – Enrollment was up by 2.4% at the end of the Spring semester, and we are currently up for Summer.

JD Alexander Center Funding – Faculty are encouraged to send letters to the Governor regarding our need to retain funding in our base budget for the JD Alexander Center.

VPAA Search – The search for a new Academic Vice President is beginning. The first committee meeting will be May 16 or 17, and the second will be May 30 or 31. Phone interviews will be held June 10 and 11, and on-campus interviews will be at the end of June. The plan is to have the individual start work by the beginning of the fall semester.

QEP Steering Committee – The QEP Topic Selection Committee has completed its task, and the final topic proposal is, “SOAR: See Your Pathway, Obtain Your Degree, Achieve Your Goals, and Realize Your Dreams”. The task of building an actual QEP from the proposed framework will be handled by the QSC (QEP Steering Committee). This will be a 15-member committee consisting of faculty and staff. I have been asked to provide faculty recommendations. Please let me know if you would be interested of if there is someone you would recommend.

Procedure 1024 – We have a small group assembled and ready to start looking at the Faculty Schedule Assignment procedure for possible recommended changes. The group currently consists of myself, Cindy Freitag, Alexandros Dimitriadis, Rebecka Ramos, Anthony Cornett, and Jim Rhodes.

SEIU – The union has withdrawn its petition to unionize some of the adjunct faculty at Polk. I will keep everyone informed if there are future developments. In the mean-time, the Senate will continue to include adjunct faculty in all issues that impact us as a group, and Senate representatives will continue to share information and receive input.

Respectfully submitted,  
--Bill Caldecutt