

Senate Chair's Report
8 November 2019

First, I would like to thank all faculty who have agreed to serve on the Provost search committee. All faculty should feel free to provide feedback to the search committee members. I also want to thank everyone who voted in the poll. I have confidence that the President took into account your votes in her selections of faculty to this critical search committee.

Due to the sheer volume of information I receive as senate chair, there is a dropbox for documents (link below):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/g1p7c7uadq6ok9u/AADbj1KL3DWvf53Q9qDQSPOa?dl=0>

Subfolders thus far include:

ITRQ – all questions with at least partial answers.

Resources – all information regarding construction projects and budgeting. The senate budget committee also has a dropbox in which all strategic initiative proposals will be placed. A poll will come out allowing you to provide feedback on any (or all) proposals which will inform the faculty members of SRPC.

Two documents I would like to highlight are:

1. The equity report from the Chancellor's Office. I would characterize our progress as mixed.
2. Plans for Gateway Hall are in the Resources folder, also there is a summary of all CI Capital projects.

Chancellor Tim White is retiring and the search for his replacement is underway. Vice Chair of the Senate, Jason Miller and I will deliver your feedback, in person, to the open meeting on the Cal Poly Pomona campus on Friday, November 22. Link below to the search website, which contains the position description and so on:

<https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/chancellor/chancellor-search/Pages/default.aspx>

Feel free to email either of us your comments on this search.

Quorum: senate exec considered multiple options regarding adjusting quorum to ensure senate can meet. The sense of the committee is that to modify quorum (such as allowing opt in or out for individual meetings, etc) is not desirable at this time. Instead, more emails have been sent asking people to opt-out in the hopes those who attend will

represent those who cannot attend.

I want to thank Mark Patterson for facilitating the October 1st Civility Discussion. During senate exec the week prior, it was decided not to hold senate and we asked Mark to help us discuss this topic. In light of the March 2018 Campus Climate Survey, it seemed wise to begin such a discussion. I am thankful so many attended and participated via the wonderful real-time anonymous survey tool Mark introduced us to. However, I am a bit disappointed that so few faculty spoke. I understand it can be intimidating with senior administration present and senior colleagues to voice genuine concerns. Senate officers are considering faculty meetings (maybe with some separation by rank) to continue this important conversation.

Since at the start of the event, it was announced all results will be shared, there is a consent item on the 12 November senate agenda to release the materials from that civility discussion to senate. Any senator can ask that this item be moved to a discussion item. I have shared all these results with senate exec and we have not seen any reason not to distribute.